

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 11, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Downing called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Mayor Downing, Council members Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico, Dodge, and Wieneke.

**ABSENT**

Council member Clyne.

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS  
AND DELETIONS:**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC INVITED  
TO BE HEARD**

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

Mr. Alan Javornik indicated that he would like to speak about CB-1710 – Removal of Snow and Ice on Sidewalks. City Attorney Hoffmann stated that Mr. Javornik should address Council during the public hearing for CB-1710.

Dr. Sean Reif, Ward I, stated that he feels property maintenance is key to improving Northglenn's future, and urged Council to consider the importance of property maintenance.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

December 2009 Update

Mr. Shawn Cordsen, Finance Director, provided an updated financial report for the period ending December 31, 2009. Mr. Cordsen provided information about budgeted and actual revenue and expenditures for the General Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund, and Sanitation Fund.

An inquiry was made about a comparison of sales tax revenue for the years 2009 and 2007. Mr. Cordsen stated he would provide Council with the information.

Mr. Cordsen also reported that Standard and Poor's had upgraded the City's rating from A to A+ on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and noted that the City's reserves and property tax base were considered to be strong and stable.

City Manager Simmons announced that the City had been awarded a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION TO PASS**

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

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico,  
Dodge, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.

ABSENT - Clyne.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the February 25, 2010 Special Meeting
- Minutes of the February 25, 2010 Regular Meeting
- CR-52 – Northglenn Senior Organization Liaison – Leslie Carrico
- CR-53 – North Metro Fire Rescue District Board Liaison – Leslie Carrico
- CR-54 – Rangeview Library District Board Liaison – Leslie Carrico
- CR-55 – Victim Assistance & Law Enforcement Board Terms

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

CB-1710 – Removal of  
Snow & Ice on Sidewalks

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Downing invited anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1710 to come forward.

Mr. Alan Javornik stated that he feels CB-1710 does not adequately address citizens' concerns regarding the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks. Mr. Javornik presented proposed language for the ordinance and stated that he feels more discretion is needed. Mr. Javornik also stated that he would like to be involved with any amendments to the ordinance.

Mr. Bill Kalamura, 10720 Sully Way, spoke about CB-1710 and stated that he feels it is difficult to remove snow and ice from

sidewalks due to drainage issues and from snow being pushed onto the sidewalk by the City's snow plows. Mr. Kalamura expressed concern about the use of personnel regarding code enforcement issues. Mr. Kalamura also inquired about statistics regarding the number of injuries from falls on sidewalks that are not cleared and the City's population.

City Manager Simmons reported that the City's population is approximately 35,000, and provided information regarding slip and fall claims.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Second Reading**

CB-1710 – Removal of  
Snow & Ice on Sidewalks

**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Wieneke to approve CB-1710 on second reading.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico,  
Dodge, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.

ABSENT - Clyne.

**ORDINANCES:**

**First Reading**

CB-1708 – Abandoned  
Property Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Dodge to approve CB-1708 on first reading.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico,  
Dodge, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.

ABSENT - Clyne.

CB-1711 – Supplemental  
Appropriation – Huron  
St. Reconstruction Project

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Snetzinger to approve CB-1711 on first reading.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico,  
Dodge, Wieneke.  
OPPOSED - No one.  
ABSENT - Clyne.

CB-1712 – Transfer of  
Appropriations – VALE  
Grant Awards (Police  
Department)

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Carrico **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Council member Snetzinger to approve CB-1712 on first reading.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico,  
Dodge, Wieneke.  
OPPOSED - No one.  
ABSENT - Clyne.

CB-1713 – Transfer of  
Appropriations – VALE  
Grant Awards (Planning  
& Development)

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council  
member Dodge to approve CB-1713 on first reading.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico,  
Dodge, Wieneke.  
OPPOSED - No one.  
ABSENT - Clyne.

Note:

City Clerk Small stated for the record that the public hearings on CB-  
1708, CB-1711, CB-1712, and CB-1713 would be held on March 25,  
2010 in City Hall Council Chambers.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-49 – Police Department  
Vehicle Purchase

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Wieneke **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Council member Snetzinger to approve CR-49.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico,  
Dodge, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.  
ABSENT - Clyne.

CR-50 – Grant  
Acceptance – Huron St.  
Reconstruction Project

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Snetzinger **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Carrico to approve CR-50.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico,  
Dodge, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.  
ABSENT - Clyne.

CR-51 – 2010 Biosolids  
Removal, Hauling &  
Disposal Contract

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Dodge **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Paiz to approve CR-51.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico,  
Dodge, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.  
ABSENT - Clyne.

CR-56 – VALE Board  
Grant Acceptance –  
UNTAG Program

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Paiz **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Carrico to approve CR-56.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Carrico,  
Dodge, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.  
ABSENT - Clyne.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Rocky Flats Surface  
Water Configuration

Council member Paiz provided information about the Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration Environmental Assessment and the

Department of Energy's (DOE) proposals relating to the dams and points of compliance that could affect water quality in the area.

Ms. Shelley Stanley, Water Quality Coordinator, provided information on the water system that includes Woman Creek, Woman Creek Reservoir, Standley Lake, and several ponds near the former Rocky Flats industrial site. Ms. Stanley spoke about the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council and concerns about the DOE's proposal relating to the breaching of dams and moving points of compliance.

There were questions about the water testing points, studies related to possible changes in water quality, and the reason for the DOE's proposal.

Ms. Stanley provided information about the DOE's reasons for the proposal, the timeline for addressing the suggested changes, and how the draft environmental assessment and the revisions to the Rocky Flats Legacy Management Agreement would be considered. Ms. Stanley stated the next Rocky Flats Stewardship Council meeting would be held on April 5, 2010.

There was discussion about the public involvement process for changes that are determined to be minor or major, contacting other officials about the issue, and various ways the City could inform residents about the proposal. It was the consensus of Council to send a comment letter to the Office of Legacy Management regarding the City's concerns with the DOE proposal.

Development of  
Intergovernmental  
Agreement with NURA

Council member Wieneke spoke about the intergovernmental agreement that is currently being drafted by the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA), and asked if any members of Council would like to be involved in preparing the agreement.

There was discussion about working with NURA's subcommittee on the agreement and NURA's plan for presenting the agreement to Council. There was discussion about improving communication with the NURA Board and the reason for amending the agreement. It was stated that working on the agreement together at this stage would be beneficial to Council as far as understanding the suggested revisions to the document.

There was discussion about Council being proactive, NURA's timeline, the drafting and revision process, and the importance of Council being involved in setting the direction of the NURA Board.

Interest was expressed to form a Council subcommittee to work with NURA subcommittee on the drafting of the agreement and to contact the NURA Chair regarding the issue. The Council members who volunteered to serve on the subcommittee were: Council members Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, and Wieneke.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Council**

Council member Wieneke reported that a Ward IV meeting was held recently. Council member Wieneke suggested adding a component to the City's website to update residents on the progress of the Huron Street Reconstruction Project.

Council member Dodge reported that she and Council member Brown had attended the Mayor's Roundtable event. Council member Dodge announced that the Highline Canal cleanup event would take place this Saturday at 8:30 a.m., and invited everyone to volunteer to help with the project.

Council member Carrico reported that the Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO) is having a fundraiser for the Senior Games and is selling tickets for a spaghetti dinner at Fazoli's. Council member Carrico also reported that the Senior Center is holding a collection for yarn for the many projects they make throughout the year. Council member Carrico spoke about the Thornton Fire Department's assistance with a recent fire in Northglenn, and announced that a Ward II meeting would be held on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the M&O facility beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Downing reported that with the approval of Council member Carrico's liaison appointments tonight, all ex-officio and liaison positions have been filled. Mayor Downing also reported that she and Council member Clyne had attended the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) retreat.

Council member Brown reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and provided information about two individuals that were interviewed by the Board for membership. Council member Brown also reported on the upcoming trail dedications for C.A. "Gundy" Gunderson and Bill Gillespie, and also spoke about a suggestion to name the skate park in honor of the late Don Anema. Council member Brown noted that the Planning Commission would be meeting next Tuesday.

Council member Paiz thanked the Council members who have volunteered to serve as ex-officio members or liaisons on the various boards and organizations, and expressed her appreciation of the communication that is shared with Council. Council member Paiz

also thanked Ms. Shelley Stanley for her work on the Rocky Flats issues, and stated that she would keep Council apprised of any developments related to the issue.

Council member Snetzinger reported on the Ward IV meeting that was held on Monday, and stated that the discussion included code enforcement issues. Council member Snetzinger reported on the Adams 12 School District and the \$24 million budget deficit they are facing, and noted that proposed budget cuts would be posted on the District's website soon. Council member Snetzinger reported on the magnet schools in the District and the new programs offered to students. She spoke about the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation and reported that the Foundation had recently hosted the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Tier 3 workshops at the D.L. Parsons Theatre. Council member Snetzinger stated that an assessment of the public art sculptures had been conducted for the renovation, cleaning, and maintenance of the pieces. Council member Snetzinger spoke about the Sperry Park playground equipment and encouraged residents to provide feedback regarding the project.

Staff

City Manager Simmons spoke about the Ward IV electronic newsletter and asked if other Council members would like to begin using this feature. City Manager Simmons stated that he would distribute copies of the agreement between NURA and Andrist Capital Advisors for strategic and financial priorities to Council after the meeting.

City Attorney Hoffmann reported that he would be providing training and an orientation session to the Board of Adjustment, Citizens' Affairs Board, and the Planning Commission. City Attorney Hoffmann reported that he had attended a public hearing at the Capitol last Thursday regarding medical marijuana and stated that the Judiciary Committee would be considering the issue again on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

City Manager Simmons stated that the following items were on the schedule for the March 18, 2010 study session: Clearwell Project Update, Recreation Center Plan, Draft Economic Development Plan, Finance Committee Items, Public Involvement Policy, and Youth Membership on City Boards and Commissions. There was discussion about the agenda and it was decided to move the Clearwell Project Update item to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PUBLIC INVITED**  
**TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Downing invited any member of the public wishing to speak on any subject to come forward.



Dr. Sean Reif spoke about entrepreneurs and suggested offering entrepreneur models such as Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Future Homemakers of America (FHA) in schools. Dr. Reif spoke about people getting involved in the affairs of the government, training people to be good customer servants, and elected officials' duties. Dr. Reif also spoke about opportunities to experience Northglenn including E. B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, Webster Lake, and the Goodspeed Dog Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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JOYCE DOWNING  
Mayor