



CORE COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, November 20, 2025 | 5:00 p.m.  
**Council Chambers** of City Hall

1. The meeting was called to order by Yazlen Ochoa at 5:11 p.m.
2. Present: Yazlen Ochoa, Drew Rothstein, Henrik Bauman, Leila Sundararajan, Maggie Telgenhof, Ann Chung, June McDonald, Joan McCluskey, Esther Fifelski  
  
Absent: Doreen Sun, Jaslynn Campos, Joseph Le, Luke Teusink
3. Students participated in the ice breaker – Thanksgiving dinner.
4. Approval of last meeting minutes, motioned by June, seconded by Henrik.
5. IRC Reel Time Film Series – The youth-picked movie is set to be shown on February 24th. Students got to watch the trailers and discuss between three films: **The Price of Free (2018), The Linguist (2008), and Dear Future Children (2021)**. Maggie moved to vote for the film, with June seconding. The students chose **Dear Future Children**.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Yazlen Ochoa, International Relations Comm. – Yazlen stated that IRC is planning to bring public speakers that have expertise in world affairs to talk about democracy and youth involvement in government.
  - b. Doreen Sun MAX Transit – Doreen was absent from Council. MAX Transit has not met.
  - c. Drew Rothstein, West Michigan Airport - Drew stated that WMA is almost finished with adding a north runway to the Airport and has been talking about the financials of the Airport.
  - d. Xavier Murphy, Neighborhood Improvement – Xavier was absent from Council.
  - e. Henrik Bauman, Downtown Development Authority – Henrik announced the opening of the Holland Ice Rink, and how the Rink wants to manage the dilemma of the liquor license; either extending the Social District or obtaining a separate liquor license. He also stated there will be a new açai and juice establishment opening on 9th Street.
  - f. Ann Chung Police Community Relations – HPIOASDHIOSADHPOASID
  - g. Leila Sundararajan, Human Relations – Leila talked about the Social Justice Awards, and how Human Relations is helping Holland Public develop a summer program for 5th graders, providing meals and activities, as well as continuing to work on an acknowledgement for indigenous land.
  - h. Maggie Telgenhof, Parks & Recreation – Maggie stated Parks & Recreation



discussed the opening of the Ice Rink, as well as setting a schedule for future meetings.

- i. Jaslynn Campos, Teen Court – Jaslynn was absent from Council. Her report stated that additional Holland High students have joined Teen Court.
  - j. Joseph Le, Environmental Comm. - Joseph was absent from Council. His report discussed the HYAC tulip planting, as well as the Home Energy Expo, which helped to recycle electronics. His report also included the Environmental Comm.'s plan to record a video for the STEM event, to raise awareness for recycling.
  - k. Luke Teusink Social Services – Luke stated SS had no updates from Meijer regarding the grant. SS also went over volunteering opportunities at Community Action House and Freedom Village.
  - l. June McDonald Recreation Comm. – June discussed the Trunk or Treat, as well as Recreation Comm.'s next project, which is cookie decorating at Boys and Girls Club.
7. Motivational speaker fundraising (\$2,000.00) Update - The subcommittee is working to create letters to send to potential donors. They will meet tomorrow.
8. Instagram account - The goal for the Instagram account was chosen to raise awareness for HYAC and its values. The account will aim to post more during HYAC's application season, as well as post board spotlights, promotions on what is going on in HYAC, as well as pre and post event posts.
9. Reopened business: What can we do to improve orientation? - The students discussed ways to improve orientation and concluded that new students should be informed beforehand of photo taking, as well as doing the full HYAC Council photo and YOB photos at the end of orientation.
10. Staff update - Joan
- a. **Social Justice Awards**, <https://www.cityofholland.com/FormCenter/Human-Relations-4/Nomination-for-2025-Social-Justice-Award-77>, deadline is December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will vote for the winner at December meeting.
  - b. **STEM Event at West Ottawa** North Campus on December 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 p.m. Volunteers – Ano, Addley, Anyeli, Tatiana, Alida, Amelia and Evelyn
11. Next Meeting: December 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
12. Maggie moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:59p.m., and Doreen seconded the motion. All students were in favor.

Minutes submitted by Ann Chung