

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 24, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, August 24, 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, Downing, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

ABSENT Council members Peterson (joined the meeting at 8:05 p.m.) and Brown.

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: Police Commander Heidi Walts provided information to Council regarding the Police Department’s plans to enforce speed limits within school zones.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

INTERVIEW:
Kristin Robledo Kristin Robledo was interviewed for the Ward 3 position on the Citizens’ Affairs Board. Ms. Robledo provided information about her background and her interesting in serving on the Board.

PROCLAMATION:
Overdose Awareness Day Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming August 31, 2020 as Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Northglenn.

PRESENTATIONS:
August Neighborhood Beautification and Magnificent Tree Awards Jenni Murphy, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided information about the Northglenn Neighborhood Beautification Program and stated the awards being presented are for the Yard of the Month, Long Term Home Beautiful, and Water Wise categories. Council joined Ms. Murphy in congratulating those receiving awards for the month of August.

The residents recognized were: Garrett Zanol and Nicol Griego, Scott Campbell, Dan Howell, Kim and Eric Hoffman, Gloria Larson, Jeff and Connie Ebbesen, Liz McRae, Kem and Vince Noda, Robert and Myra Vandewoestyne, Bill Smith and Sandy Dreiling, Kay Pflieger, Ryan and Anna Adkins, Carol Woitalewicz, Krystal and Jerry Luthye, Tom and Judy Carter, April Baile, Kevin and Patti O’Shea, Brian and Mi Duke, Jose and Mary Vargas, Ted and Ursula Bieglinajtyts, Mike and Karen Roes, Alberta Aguilar and Mark Baca, Shandra Stevens, Les and Linda Lippold, Clayton McLeod, Don and Bernie Mathison, Jorge Martinez and Edith Melendez, and Georgia Swadley.

Magnificent Tree Award

Jenni Murphy announced that Owen and Leona Dignan were the winners of the 2020 Magnificent Tree Award for the Green Ash tree located in the front yard of their property at 10767 Ura Lane. Mayor and Council congratulated the Dignans.

Q1 & Q2 2020 Economic
Development & NURA
Reports

Debbie Tuttle, Economic Development Director and Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) Executive Director, provided Q1 & Q2 2020 Economic Development and NURA reports to Council. Ms. Tuttle presented information on the 2020 economic indicators, COVID business grants and support, ribbon cuttings, housing, and unemployment data. Ms. Tuttle presented information regarding the Garland Center remediation project, NURA business grants, NURA indicators, and urban renewal projects in the City.

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.

John Alge, Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club, spoke to Council about the Rotary Club’s virtual Duck Derby scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Alge stated the deadline to submit pictures of corporate and sponsor decorated ducks is September 30.

Wesley Dunbar, Ward 1, spoke in support of community co-produced public safety in general and in support of a police-citizen oversight board. Mr. Dunbar stated engaging the public is essential for successful policing and spoke about the method of accompaniment in community policing.

Curtis Breville expressed support the development of community co-production policing and the hybrid model of a police-citizen oversight board. Dr. Breville spoke about working together for common goals, and asked the City to provide available resources to Gerald and Linda

Montour in response to the theft of their Native American and American flags. Dr. Breville inquired about any barriers that exist that would prevent the City from establishing a community co-production policing oversight board by the end of September.

Lauren Weatherly, 1160 W. 99th Avenue, urged Council to take the steps necessary to move forward with community co-production policing including a hybrid model citizen oversight board. Ms. Weatherly spoke about information and recommendations shared by BerryDunn and City Manager Geyer related to community co-production policing and asked Council to move forward with the recommendations and act with urgency.

Paul Weinrauch, Ward 2, spoke about his involvement with the City and thanked Council for looking at white supremacy within the community. Mr. Weinrauch shared comments from a resident expressing concern about racial inequity in policing, and asked Council to implement community co-production policing with a hybrid model police-citizen oversight board. Mr. Weinrauch urged Council to move forward to address systemic racism in Northglenn.

Alex Morgan, Ward 3, voiced support for community co-production policing, a hybrid model citizen oversight board, and the removal of school resource officers from schools. Ms. Morgan spoke about systemic racism and systems that oppress people of color. Ms. Morgan provided statistics about juvenile records in schools with school resource officers, and urged Council to move forward on establishing a citizen oversight board and to vote no on school resource officers.

Zen Kretsinger, Ward 3, shared support for community co-production policing. Zen spoke about policing resources, systemic racism in policing, and providing an equitable future for all. Zen urged Council to listen to staff, residents, and the BerryDunn consultants and establish community co-production policing, including a hybrid oversight board.

A statement was read on behalf of Sunny Hoagland, Ward 2, regarding City Council's response to the 360 Assessment of the Police Department. Sunny provided information about Denver's STAR (Support Team Assisted Response) program, which sends more appropriate resources to police calls and was modeled after Eugene, Oregon's CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) program.

Bryan Weatherly, Ward 4, expressed support for Council to move forward with community co-production policing and establishing a

hybrid model oversight board. Mr. Weatherly stated he believes the issues needing to be addressed are: increasing community trust in the city and Police Department, increasing transparency, enhancing public safety, and improved racial equity and diversity. Mr. Weatherly stated community co-production policing is a proactive model and urged Council to move forward with the staff recommendation to establish a hybrid police oversight board.

Samantha Behrens, 1209 Dean Drive, urged Council to listen to staff and BerryDunn regarding community co-production policing, to establish a hybrid model police oversight board, and to vote no on keeping school resource officers in schools. Ms. Behrens also expressed concern about the investigation conducted on the theft of Native American and American flags from the home of Gerald Montour in July.

City Clerk Small played a voicemail from Ambur Martinez, 11450 Community Center Drive. Ms. Martinez urged Council to implement community co-production policing, establish a hybrid model police oversight board, and to vote against keeping school resource officers in schools.

City Clerk Small played a voicemail from Cheri Roberts, 10514 Carmela Lane. Ms. Roberts expressed support for community co-production policing including a hybrid model police oversight board. Ms. Roberts provided resources she has used to learn more about racial injustice and police accountability.

City Clerk Small played a voicemail from Kirstin (unintelligible). Kirstin asked Council to consider all voices and listen to staff and the BerryDunn consultants regarding the recommendations for a hybrid police oversight board. Kirstin also asked Council to remove school resource officers from schools.

City Clerk Small played a voicemail from Laura Freund. Ms. Freund spoke in support of community co-production policing, a hybrid model police oversight board, and removing school resource officers from schools. Ms. Freund spoke about systemic racism and asked Council to move forward with staff and BerryDunn's recommendations regarding community co-production policing and to vote no on school resource officers in schools.

City Clerk Small played a voicemail from Lindsey Kennedy. Ms. Kennedy spoke in support of community co-production policing and establishing a hybrid model citizen-police oversight board. Ms. Kennedy stated she is an educator and asked Council to remove school resource officers from schools.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported on the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Policy Committee and announced she was recently selected to serve as the Committee's Vice Chair. Mayor Pro Tem Willford thanked the individuals who provided public comment earlier and expressed concern about Council not moving forward with community co-production policing and creating a police oversight board.

Council member Esquibel reported he attended the Senior Organization meeting today and stated he hopes everyone is staying safe.

Council member Duran Mullica provided an update on the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Accountability Board and reminded Council about the selection of the RTD General Manager position. She stated videos of the candidates are available online and asked Council to share any feedback with her on transportation matters. Council member Duran Mullica provided an update on the Legislative Policy Committee, stating the City's lobbyist will provide information to Council on ballot issues at the October 5, 2020 study session and the Committee is working to update the legislative policy brochure. Council member Duran Mullica spoke about the August 12, 2020 study session and shared her feedback on the discussion regarding the police-citizen oversight board models. She expressed confusion about the direction taken at the end of the study session and stated she believes the 2017 shooting incident was the issue Council was trying to address with the 360 Assessment of the Police Department. Council member Duran Mullica asked City Manager Geyer about the next steps based on the direction from the August 12 study session.

City Manager Geyer provided information about recommendations from the 360 Assessment and her plan to bring forward recommendations after they have been prioritized by staff, possibly in October.

Council member Goff reported she attended the Rangeview Library District meeting and noted the libraries are now open to the public. She stated the libraries are offering farmers markets at the Huron Street and Wright Farms locations and reported on their virtual summer concert series. Council member Goff thanked the individuals who provided public comment earlier and stated for every person who calls in, there are others in the community who share the same beliefs.

Council member Downing encouraged Council to view the RTD General Manager candidates' videos online and agreed that Director Buzek is open to feedback on the selection process.

Council member Witkovich reminded everyone that she and Council member Peterson will be hosting a virtual Ward 1 meeting on September 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Leighty reported the Adams County mayors met with the RTD General Manager candidates and stated they are highly qualified for the position. Mayor Leighty encouraged teachers and students as they begin their new school years.

Staff

City Clerk Small reported she will be attending the Colorado Municipal League virtual conference and is looking forward to a session on municipal redistricting. City Clerk Small provided information related to National Voter Registration Day on September 22, 2020 and stated she will be attending the Youth Commission meeting on September 1 to provide information about ways the Commission can be involved with voter registration efforts.

City Manager Geyer announced she recently completed two years of service with the City and thanked Council and staff for their support.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-117 – COVID-19 Nonprofit Grant Subrecipient Agreements

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CB-1950 – Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1950 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1950.

Lauren Weatherly spoke in favor of CB-1950. Ms. Weatherly asked Council to prioritize residents who have been historically marginalized when selecting members for the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board and encouraged Council to prioritize youth voices on the Board.

Hermine Ngnomire expressed concern about Council selecting members for the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board that align with a Council member's beliefs, which may not include an understanding of racial equity or diversity. Ms. Ngnomire stated she is a person of color and asked Council to pull together a Board that will help Council learn about diversity and provide perspectives that are currently missing.

Samara Cesena, 10648 Huron Street, stated she applied to serve on the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board, and spoke about the importance of including individuals who are genuinely passionate about making the community better for all.

Mayor Leighty called for any other person wishing to speak either "for" or "against" CB-1950. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –

Second Reading:

CB-1950 – Diversity,
Inclusivity, and Social
Equity Board

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Peterson to approve CB-1950 on second reading.

Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a summary of CB-1950.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

ORDINANCES –

First Reading:

CB-1951 – Budget
Hearing Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by

Council member Peterson to CB-1951 on first reading.

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a summary of CB-1951.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-116 – 2020-2021
School Resource Officer
Program IGA

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Peterson to CR-116.

Police Chief Jim May provided a summary of CR-116.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

CR-121 – City Council
Travel Policy

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Peterson to CR-121.

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a summary of CR-121.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

CR-122 – Comprehensive
Financial Policy

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Goff to CR-122.

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a summary of CR-122.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

CR-123 – Private Activity
Bond Allocation 2020
Assignment to CHFA

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Goff to CR-123.

Becky Smith, Planning Manager, provided a summary of CR-123.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NGCC Master Plan
Phase 1 Implementation
August Update

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, provided an update on the Civic Center Master Plan. Ms. Peterson reported on the construction of the new recreation facility and the bicycle and pedestrian trail along the north side of Memorial Parkway. Ms. Peterson provided information about the project's next steps, upcoming milestones, schedule, and budget status.

Council Ex-Officio
Appointment to Diversity,
Inclusivity, and Social
Equity Board

Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, provided information to Council about the need to select an ex-officio member to be appointed to the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to appoint Council member Katherine Goff to serve as the ex-officio member at the September 14, 2020 regular City Council meeting.

Meeting Continuance
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Peterson **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Goff to continue the meeting past 11:00 p.m.

MOTION FAILED

There was discussion and the motion **FAILED**.

IN FAVOR - Willford.

OPPOSED - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff, Duran
Mullica, Esquibel.

ABSENT - Brown.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor