

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 9, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Paiz called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Pro Tem Paiz, Council members Baker, Monroe, Miller, Clyne, and Wieneke.

ABSENT

Mayor Novak, Council members Parsons and Downing.

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Simmons, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

**PLEDGE AND
INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given followed by the Invocation, which was delivered by Mayor Pro Tem Paiz.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS
AND DELETIONS:**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:

Tree City USA

Mr. Keith Wood, Colorado State Forest Service, stated that the City of Northglenn had been awarded the Tree City USA designation for the 19th year, and provided information about the Tree City program. Mr. Wood congratulated the City and presented the Tree City USA award to Mr. Joel Szymanski, Parks Maintenance and City Arborist.

Employee Service Awards

Council joined Ms. Paula Jensen, Human Resources Manager, to present awards to employees with five or more years of service. Those employees receiving awards were: Celeste Olinger, Public Communications, fifteen years; Kelli Ryan, Technology, twenty years; and Mai Arado, Human Resources, twenty-five years.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Arbor Day

Mayor Pro Tem Paiz read the proclamation proclaiming April 18, 2009 as Arbor Day in the City of Northglenn, and presented the proclamation to Mr. Joel Szymanski. Mr. Szymanski spoke about the Arbor Day celebration that would be held on April 18th at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.

National Volunteer Week

Mayor Pro Tem Paiz read the proclamation proclaiming the week of April 19th through 25th, 2009 as National Volunteer Week in the City of Northglenn, and presented the proclamation to Ms. Jenni Murphy, Community Engagement Coordinator. Ms. Murphy recognized the

many volunteers and thanked them for their service to the community.

Stormwater Quality
Awareness Week

Mayor Pro Tem Paiz read the proclamation proclaiming the week of April 19th through 25th, 2009 as Stormwater Quality Awareness Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Ms. Pam Acre, Stormwater Quality Coordinator. Ms. Acre thanked Council and spoke about stormwater awareness.

PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD

Mayor Pro Tem Paiz called for any person wishing to address City Council on any subject not set for public hearing to come forward.

Mr. Dwight Kimsey stated that he feels the morale in City Hall has improved since City Manager Simmons has been with the City. Mr. Kimsey also commended Ms. Amanda Peterson for her work in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Dr. Sean Reif, Ward I, spoke about owner occupied and tenant housing and expressed concern about imposing regulations on landlords.

Mr. Jim Johnson, Ward IV, spoke about the salary freeze and suggested that Council make a change in the pay structure for salaried employees. Mr. Johnson suggested removing the top 50% of the pay ranges for all salaried positions, and also spoke about cost reductions.

Mr. Lee Brown, Ward IV, spoke about the increase in salaries over the last ten years, and how the City's salaries compare to those of Denver's. Mr. Brown spoke about the increase in the number of staff, the hiring freeze, and the exceptions that have been approved to fill certain positions. Mr. Brown also spoke about the City's cost to taxpayers and expressed concern about Council's stewardship to taxpayers.

Mr. Chris DeMay, 9913 Alamo Drive, spoke about the Parks and Recreation Department and the services it provides. Mr. DeMay stated that he feels Ms. Peterson should be appointed as the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
February 2009 Update

Mr. Shawn Cordsen, Finance Director, provided a financial update for the period ending February 28, 2009. Mr. Cordsen spoke about revenue and expenditures for the General Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund, and Sanitation Fund. Mr.

Cordsen also reported on cash reserves and the City's investment portfolio.

Mr. Cordsen provided information on the status of the financial management system project and answered questions about the process. Mr. Cordsen also reported that the bank reconciliation project has been completed, and provided information about the outcome of the project.

There was discussion about the new format of the financial presentation and carryovers from previous years in the Stormwater Fund.

2009 Budget Reductions

City Manager Simmons distributed a handout on the 2009 budget reductions, and reviewed the total reductions in each fund. City Manager Simmons spoke about this first phase of reductions, additional reductions that may be brought to Council, and staff's work to accommodate a 10% reduction in sales tax revenues. City Manager Simmons stated that a budget amendment would be prepared for Council's consideration at a subsequent meeting.

There were questions from Council about revenue from the FASTER Legislation, the timeline for tier two reductions, and the format of the budget amendments.

CONSENT AGENDA **MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Miller **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Monroe to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

IN FAVOR - Paiz, Baker, Monroe, Miller, Clyne, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.

ABSENT - Novak, Parsons, Downing.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Rescheduled March 26, 2009 Regular Meeting
- CR-43 – NURA Commissioner Reappointment – Jerry Gavette
- CR-44 – NURA Commissioner Reappointment – Wayne Dodge

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CB-1684 – Trash
Collection Ordinance
Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Pro Tem Paiz invited anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1684 to come forward.

Mr. Dallas Briggs spoke in favor of CB-1684.

Mayor Pro Tem Paiz invited anyone else wishing to speak either "for" or "against" CB-1684 to come forward. No one came forward and the public hearing was declared closed.

ORDINANCES

Second Reading:

CB-1684 – Trash
Collection Ordinance
Amendments

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Monroe **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Miller to approve CB-1684 on second reading.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Paiz, Baker, Monroe, Miller, Clyne, Wieneke.
OPPOSED - No one.
ABSENT - Novak, Parsons, Downing.

RECESS:

The City Council meeting recessed at 8:20 p.m.

RECONVENE:

The City Council meeting reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

ORDINANCES

First Reading:

CB-1686 – 9777 Fred
Drive PUD Rezoning

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Monroe **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Paiz to approve CB-1686 on first reading.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Paiz, Baker, Monroe, Miller, Clyne, Wieneke.
OPPOSED - No one.
ABSENT - Novak, Parsons, Downing.

CB-1687 – Appropriation
Amendment – Bull
Reservoir

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Monroe **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Miller to approve CB-1687 on first reading.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Paiz, Baker, Monroe, Miller, Clyne, Wieneke.
OPPOSED - No one.
ABSENT - Novak, Parsons, Downing.

Note: City Clerk Small stated for the record that the public hearings on CB-1686 and CB-1687 would be held on April 23, 2009 in City Hall Council Chambers.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-45 – Revised CDOT
Traffic Control Device
Maintenance Contract

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Monroe **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Miller to approve CR-45.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Paiz, Baker, Monroe, Miller, Clyne, Wieneke.
OPPOSED - No one.
ABSENT - Novak, Parsons, Downing.

CR-46 – Property
Abatement Fee Schedule

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Miller **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Monroe to approve CR-46.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Paiz, Baker, Monroe, Miller, Clyne, Wieneke.
OPPOSED - No one.
ABSENT - Novak, Parsons, Downing.

CR-47 – Neighborhood
Stabilization Program IGA

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Monroe **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Miller to approve CR-47.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Paiz, Baker, Monroe, Miller, Clyne, Wieneke.
OPPOSED - No one.
ABSENT - Novak, Parsons, Downing.

CR-48 – Parks &
Recreation Master
Plan Revisions

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Monroe **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Miller to approve CR-48.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Paiz, Baker, Monroe, Miller, Clyne, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.
ABSENT - Novak, Parsons, Downing.

Action Item:
Request for Exception
to Resolution 08-156

City Manager Simmons provided information about the request for an exception to Resolution 08-156 for the hiring of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director. There were questions from Council about cost savings associated with the proposed exception and the intent on filling the position vacated by an internal promotion.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Miller **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Monroe to approve the hiring exception for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director position as recommended by the City Manager.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Paiz, Monroe, Miller, Clyne, Wieneke.
OPPOSED - Baker.
ABSENT - Novak, Parsons, Downing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FasTracks

Mr. Jim Hayes, Planning and Development Director, distributed information regarding the FasTracks project and spoke about the 2009 Annual Program Evaluation from RTD. Mr. Hayes provided information on the capital cost summary, additional revenue that may be needed for the project, and the revenue strategies that have been discussed. Mr. Hayes provided information about the timing of a potential ballot question from RTD to increase taxes for the FasTracks project and also provided information about the process relating to the environmental impact statement for the project.

There was discussion about an additional tax and how Northglenn's share of the project would be determined.

City Manager Simmons provided information about the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) steering committee meeting he attended, and spoke about the focus of the committee.

Organized Adult Athletics
in Neighborhood Parks

Council member Wieneke spoke about adult organized groups and their use of neighborhood parks for athletics. Council member Wieneke spoke about the definition of an organized group and the permit required for the use of a field. Council member Wieneke stated that staff currently has no authority to not allow a group to use a park, and stated that he would like to refer this issue to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

There was discussion about the field regulations, limiting the number of days or the amount of time a group could use a park, the use of parks by the public, and the need to give staff the tools to enforce the regulations.

Ms. Amanda Peterson provided information about the current permitting process and guidelines that are used by staff to grant permits.

Mr. Chris DeMay, Parks and Advisory Board President, spoke about the guidelines that were created by the Board for this issue.

Police Chief Russ VanHouten spoke about the use of Sperry Park and issues relating to patrolling the park and enforcing the permitting rules.

There was discussion and it was the consensus of Council to direct staff to monitor the ongoing activity regarding this issue for the next two months and report back to Council.

Recreation Building
Rehabilitation Ballot Issue

Council member Wieneke spoke about the upcoming expenses that would be required to rehabilitate the Recreation Center, and the need to make a decision on whether or not to make the improvements. Council member Wieneke spoke about possible financing mechanisms for the improvements and the issue of asking voters for approval of such financing to keep the facility open.

There was discussion about the cost of the improvements needed, deferred maintenance items, and the timeline for making improvements to comply with the North Metro Fire Rescue District's order and the City's building codes. It was the consensus of Council to direct staff to refine the figures on improvements to rehabilitate the recreation building, and to bring information back to Council on different financing methods for the improvements.

COMMUNICATIONS
COUNCIL

Council member Miller reported that a Ward I meeting would be held on Monday, April 13, 2009.

Mayor Pro Tem Paiz added that the Ward I meeting would begin at 6:30 p.m. and would be held at the Northglenn Christian Church.

STAFF

City Manager Simmons reported on a meeting with residents regarding the water level in Croke Reservoir, and stated that information would be provided to Council.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Pro Tem Paiz invited any member of the public wishing to speak on any subject to come forward.

Mr. Chris DeMay spoke about the Recreation Center and stated that he feels the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board should be a part of the upcoming discussion regarding improvements to the building.

Dr. Sean Reif spoke about Northglenn's economy and community functions. Dr. Reif also spoke about the Recreation Center and whether or not it would be cost effective to rehabilitate the facility.

Mr. Dallas Briggs spoke about the four mills that would sunset at the end of this year and the revenue that was generated by the mills in 2008.

Mayor Pro Tem Paiz stated that polycarts are on display in City Hall and at the Recreation Center, and invited the public to visit the facilities to take a look at the polycarts.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

SHERI L. PAIZ
Mayor Pro Tem