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AGENDA-YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 2, 2026

7:00 PM

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Adoption of Minutes

- a. Adoption of Minutes: December 17, 2025

3. New Business

The public may speak to the Council prior to the beginning of deliberations on these items, provided they have notified their respective Alderperson or the Mayor in advance of this meeting.

- a. Discussion and Possible Action: Middle School Field Trip
- b. Discussion and Possible Action: Hershey Heartwarming Young Heros Grant

4. Commission, Committee, Board, and Staff Reports

This is an Opportunity for Council Members to Report on their Respective Committees, Commissions, Boards of which they serve as a Member and for Staff and Administrator updates.

5. Adjournment

The Youth Council of Glendale currently holds meetings in person at City Hall, or an alternative physical location as allowed by the City Ordinance. As a courtesy to residents, Council meetings will also be made available live on Zoom virtual platform for viewing and possible participation. However, the City cannot guarantee the technology

supporting the virtual viewing option will operate perfectly and continuously. The only way to guarantee the ability to offer public comment, or view the meeting uninterrupted, is to appear in person. If the Zoom platform fails, the meeting will continue as scheduled.



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MINUTES- Youth Council

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

7:00 PM

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval: November 19, 2025, Youth Council Minutes

Motion made by Councilperson Tristan and Seconded by Councilperson Dylan to Approval: November 19, 2025, Youth Council Minutes. Ayes: Unanimous Noes: None Abstain: None

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- a. Discussion: Road Safety Campaign

Glendale City Police gave a presentation on road safety to the youth council.

- b. Presentation: Roberts Rules of Order Procedures

Mayor Kennedy gave a presentation on Roberts Rules of Order.

- c. Presentation & Discussion: Youth Service America Grant Opportunities

Staff gave an overview of grants that the youth council could apply for.

- d. Discussion & Possible Action: Regular Meeting Time

This item was removed from the agenda.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.
Marcy Granger
City Clerk



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SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action: Middle School Field Trip

FROM: Benjamin Polony, Assistant to the Administrator

MEETING: March 02, 2026 Youth Council Meeting

MEETING DATE: March 2, 2026

FISCAL SUMMARY:

Budget Summary:

Budgeted Expenditure:

Budgeted Revenue:

STATUTORY REFERENCE:

Wisconsin Statutes:

Municipal Code:

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS: The Youth Council had originally expressed interest in organizing some sort of Youth Council field trip with local middle school students.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss ideas for organizing a middle school field trip and plan of action.

ACTION REQUESTED: Motion to select youth council members to plan and organize middle school trip.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

This year, youth may apply for grants of \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 depending on the number of youth who will be participants. A total of \$50,000 in grants will be awarded. Grant options include:

- \$250 – at least 25 youth project volunteers / event participants
- \$500 – at least 50 youth project volunteers / event participants
- \$1,000 – at least 100 youth project volunteers / event participants

Awareness, Service, or Philanthropy Project	Youth Voice, Leadership, or Advocacy Project
We're looking for ideas straight from your heart that build meaningful connections and create more inclusive, empathetic, and kind communities. Types of projects include: • Awareness: Educating others and sharing information to positively change behaviors.	We're looking to support youth voice, leadership, or advocacy projects. Types of projects include: • Youth Advocacy Event: Encouraging youth to influence policy or community change. • Youth Rally, March

- Service: Volunteering, using creativity, time, and talent to directly meet community needs.
- Philanthropy: Giving through collecting and donating financial and in-kind support.

Suggested project focus areas include:

- Promoting Inclusion
 - Celebrating Diverse Cultures
 - Building Racial Equity
- Teaching Empathy
 - Creating a Kinder Community
 - Protecting Mental Health
- Fostering Meaningful Connections
 - Building Intergenerational Relationships
 - Addressing Social Isolation & Loneliness

You can propose a project with a different focus / issue area as long as it has building empathy, inclusivity, kindness, and/or connection among volunteers as one of its goals.

- Youth Day at City Hall
 - [Youth Voter Registration](#)
 - Youth Voice Events
 - [Youth Summit on Climate Change](#)
 - Forums/Debates
 - Youth Participation in City Government
 - School Board, etc.
 - [Wish Wall Event](#)
 - [Youth Takeover](#)
 - Youth Leadership Events
 - Youth-Led Training
 - Partnerships Training
 - Youth Advisory Group
 - Event
 - Community Mapping
- All events must be nonpartisan and not for or against specific legislation.

Examples of past projects are included as an attachment to this.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss ideas for applying for the grant.

ACTION REQUESTED: Motion to select members to plan and organize grant application.

ATTACHMENTS:

Grant Teen Driving

Why is this issue especially important or meaningful to you?

Teen drivers are statistically at higher risk for car crashes due to inexperience, distracted driving, and peer pressure. In our community, many high school students begin driving without fully understanding the long-term consequences of unsafe choices like texting while driving or speeding. This issue is especially meaningful to me because many of my peers are new drivers, and I have seen how normalized distracted driving can be among teens. I believe youth voices are powerful in changing youth behavior. When teens hear real stories and safety messages from other teens, it resonates more deeply. Providing more youth advocacy and leadership opportunities around safe driving allows us to take responsibility for protecting each other and creating a culture of accountability.

Describe your project/event idea (5-10 sentences)

My project is called **“Drive Smart, Stay Safe: Youth-Led Teen Driving Awareness Week.”** It will take place during Youth Service Month from April 20-26, 2026, with a main event on Global Youth Service Day (April 25, 2026) at our local high school auditorium and parking lot. In March and early April, a youth leadership team will meet weekly to plan activities, contact guest speakers, and create educational materials and social media campaigns. The main event will include a distracted driving simulation activity, peer-led workshops, a pledge wall, and a guest speaker from our local police department or emergency response team. We will also host a seatbelt safety demonstration and distribute teen driving safety kits. Leading up to the event, volunteers will promote safe driving messages through morning announcements, posters, and social media. The event will be open to middle and high school students and their families. Our goal is to make teen safe driving a visible and ongoing conversation in our school community.

What will volunteers/participants do and how will youth help plan?

Youth volunteers will serve in three roles:

- 1. Planning Team (10 youth leaders):**
 - Meet weekly starting in March.
 - Design workshops and activities.
 - Coordinate logistics and outreach.
 - Create social media safety posts and promotional flyers.
- 2. Event Day Leaders (15 youth volunteers):**
 - Facilitate small-group discussions about distracted driving.
 - Run activity stations (simulation, pledge wall, trivia games).
 - Help manage sign-in and distribute safety kits.
- 3. General Participants (students attending the event):**
 - Participate in interactive activities.
 - Take a Safe Driving Pledge.
 - Engage in peer discussions.

Youth will take ownership of messaging, outreach, and facilitation to ensure the event feels relatable and teen-led rather than adult-driven.

What do you hope to achieve? (Include numbers)

By the completion of this project, we aim to:

1. Engage **75 youth participants** during the main event.
2. Recruit **25 youth volunteers** to help plan and lead the event.
3. Collect **100 Safe Driving Pledges** from students committing to no texting while driving.
4. Distribute **75 teen safe driving kits** (including phone holders and safety tip cards).
5. Reach **500 students** through school-wide announcements and social media safety messaging.

These goals were set based on our school population size and previous attendance at student-led events. We will track participation using sign-in sheets, pledge forms, and social media analytics.

Estimated total youth directly helped: **75-100 students**, with broader awareness reaching approximately **500 students**.

How will you work with your Sponsoring Organization?

We will work closely with our sponsoring organization (school administration or local nonprofit) to:

- Reserve event space and secure approval.
- Manage grant funds and purchases.
- Connect with local partners such as the police department, driving schools, or community safety organizations.

We hope to collaborate with:

- Our local Police Department (to provide a speaker and safety demonstration).
- A local driving school (to provide educational materials or discounts).
- Community businesses to sponsor refreshments or donate supplies.

About Your Volunteers / Participants

We plan to engage approximately **25 youth volunteers (ages 14-18)** and **75 youth participants**.

Recruitment Plan:

- Announcements during school assemblies and advisory periods.
- Outreach to student clubs (including cultural clubs, LGBTQIA+ groups, and service organizations).
- Flyers in English and Spanish to reach English language learners.
- Partnering with school counselors to invite students who may not typically participate in extracurricular activities.
- Personal outreach to students from diverse backgrounds to ensure representation.

We will make sure the event is welcoming, accessible, and inclusive by offering:

- Free participation.
- ADA-accessible spaces.

- Diverse speakers and student leaders.
- Activities designed for different learning styles (discussion, visual, interactive).

Public Officials or Media

We plan to invite:

- Our local Police Chief or School Resource Officer (if available).
- A City Council member (optional).

We will reach out to:

- Our local newspaper.
- Local TV news stations.
- School district communications office.

Media involvement will help amplify youth voices advocating for safe driving.

How will your project build connection and inclusion?

This project builds community by creating open conversations about peer pressure, responsibility, and accountability. Students will work together to create solutions and support each other in making safer choices. The pledge wall encourages collective responsibility, while small group discussions foster empathy and shared understanding. By centering youth leadership, we ensure teens feel heard, valued, and empowered. The event will strengthen relationships between youth and trusted adults, including teachers, officers, and community members.

Budget Breakdown (Example: \$1,000 Grant Request)

1. 75 Phone dashboard mounts for safe hands-free driving
75 x \$8 = \$600
2. Printing costs (posters, pledge banners, educational handouts)
Estimated total = \$150
3. Event supplies (markers, boards, table materials, decorations)
Estimated total = \$100
4. Refreshments for participants
Estimated total = \$100
5. Safety kit materials (folders, tip cards, resource sheets)
75 kits x \$2 each = \$150

Total Budget: \$1,100

If requesting exactly \$1,000, we can reduce refreshment costs or seek donated snacks from local businesses.

We will also seek in-kind donations from local businesses for food and printing to reduce grant spending.

