

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 14, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Esquibel called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Mayor Esquibel, Mayor Pro Tem Leighty, Council members Rodriguez, Downing, Brown, Whitman, and Willford.

**ABSENT**

Council members Sauers and Duran Mullica.

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**RESPONSE TO  
CITIZEN INQUIRY:**

CRM System Usage

City Manager Geyer reported on usage of the Citizen Relationship Management (CRM) system during September 2019. Council member Brown inquired about follow-up on the animal control issue in Ward 2.

Northglenn High School  
Incident

Police Chief May provided information about the incident that occurred on October 8, 2019 at Northglenn High School involving a student with a firearm.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS  
AND DELETIONS:**

None.

**INTERVIEW:**

Zelda Lee Stewart

Ms. Zelda Lee Stewart came forward to be interviewed for a membership position on the Liquor Licensing Authority. Ms. Stewart provided information about her background and her interest in serving on the Authority.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Business Appreciation  
Week

Mayor Esquibel read the proclamation proclaiming the week of October 20-26, 2019 as Business Appreciation Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Ms. Debbie Tuttle, Economic Development Manager. Ms. Tuttle invited everyone to attend the Business Appreciation Breakfast on October 25, 2019.

**PUBLIC INVITED  
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor 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. Trisha Quint spoke to Council about illegal fireworks in the City and stated she is in favor of the mandatory minimum fines included in CB-1938, which is on the agenda for first reading. Ms. Quint stated she submitted a request online regarding street lighting in Fox Run and expressed concern about safety in the area due to the lack of lighting.

**LEGISLATIVE POLICY  
COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Council member Willford stated the Legislative Policy Committee's next meeting will be held on November 4, 2019.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**  
August 2019 Update

Mr. Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending August 31, 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 through August 2019.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Whitman **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 - Esquibel, Leighty, Rodriguez, Downing, Brown, Whitman, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Sauers, Duran Mullica.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the September 23, 2019 Regular Meeting
- CR-111 – UDFCD IGA Amendment for Grange Hall Creek Improvements
- CR-112 – 2019 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**  
Proposed 2020 Budget  
& Capital Improvement  
Hearing

Mayor Esquibel opened the public hearing on the Proposed 2020 Budget and Capital Improvement Program, and called for anyone wishing to speak either "for" or "against" the proposed budget to

come forward. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –  
FIRST READING:**

CB-1936 – Unified  
Development Ordinance  
Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CB-1936 on first reading.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CB-1936.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Rodriguez, Downing, Brown,  
Whitman, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Sauers, Duran Mullica.

CB-1938 – Fireworks  
Ordinance

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Whitman to approve CB-1938 on first reading.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CB-1938.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Rodriguez, Downing, Brown,  
Whitman, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Sauers, Duran Mullica.

Note:

City Clerk Small stated for the record that the public hearings on CB-1936 and CB-1938 will be held on October 28, 2019 in City Hall Council Chambers.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-113 – NGCC  
Master Plan Phase 1  
Implementation –  
Amendment #1 to FCI  
Constructors Contract  
for Site Final Guaranteed  
Maximum Price

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

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

Ms. Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, provided a summary of CR-113.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Rodriguez, Downing, Brown, Whitman, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Sauers, Duran Mullica.

CR-114 – Support for  
Proposition CC –  
Education and  
Transportation Funding

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Willford to approve CR-114.

Council member Willford stated CR-114 was being brought forward based on a request received by the Legislative Policy Committee. City Lobbyists Ed Bowditch and Jennifer Cassell distributed information about Proposition CC and answered questions about the measure.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Rodriguez, Downing, Brown, Willford.

OPPOSED - Whitman.

ABSENT - Sauers, Duran Mullica.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Firearm Regulations

City Attorney Hoffmann reviewed the parameters of firearms legislation and provided information on case law to allow City Council to determine whether there are additional local firearms regulations the City may want to consider.

City Attorney Hoffmann addressed questions from Council regarding the timing of pending cases, regulating the discharge of firearms, open carry regulations, and addressing each of the items identified in the legal memorandum. It was the consensus of Council to bring this item back to a future study session for additional review.

Gun Safe Reimbursement  
Program Update

Police Chief Jim May provided information about the City's Gun Safe Rebate Program. Chief May spoke about the purpose of the program, the program requirements, and plans to advertise the

program. Chief May addressed questions from Council regarding the program budget and stated there is \$10,000 in funding available for the remainder of 2019.

Mattress Disposal  
Program Update

Mr. Rob Webber, Public Works Operations Manager, provided an update on the mattress disposal program. Mr. Webber spoke about materials collected with the City's recycling program, and stated disposed mattresses can be reported in the City's CRM system.

Electronic Participation  
Policy

City Attorney Hoffmann presented a draft electronic participation policy to Council. Mr. Hoffmann provided information about the Colorado Open Meetings Law and stated the proposed policy would not allow electronic participation for any quasi-judicial matter based on the need to assess credibility from verbal and non-verbal communication. Mr. Hoffmann stated in-person participation is preferred, but the policy would allow for electronic participation as an exception with advance notice.

There was discussion about technology needed to support the use of an electronic participation policy, considering the policy for use by City boards and commissions, and defining the meaning of "excessive" in the policy. There was discussion about identifying a number to limit the number of meetings in which Council members could participate electronically.

It was the consensus of Council to move the electronic participation policy forward for consideration.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**  
Council

Council member Downing reported on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Home Tour and thanked all of the volunteers who opened their homes for the event. Council member Downing recognized Ms. Lauren Weatherly, Historic Preservation Commission Member, for her efforts to organize the event. Council member Downing reported she has been appointed to the Reimagine Regional Transportation District (RTD) Advisory Committee and reported on the Committee's first meeting, which was held on October 10, 2019.

Council member Brown thanked Council members Rodriguez and Willford for the candidate forum they hosted during the recent Ward 4 meeting. Council member Brown reminded everyone that the Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO) will be hosting a candidate forum on October 16 at the D.L. Parsons Theatre and encouraged everyone to attend the forum or watch it on Channel 8 or online.

Council member Brown stated Safe Street Halloween will be held on Saturday, October 26 at Northglenn High School.

Mayor Esquibel echoed Council member Downing's comments regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Home Tour and thanked the residents who opened their homes for the event. Mayor Esquibel thanked Council members Rodriguez and Willford for hosting the candidate forum during the Ward 4 meeting, and stated he hosted a Coffee with the Mayor event this morning.

Mayor Pro Tem Leighty reported on the North Metro Fire Rescue District Board meetings and stated she was very impressed with the Board's recent approach to considering benefits for their employees.

Council member Whitman clarified that the NSO candidate forum on October 16 will not be livestreamed. She stated the event will be recorded and then made available at a later time for viewing on Channel 8 and online. Council member Whitman reported she and Council member Duran Mullica hosted a Ward 3 meeting on Saturday, October 5 and stated the meeting included a well-received presentation from Anythink Libraries. She expressed concern that the RTD did not have an elected official attend the ward meeting to address concerns from residents and instead sent communications staff to the meeting. Council member Whitman reported State Representative Kyle Mullica presented her with a proclamation from the House of Representatives in honor of her service on City Council, and thanked Representative Mullica and Council member Duran Mullica for the recognition.

Council member Willford reported she and Council member Rodriguez hosted a Ward 4 meeting on October 3, and thanked all of the candidates who participated in the candidate forum during the meeting. Council member Willford reported 75 residents attended, and stated the issue of marijuana delivery was discussed at the meeting. She suggested additional public meetings or the use of a telephone town hall meeting to obtain input from residents on marijuana issues. Council member Willford reported on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Home Tour and stated the event included previous owners of the homes who provided great stories about the history of Northglenn. She thanked Ms. Lauren Weatherly for coordinating the event and for working with a local artist to produce a print for the event. Council member Willford thanked Mayor Esquibel for agreeing to testify in front of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) tomorrow on behalf of the Colorado Communities for Climate Action organization.

Staff

City Clerk Small stated ballots for the November 5, 2019 Election have been mailed by the County, and provided information about voter registration and Voter Service and Polling Centers.

City Manager Geyer further clarified that the candidate forum hosted by the Northglenn Senior Organization will not be livestreamed on October 16, but will be videotaped and replayed on Channel 8 and available on YouTube. City Manager Geyer reported she will be out of the office Thursday through Sunday attending ICMA Board meetings.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided an update on opioid litigation and stated he will be forwarding several pieces of information related to the litigation to City Council.

**PUBLIC INVITED  
TO BE HEARD**

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

Mr. Tim Morgen, BGood Community Relations, distributed information to Council and stated the marijuana business is hoping City Council will grant a variance for the use of additional units for marijuana operations at 11450 Cherokee Street.

City Attorney Hoffmann responded to Mr. Morgen's request.

Executive Session  
**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Whitman **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(a) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for personnel matters regarding Council appointee evaluations.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Rodriguez, Downing, Brown, Whitman, Willford.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Sauers, Duran Mullica.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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ANTONIO B. ESQUIBEL  
Mayor