

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 19, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a special meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, March 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held remotely with electronic participation by all members of the City Council.

ROLL CALL Present were: Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Willford, Council members Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

ABSENT None.

STAFF PRESENT City Manager Geyer, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-70 – Extending
Local Disaster
Emergency Declaration

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-70.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-70.

MOTION PASSED There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing,
Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

Action Item:
Cancellation of
March 23, 2020 Regular
City Council Meeting

MOTION TO PASS Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Willford to cancel the March 23, 2020 regular City Council meeting.

MOTION PASSED There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing,
Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Witkovich reported that many meetings have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She wished everyone well and asked those in need to reach out to the City.

Council member Peterson expressed appreciation for those providing essential services to the community during this time. Council member Peterson inquired if Council would be interested in adopting emergency rules to allow the delivery of medical marijuana in the City during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was discussion among Council, which included whether businesses would implement special hours for medical marijuana patients to visit dispensaries, a desire for more information on the subject, social distancing considerations, the evolving business environment, and accommodating residents needing medicinal marijuana. City Attorney Hoffmann provided information about legislation that authorized and regulated medical marijuana delivery. It was the consensus of Council to not pursue emergency rules to allow the delivery of medical marijuana at this time. Council member Peterson provided information from the marijuana businesses he spoke with and thanked Council for considering the issue.

Council member Downing reported she had the pleasure of accepting the National League of Cities (NLC) 2020 City Cultural Diversity Award on behalf of the City at the recent NLC Conference. Council member Downing warned everyone to be aware of scammers currently posing as utility companies.

Council member Brown stated she and her family are trying to support local restaurants for take-out during this time and are checking on elderly neighbors, and encouraged others to do the same for the benefit of the community.

Council member Goff thanked staff for their efforts organizing the virtual meeting tonight. Council member Goff reported on the Colorado Communities for Climate Action and issues that were discussed during a conference call meeting.

Council member Duran Mullica thanked staff, local agencies and state agencies for their work during this time. She extended gratitude to all of the first responders and healthcare workers who are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council member Esquibel commended City Manager Geyer and Mayor Leighty for their leadership during this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford echoed previous comments about staff and the Mayor's leadership and encouraged residents to take care of each other during this time.

Mayor Leighty reported she had an opportunity to sit in on an Emergency Operations Center meeting and thanked staff for their efforts. She stated this is a regional and statewide effort, and stated the partnerships are encouraging. Mayor Leighty reported she created a Northglenn Cares Facebook group to help residents exchange resources and share uplifting messages. Mayor Leighty encouraged Council to share the platform with others to multiply efforts to support the community. Mayor Leighty credited her son, Logan, for his production efforts on her video messages to the community, and stated it has been a fun activity for them during the quarantine.

Staff

City Clerk Small provided information on virtual bid openings being held in order to provide access to the public and keep business moving forward during the closure of City Hall. City Clerk Small reported that staff will be participating in local government coordination calls in response to COVID-19 beginning tomorrow.

City Manager Geyer stated she is happy to look into different platforms to conduct virtual meetings moving forward. There was discussion about the different platforms and whether the cost would be prohibitive. City Manager Geyer provided information about the items scheduled for the April 13, 2020 regular City Council meeting. City Manager Geyer provided a COVID-19 update and presented information on the City's efforts in response to the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor