

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 27, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY: None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

PROCLAMATIONS:
Parks & Recreation
Professionals Day
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming July 28, 2020 as Parks and Recreation Professionals Day in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Ms. Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

PRESENTATIONS:
July Neighborhood
Beautification Awards
Ms. Jenni Murphy, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided information about the Northglenn Neighborhood Beautification Program and stated the awards being recognized are for the Yard of the Month category. Mayor and Council congratulated those receiving awards for the month of July.

The residents recognized were: Melissa Andrews, Natalie Phillips, Marley and Maddix Acosta, Valerie Gallegos and Juan Muniz, Brian and Becky Moloney, Myles and Stacie Hoenisch, Candice Encinias, Joe and Betty Abeyta, Arito and Inez Robinson, Lauro and Magdalena Marquez, Les and Linda Lippold, Liane Giarritano, Jona Sills, Eduardo and Rosalba Sifuentes, and James and Antoinette Callahan.

Youth Commission
Quarterly Update

Youth Commission Members Meera Bipin, Jacob Tow, and Elizabeth Donnici presented a quarterly update to City Council. The members reported on their research and work on issues including youth vaping and tobacco use and racial equity. They stated the Commission has been meeting virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic and reported on graduating members and their plans following high school. Information was provided regarding the Commission's commitments to increase collaboration with other youth councils and to participate in, spread awareness of, and advance racial equity in the community. The members addressed questions from Council about their involvement in the youth tobacco project with the Adams County Youth Initiative and TEGA representatives. City Council thanked the members for their work and congratulated the graduating seniors on the Commission.

COVID-19 Council
Appointee Update

City Attorney Hoffmann, City Clerk Small, and City Manager Geyer presented information about their efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The appointees spoke about work related to the State executive and public health orders, the status of City programs, and efforts to address changing needs and regulations. City Manager Geyer also provided an update on regional efforts in Adams County and the current phase of Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors.

PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to address City Council on matters of community interest related to City business not set for public hearing.

Mr. John Alge, Northglenn Thornton Rotary Club, announced the Rotary Club will be conducting its first ever virtual Duck Derby on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Alge thanked the City for supporting the Rotary Club and stated additional information about the annual fundraising event can be found online at www.rotaryducks.org. Mr. Alge also reported on the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church's food pantry and stated the food bank will reopen to the public on Tuesday, August 4.

Ms. Nancy Sauter, 283 Garland Drive, inquired about training for the City's animal control officers.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Council

Council member Peterson reported on the COVID-19 Nonprofit Grant Program and stated the grant funding will help many

organizations provide necessary services to residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council member Witkovich reported on the COVID-19 nonprofit grants and thanked staff for their assistance with the program. Council member Witkovich reported she attended a Historic Preservation Commission meeting, ribbon cutting events for Scooter's Coffee and Second Time Sports, and the North Metro Fire Rescue District Board meeting. Council member Witkovich gave a shout out to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and the lifeguards at Kiwanis Pool for providing a safe and fun experience at the pool. Council member Witkovich announced a Ward 1 virtual meeting will be held on September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Council member Brown stated she is looking forward to returning to Colorado soon.

Council member Downing congratulated all of the winners for the Beautification Program and thanked the residents for making their neighborhoods beautiful. Council member Downing reported she attended the ribbon cutting events at Scooter's Coffee and Second Time Sports and stated it was great to see businesses open. Council member Downing stated she is proud the City of Northglenn is out in front of other cities with their efforts.

Council member Goff reported on the Rangeview Library District meeting and provided information about the library's new cataloging system and the District's audit report. Council member Goff stated it was a pleasure to participate in the ribbon cutting events recently and she has enjoyed participating in the online and outdoor fitness classes.

Council member Duran Mullica reported she was appointed to the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Accountability Board and stated she is excited to represent the north region. Council member Duran Mullica spoke about the City Council Protocol on the agenda for approval and asked others to review the protocol, hold each other accountable, and treat each other with respect.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford congratulated Council member Duran Mullica on her appointment to the RTD Accountability Board. Mayor Pro Tem Willford shared information about the temporary speed humps that were removed on Livingston Drive in preparation for the installation of permanent speed humps later this year. Mayor Pro Tem Willford stated she missed the last two meetings due to illness. Mayor Pro Tem Willford addressed Council behavior during a previous meeting and spoke about holding each other accountable for behavior.

Mayor Leighty stated she agrees with the comments related to the Council Protocol and stated there is a need for self-reflection among all Council members. Mayor Leighty stated it was great to be out in the community for the ribbon cutting events at Scooter’s Coffee and Second Time Sports, and thanked the Communications team for recent videos they recorded. Mayor Leighty reported on the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership meeting and reminded everyone that the organization is a result of the Adams County Economic Development’s merge with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Leighty reported on the Partnership’s programs and announced a healthcare webinar will be held on August 12 and a transportation webinar will be hosted on September 16.

Staff

City Manager Geyer provided information about the tentative future agendas and upcoming meetings for Diversity and Anti-Oppression training on August 8 and Police-Citizen Oversight Models on August 12. City Manager Geyer provided an update on the recruitment for a new Director of Human Resources.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Peterson **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing,
Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Esquibel.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-114 – City Council Protocol

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CB-1949 – Oil and Gas
Regulations Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1949 and called for any person wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1949. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –
Second Reading:
CB-1949 – Oil and Gas
Regulations Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to CB-1949 on second reading.

Mr. Brook Svoboda, Planning & Development Director, provided a summary of CB-1949.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-113 – 2020 Water
Efficiency Plan Adoption

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to CR-113.

Ms. Tami Moon, Environmental Manager, provided a summary of CR-113.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NGCC Master Plan
Phase 1 Implementation
July Update

Ms. Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, provided an update on the construction of the new recreation center, senior center, and theatre facility. She reported on the construction of the recreation center and memorial plaza, and stated initial concept plans for the lobby sculpture should be presented to the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation for review in early August.

Diversity, Inclusivity
and Social Equity Board
Follow-up

Ms. Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, presented information about the membership composition, options for conducting interviews, selection, and vacancy process for a Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board.

There was discussion about public meeting requirements related to interviewing applicants, the interview process for other board and

commission applicants, and best practices for diversity and inclusivity boards.

Mr. Roberto Montoya, Government Alliance on Race and Equity, provided information about other diversity and inclusivity boards, and stated his recommendation would be to interview applicants in smaller groups that were not part of a public meeting.

There was additional discussion and it was the consensus of Council to move forward with interview option #1 and the membership composition to include one youth at-large member and two at-large members as described in the staff presentation.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any member of the public wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council.

Ms. Tracy Kilgore spoke about the City Council Protocol. Ms. Kilgore stated she has observed City Council meetings for several years and stated that all Council members should be held accountable for their actions.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor