



Meeting Minutes

Youth Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Wednesday, February 5, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 12 - Chair Nolan O'Connell, Chair Pro Tem Allison Walker, Secretary Sophia Park, Councilmember Stella Artemis, Councilmember Willow Chen, Councilmember Gavin Cruz, Councilmember Varshana Horback, Councilmember Demorie Joseph, Councilmember Shruthi Lingam-Nattamai, Councilmember Victoria Liu, Councilmember Kaelyn Velazquez and Councilmember Toby Wilson

Excused: 4 - Treasurer Eric Zhang, Councilmember Eman Haroon, Councilmember Melinda Le and Councilmember Enrique Lloyd

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [25-0113](#) Approval of January 15, 2025 Youth Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/HOUSEKEEPING - None

5 TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

Councilmembers met in small groups to discuss their week and connect with each other.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [25-0092](#) Olympia 2045 - Updating the City's Comprehensive Plan

Principal Planner Joyce Philips briefed Councilmembers on the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The briefing was completed.

6.B [25-0100](#) Olympia 2045 - Public Participation and Partners Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

Senior Planner David Ginther presented on the Public Participation and Partners chapter of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The discussion was completed.

6.C [25-0116](#) Discuss and Recommend a 2025 Youth Council Work Plan

The Work plan was discussed and amended to include meeting topics regarding overdose awareness, homelessness and safety.

Councilmember Cruz moved, seconded by Councilmember Artemis, to approve the 2025 Youth Council Work Plan as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 12 - Chair O'Connell, Chair Pro Tem Walker, Secretary Park, Councilmember Artemis, Councilmember Chen, Councilmember Cruz, Councilmember Horback, Councilmember Joseph, Councilmember Lingam-Nattamai, Councilmember Liu, Councilmember Velazquez and Councilmember Wilson

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6.D [25-0115](#) Recruitment Planning Discussion

Staff Liaison Susan Grisham explained the recruitment and application process. Councilmembers brainstormed ideas and Susan Grisham answered clarifying questions.

The discussion will continue at the next Youth Council meeting under File No. 25-0158.

7. REPORTS

Councilmembers thanked staff for their presentations.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.