



# Meeting Minutes - Draft

## Youth Council

City Hall  
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**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**3:30 PM**

**Room 207**

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 1.A ROLL CALL

**Present:** 13 - Chair Nolan O'Connell, Secretary Sophia Park, Councilmember Eman Haroon, Councilmember Varshana Horback, Councilmember Shruthi Lingam-Nattamai, Councilmember Addy Pitman, Councilmember Kaelyn Velazquez, Councilmember Alania Wettstein, Councilmember Amelia Eslinger, Councilmember Amelia Leham, Councilmember Anika Prabakar, Councilmember Donovan Jojola and Councilmember Zian Zaho

**Excused:** 7 - Treasurer Eric Zhang, Councilmember Gretchen Hillier, Councilmember Demorie Joseph, Councilmember Elizabeth Mendoza, Councilmember Pamela Palmerson, Councilmember Gian Pama and Councilmember Toby Wilson

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [26-0067](#) Approval of the December 17, 2025 Youth Council Meeting Minutes

### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Council Liaison Susan Grisham shared an update on the planning for the Youth Summit in May.

### 5. CHECK IN ACTIVITY

### 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [26-0066](#) Election and Approval of 2026 Youth Council Leadership Positions

Chair O'Connell discussed the importance of leadership positions for the Youth Council.

He conducted a nomination process and the following Youth Councilmembers were named for each position:

Co-Chair: Nolan O'Connell

Co-Chair: Donovan Jojoja

Secretary: Sophia Park

Treasurer: Addy Pitman

Vice Chair, Communications Subcommittee: Varshana Horback

Vice Chair, Policy Subcommittee: Shruthi Lingam-Nattami

Vice Chair, Outreach Subcommittee: Kaelyn Velazquez

**Councilmember Jojola moved, seconded by Councilmember Wettstein to approve a slate of Youth Council members to serve in Youth Council leadership positions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 13 - Chair O'Connell, Secretary Park, Councilmember Haroon, Councilmember Horback, Councilmember Lingam-Nattamai, Councilmember Pitman, Councilmember Velazquez, Councilmember Wettstein, Councilmember Eslinger, Councilmember Leham, Councilmember Prabakar, Councilmember Jojola and Councilmember Zaho

**Excused:** 7 - Treasurer Zhang, Councilmember Hillier, Councilmember Joseph, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Palmerson, Councilmember Pama and Councilmember Wilson

**6.B**     [26-0065](#)     Discuss and Recommend a 2026 Youth Council Work Plan

Ms. Grisham shared an overview of the proposed 2026 Youth Council Work Plan.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

**Councilmember Jojola moved, seconded by Councilmember Velazquez, to approve the recommend 2026 Youth Council Work Plan to the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee for recommendation to the full City Council for approval.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 13 - Chair O'Connell, Secretary Park, Councilmember Haroon, Councilmember Horback, Councilmember Lingam-Nattamai, Councilmember Pitman, Councilmember Velazquez, Councilmember Wettstein, Councilmember Eslinger, Councilmember Leham, Councilmember Prabakar, Councilmember Jojola and Councilmember Zaho

**Excused:** 7 - Treasurer Zhang, Councilmember Hillier, Councilmember Joseph, Councilmember Mendoza, Councilmember Palmerson, Councilmember Pama and Councilmember Wilson

**7. REPORTS - None**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Upcoming**

**Accommodations**