

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 10, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Pro Tem Esquibel called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.
ROLL CALL	Present were: Mayor Pro Tem Esquibel, Council members Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman, Duran Mullica, and Willford.
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.
<u>RESPONSE TO CITIZEN INQUIRY:</u> Fireworks Signs	City Manager Geyer reported signs regarding fireworks being illegal in the City of Northglenn have been printed and are available for residents to pick-up at City Hall, Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center, Maintenance & Operations, and the Justice Center. In addition, 30 signs have been placed around the City to notify residents that fireworks are illegal.
<u>AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:</u>	None.
<u>PROCLAMATIONS:</u> Men's Health Month	Mayor Pro Tem Esquibel read the proclamation proclaiming June 2019 as Men's Health Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Police Officer Luke Schwartz.
LGBTQ Pride Month	Council member Willford read the proclamation proclaiming June 2019 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Ms. Sheena Kadi, Deputy Director of One Colorado. Ms. Kadi thanked City Council and stated the proclamation supports the City of Northglenn's inclusivity efforts related to supporting the LGBTQ community.
Gun Violence Awareness Day	Council member Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming June 14, 2019 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Northglenn and

presented the proclamation to Ms. Lacey McGinty, Local Group Leader of Moms Demand Action of Broomfield and Adams County. Ms. McGinty thanked City Council for issuing the proclamation and provided information on gun violence, responsible gun ownership, and creating a safe community for all.

PRESENTATIONS:

Swearing-In – Municipal
Judge Amanda Bailhache

City Clerk Small administered the oath of office to Ms. Amanda Bailhache for the office of Municipal Judge.

Mayor Pro Tem Esquibel and Council welcomed Judge Bailhache to the City of Northglenn. Judge Bailhache introduced her special guests in attendance and thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve as the City's municipal judge.

Recess:

The City Council meeting recessed to a reception in honor of Municipal Judge Bailhache at 7:23 p.m.

Reconvene:

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

2019 Legislative
Session Recap

City Lobbyist Geoff Wilson provided a summary of the 2019 State Legislative session. City Council thanked Mr. Wilson for his efforts to help the City have a voice at the Capitol during the legislative session.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Pro Tem Esquibel called for any person wishing to address City Council on matters of community interest related to City business not set for public hearing to come forward.

Ms. Leslie Carrico, resident of Ward 2 and member of the Northglenn Community Foundation and VALE Board, spoke about Mayor Dodge's resignation and the City Council honoring differences among themselves. Ms. Carrico stated she is hopeful the City will elect a new mayor at the November election.

Ms. Tracy Kilgore spoke about Mayor Dodge's resignation. Ms. Kilgore stated she hopes Council will consider how negativity affects the City and use the opportunity to make improvements.

Ms. Trisha Quint spoke about Mayor Dodge's resignation. Ms. Quint thanked Council member Leighty for responding to her questions about the current Council environment, and spoke about her perspective on Council interactions. Ms. Quint encouraged the City to

hold a special election for the office of mayor.

Ms. Caron Lawless stated the voters of Northglenn elected Carol Dodge to serve as the City's mayor, and she believes the City has lost a good mayor. Ms. Lawless spoke about Mayor Dodge's service to the community and stated she is disappointed in the City Council.

Mr. John Lawless echoed his wife's sentiments. Mr. Lawless spoke about party affiliation and stated he believes the City lost a good mayor because of politics.

Mr. Chris DeMay, Ward 4, thanked Mayor Dodge for her service to the City as a member of the Council and as a business owner. Mr. DeMay spoke about his interactions with Mayor Dodge and stated her resignation letter shows there are serious issues to be addressed. Mr. DeMay spoke about the importance of local elected officials and asked Council to treat each other with respect, dignity and civility.

Mr. Joe Brown spoke about Mayor Dodge's resignation and stated he hopes it serves as a wake-up call for City Council. Mr. Brown stated he feels City Council is in the business of running the City and must check party affiliations at the door.

Ms. Mendi Mullett spoke about CB-1923 – Short-Term Rental Property Regulations. Ms. Mullett stated she started a short-term rental business earlier this year and it has been very successful for her. She stated she has best practices to share and would like to be included in the development of the short-term rental property regulations.

Ms. Danielle Henry thanked Mayor Dodge for her continued service to the City and also thanked the remaining members of the Council for their sacrifices and service. Ms. Henry stated she and her husband are proud to call Northglenn home and spoke about the importance of compassion in the community. Ms. Henry spoke about continuing to work together to move forward.

Ms. Kim Boswood stated she depends on Council's expertise and thanked them for their service. Ms. Boswood offered suggestions to Council including conducting an election in November for the office of mayor and conducting an independent review of the matter related to Mayor Dodge's resignation. Ms. Boswood spoke about healing for Mayor Dodge and her family and for everyone affected by the issue.

Mr. Aaron Hart stated he was surprised by Mayor Dodge's resignation and inquired about the cause of the resignation. Mr. Hart

stated an independent review of the matter may be beneficial. He stated he has had professional interactions with the remaining Council members and is confused by Mayor Dodge's resignation. Mr. Hart stated he is thankful for Mayor Dodge's service and asked how we can improve as a community.

Mr. John Larkin stated he is a long-time resident and expressed concern about the Council's behavior. Mr. Larkin spoke about Wayne and Carol Dodge and spoke about cooperation among Council.

Mr. Helmut Koeckert, Ward 4, spoke about the Croke Reservoir Initiated Ordinance and expressed concern about the version of the special ordinance that was adopted by the City Council.

Mr. Norm Jennings, Northglenn resident and Adams 12 School Board member, stated he would like to hear from City Council about Mayor Dodge's resignation. Mr. Jennings asked Council to consider moving the discussion item regarding the process of filling the vacancy for the office of mayor forward on the agenda to allow those in attendance to hear the discussion earlier.

**LEGISLATIVE POLICY
COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
April 2019 Update

Mr. Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending April 30, 2019. Mr. Loveland spoke about revenue and expenditures in the General Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund, Sanitation Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, and Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Loveland also reported on the City's cash reserves and sales tax revenue by geo-code.

**CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Sauers **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Willford to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman,
Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the May 13, 2019 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of the May 20, 2019 Special Meeting
- CR-60 – Adams County Open Space Grant Acceptance –

Justice Center West Design

- CR-61 – Adams County Open Space Grant Acceptance –
Sensory Park Playground Improvements

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CB-1927 – Supplemental
Appropriation and
CIP Carryover

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Pro Tem Esquibel opened the public hearing on CB-1927 and called for any person wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1927 to come forward. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –

Second Reading:

CB-1927 – Supplemental
Appropriation and
CIP Carryover

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Sauers **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Downing to approve CB-1927 on second reading.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CB-1927.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman,
Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

ORDINANCES –

First Reading:

CB-1923 – Short-Term
Rental Property
Regulations

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Duran Mullica **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Sauers to approve CB-1923 on first reading.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman,
Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

CB-1928 – Stormwater
Program Ordinance
Revisions

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Sauers to approve CB-1928 on first reading.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman,
Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

CB-1929 – Fermented
Malt Beverage and Malt
Liquor Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Sauers to approve CB-1929 on first reading.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CB-1929.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman,
Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

CB-1930 – Public
Service Company of
Colorado (Xcel Energy)
Franchise Agreement

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Sauers to approve CB-1930 on first reading.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CB-1930.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman,
Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

Note: City Clerk Small stated for the record that the public hearings on CB-1923, CB-1928, CB-1929, and CB-1930 will be held on June 24, 2019 in City Hall Council Chambers.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-57 – Integrated Water
Resources Plan Update

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Sauers **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Whitman to approve CR-57.

Ms. Tamara Moon, Water Resources Administrator, provided a summary of CR-57.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman,
Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

CR-58 – Lift Station A
and Forcemain Project –
Engineering Services
Contract

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Sauers to approve CR-58.

Mr. Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-58.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman,
Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

CR-59 – School
Zone Improvements

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Willford to approve CR-59.

Mr. Kisselman provided a summary of CR-59.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman,
Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

CR-62 – Northwest Open
Space Improvements
Contract Addendum

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Sauers to approve CR-62.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-62.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Sauers, Leighty, Downing, Whitman,
Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mattress Program Update

City Manager Geyer provided an update on the mattress disposal
program. Mr. Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, addressed
questions from Council regarding mattresses that are dumped
illegally.

Process for Filling the
Vacancy for the Office
of Mayor

City Attorney Hoffmann provided information to Council about the
process for filling the vacancy for the office of mayor. There was
discussion about the timing of filling the mayoral vacancy, the
subsequent City Council vacancy that will be created by appointing a
new mayor, and the timeline and methods for advertising and
receiving applications for the Council member vacancy.

It was the consensus of Council to appoint a new mayor at the June
24, 2019 regular City Council meeting, to not conduct a special
election to fill the mayoral vacancy, to advertise for the subsequent
Council member vacancy on June 26, 2019, to reserve the study
session meeting on July 15, 2019 to conduct interviews for the
Council member vacancy, and to fill the Council member vacancy by
appointment on July 22, 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Sauers thanked Mayor Dodge for her service to the City and spoke about moving the City forward.

Council member Leighty reported she attended the Iron Pour last Wednesday and thanked the City for hosting the event. She stated everyone was able to make an individual piece of art and the concert during the event was great.

Council member Downing reported she attended the Iron Pour, noting Northglenn is the only city in the area to host an iron pour event. Council member Downing thanked Mayor Dodge for her service to the City and stated it is unfortunate to be recognizing her resignation tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Esquibel echoed Council member Downing's comments. He reported he and Council member Duran Mullica attended Derby Day and stated the winning fish was caught by a 4-year old. Mayor Pro Tem Esquibel reported he attended Governor Polis' bill signings and the ribbon-cutting event at the new ARC store. He stated the ARC corporation employs over 300 people with disabilities and encouraged everyone to visit the store.

Council member Whitman reported on the Library District, noting the My Summer Program, which includes activities for kids, teens, and adults, recently kicked-off and information about the program can be found online. She stated the Backyard Concert Series will start with a performance by the band Union Gray on June 14. Council member Whitman read a statement regarding Mayor Dodge's resignation, and recognized Mayor Dodge and the Dodge family's contributions to the City and community.

Council member Duran Mullica reported she had a great time attending the Fishing Derby. She stated the community atmosphere at the Iron Pour event was great, and thanked Mayor Dodge for her service to the City.

Council member Willford reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and stated they recently took a tour of the parks and the tunnel mural project. She announced there is a vacancy on the Board for the At-Large member and encouraged anyone interested to apply. Council member Willford reported she attended the Iron Pour and stated it was a really fun event. Council member Willford thanked Mayor Dodge for her service and contributions to the City. She thanked those who spoke earlier in the meeting, and spoke about working together as a Council.

Staff

City Clerk announced there is a vacancy for a Ward 1 member on the Citizens' Affairs Board and encouraged anyone interested to contact the City Clerk's Office.

City Manager Geyer reported two new police officers, Tyler Lynch and Zachary Frazier, will be sworn-in tomorrow evening and stated the event is open to the public.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Pro Tem Esquibel invited any member of the public wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council to come forward.

Ms. Nicole Webber inquired about the process to fill a City Council vacancy if no one applies for the Council vacancy following the mayoral appointment.

Ms. Mendi Mullett stated it seems there are times when Council members cannot be present and inquired about utilizing remote meetings for Council.

Ms. Kim Snetzinger, Ward 4, stated she believes members of the Council have been disrespectful to Mayor Dodge and thanked Council member Whitman for her comments earlier in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

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