

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 28, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, September 28, 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, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

ABSENT

Council member 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:

None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

None.

PROCLAMATIONS:

National Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming October 4-10, 2020 as National Fire Prevention Week in the City of Northglenn. North Metro Fire Rescue District Division Chief Steve Gosselin and Public Information Officer Sara Farris thanked City Council and provided information about fire prevention activities.

National Customer Service Week

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming October 5-9, 2020 as National Customer Service Week in the City of Northglenn. Jason Hensel, Public Works Utilities Operations Manager, accepted the proclamation on behalf of employees in the Public Works Department.

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.

City Clerk Small stated an email from Sharon M. was provided to

City Council prior to the meeting regarding a personal experience with the Northglenn Police Department and expressing support for the Department.

City Clerk Small played a voicemail from Jackie Chartier regarding her family's positive interactions with the Northglenn Police Department. Ms. Chartier spoke in support of the Police Department's activities including the prescription drug delivery program, Safe Street Halloween, holiday gifts, and the School Resource Officer Program.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Peterson reported he attended the Legislative Policy Committee meeting earlier this evening. He stated he was unable to attend the opening of the N Line commuter rail system due to work obligations, but was able to take a ride on the train. Council member Peterson encouraged residents in Ward 1 to contact him or Council member Witkovich if the trains are not adhering to the quiet zone regulations. Council member Peterson stated it is not too late to complete the 2020 Census questionnaire and spoke about the importance of the Census. He urged residents to complete the Census to enable Adams County to receive additional federal funding for the correct number of residents in the community.

Council member Witkovich reported she attended the North Metro Fire Rescue District Board meeting on September 15, and was honored to attend the N Line grand opening event on September 21.

Council member Downing reported she attended ribbon cutting events for the Golden Blade Barbershop and Office Evolution, and also attended the 50th Anniversary event at the Northglenn Elks Lodge. Council member Downing thanked staff for their assistance with the virtual Ward 2 meeting that she and Council member Brown hosted last week.

Council member Goff reported she attended the Anythink Library District Board meeting and stated the Board passed a resolution to support Amendment B related to the Gallagher Amendment. Council member Goff reported Anythink Library is partnering with PBS to provide printed materials to accompany educational programming airing on PBS to individuals who may not have internet access. Council member Goff reported she attended the N Line opening event and two ribbon cutting events for the Golden Blade and Office Evolution. Council member Goff reported she attended a presentation from the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and stated the information will be shared with the City's Homelessness Task Force. Council member Goff announced a food and cold weather clothing

drive will be held in partnership with the Northglenn Community Foundation and Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club and stated donation bins will be available at City Hall, the Justice Center, and the Maintenance and Operations Facility. Council member Goff reported a one-day food drive event will be held on October 24 at the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints, and asked anyone needing additional information to contact her.

Council member Duran Mullica echoed Council member Peterson's comments related to resident concerns about the N Line horns and stated residents can also reach out to Regional Transportation District (RTD) Director Vince Buzek to report concerns. Council member Duran Mullica reported she will be participating in the I-270 working group to focus on improvements to the roadway. She reported on the North Area Transportation Alliance meeting and a presentation from the Front Range Passenger Rail Group, and stated more information is available at www.frontrangepassengerrail.com.

Council member Esquibel reported he attended a virtual Northglenn Senior Organization meeting. He stated the group is looking forward to the new Senior Center facility and to the COVID-19 pandemic ending. Council member Esquibel reported he attended the virtual N Line grand opening celebration and commended Mayor Leighty on her speech during the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting, which included a state legislative budget update from the City's Lobbyist. She stated the Committee reviewed the City's annual legislative issues guide and noted that Council will have an opportunity to review the document. She reported the City's Lobbyist will provide a presentation to Council on the 2020 ballot measures at the October 5 study session. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she will be attending a Colorado Communities for Climate Action meeting on Friday, and wished Adams 12 students, parents, and educators the best of luck as they transition from all-virtual learning to in-person learning.

Mayor Leighty reported she attended the ribbon cutting event for the Golden Blade Barbershop and reported she continues to attend meetings with Adams County mayors and Tri-County Health Department Director Dr. Douglas to receive updates on COVID-19. Mayor Leighty reported she attended an Adams County Regional Economic Partnership Executive Committee meeting and noted she will continue to represent Northglenn on the Committee for another year. Mayor Leighty reported she enjoyed the interviews for the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board and thanked staff for facilitating the process. Mayor Leighty thanked staff for their work on

the City's N Line opening event and also thanked RTD staff for the regional grand opening event.

Council member Duran Mullica reported voters approved the RTD FasTracks Project back in 2004 and recognized local advocates, specifically Council member Joyce Downing for her work spanning many years to push RTD to bring the N Line project to fruition for residents in the north area.

Staff

City Clerk Small reported the Outside Agency Funding Committee approved a sponsorship for the Food Bank of the Rockies Bringing Hope to the Virtual Table event on Saturday, October 10. She stated the fundraising event benefits the Food Bank of the Rockies' children's programs, and asked Council to let staff know if they are interested in attending the virtual event.

City Manager Geyer reminded Council that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 6 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at several parks across the City.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Downing 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 item was approved on the consent agenda:
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PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CB-1952 – Municipal
Court Fees Update

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1952 and called for anyone wishing to speak either "for" or "against" CB-1952. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –
Second Reading:
CB-1952 – Municipal
Court Fees Update

MOTION TO PASS

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

Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve CB-1952 on second reading.

Municipal Judge Amanda Bailhache provided a summary of CB-1952.

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.

ORDINANCES –

First Reading:

CB-1953 – 2018

International Building Codes, 2017 National Electrical Code, and 1997 Uniform Building Code for Abatement of Dangerous Buildings

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-1953 on first reading.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development provided a summary of CB-1953.

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-129 – Diversity,

Inclusivity, and Social

Equity Board Appointments

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve CR-129.

The individuals recommended for appointment to the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board provided brief introductions of themselves.

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-130 – 2021 Proposed
Recreation Fee Schedule

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Mullica to approve CR-130.

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural
Services, provided a summary of CR-130.

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-131 – Barker Rinker
Seacat Architecture
Additional Contingency
Authorization

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Mullica to approve CR-131.

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural
Services, provided a summary of CR-131.

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-132 – Lift Station
SCADA Improvement
Design Build Project

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Goff to approve CR-132.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of
CR-132.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NGCC Master Plan

Phase 1 Implementation

September Update

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services, provided an update regarding the status of the Northglenn Civic Center Master Plan Phase 1 Implementation Project. Ms. Peterson provided information about construction work on the gymnasium, natatorium, theatre, detention pond structures, and Northglenn Veterans Memorial. Ms. Peterson stated staff is moving forward with the inclusion of a solar power system, and shared images of the concept design for the hanging sculpture in the theatre lobby titled "Illumination" by artist Mark Aeling.

Community Co-Production

Policing Implementation

Options

City Manager Geyer and Police Chief May provided an overview of Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) in response to the previous discussion with City Council about creating a police-citizen oversight board on August 12, 2020. The goals and predicted outcomes of CCPP were presented to include increased community trust, enhanced public safety, and improved diversity and racial equity.

City Manager Geyer presented three options to implement CCPP in the Police Department and stated staff recommends option #3, which would create an advisory board by ordinance and provide ongoing, long-term community engagement facilitated by the firm BerryDunn. City Manager Geyer stated the anticipated cost would be \$57,000, which would include technical assistance to continue the change management process and develop a strategic plan, and the facilitation of three community listening sessions.

There was discussion and it was the consensus of Council to move forward with staff's recommendation to implement Community Co-Production Policing in the Police Department.

Executive Session

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to adjourn to Executive Session: 1) pursuant to Section 4.5(g) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for

negotiations regarding a potential agreement with Denver North Lodging, LLC; and 2) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding the Northglenn Marketplace.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor