

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 11, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, January 11, 2021 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, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

ABSENT

None.

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:

Martin Luther King,
Jr. Day

Wesley Dunbar, Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board member, introduced the video created by the DISE Board honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The video, featuring members of the DISE Board reciting Dr. King's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, was played. City Council commended the Board for creating the video.

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming January 18, 2021 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of Northglenn. DISE Board Chairperson Autumn Romero accepted the proclamation.

**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, wished Mayor Leighty a full recovery from COVID-19. Mr. Alge provided information

about the Rotary Club's Easter Food Drive, which will be conducted virtually. He stated monetary donations will be accepted through Friday, March 26, 2021 at www.northglennthorntonrotary.org, and announced donations will be distributed evenly to the following food pantries: Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Bank, Thornton Community Food Bank, and Food for Hope.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she will be attending a Colorado Communities for Climate Action meeting on Thursday. She stated the group will be discussing carbon cap and trade, and she will bring the issue to the Legislative Policy Committee for discussion on the City's position if the issue advances. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she will be attending the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee meeting on Friday, and spoke about a bill creating a local government grant program for turf replacement. She reported on the approval of Xcel Energy's Transportation Electrification Plan, which will help reduce transportation-related pollution, and provided information on Xcel's Energy Resource Plan and opportunities to expand clean energy. Mayor Pro Tem Willford announced she and her husband Matt are expecting their second child this spring.

Council member Esquibel reminded everyone that he and Mayor Pro Tem Willford will be hosting a Ward 4 meeting on Thursday, January 14 at 6:00 p.m. to obtain feedback from residents about marijuana delivery and to answer resident questions.

Council member Goff reported she met with representatives from the Anythink Library as part of the Homelessness Community Task Force regarding the possibility of partnering with the library to provide resources to people experiencing homelessness when the library reopens. Council member Goff reported on the Legislative Policy Committee. She stated the Colorado legislature will convene on Wednesday for three days and will then adjourn to mid-February to allow time for members to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Council member Goff reported on a transportation bill that Senator Faith Winter will be introducing when the session reconvenes, and provided information about the Regional Transportation District Accountability Board's recommendations for the bill.

Council member Duran Mullica reported she has been busy reviewing transportation legislation and stated many organizations are gearing up for the State's legislative session. Council member Duran Mullica reported on the Tri-County Elected Officials meeting and stated she

received updates on air quality projects, food access, and mental health.

Council member Downing reported on the Historic Preservation Commission. She stated the Commission will be starting the process for the survey of Deza Estates soon and will be working with the Communications Department to get information out to residents. Council member Downing reminded everyone the deadline for purchasing a brick at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in honor of a veteran is January 31, 2021. She stated bricks can be purchased online or by calling the Northglenn Community Foundation.

Council member Brown congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Willford on the addition to her family. She reported on the Youth Commission meeting last week and inquired about communicating information about the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club's food drive to residents. Council member Brown expressed her sympathy to the family of the resident who recently died in a house fire.

Council member Peterson reported he attended the Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Council member Peterson thanked the Northglenn Police Department for recognizing January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Council member Peterson reported he attended the virtual swearing-in ceremony for new Police Officers Alary, Carrazco, Lohmeyer, and Porta on December 22, 2020, and thanked the officers for joining the City of Northglenn.

Mayor Leighty reported on the Metro Mayors Caucus meeting and a discussion the group had with Governor Polis regarding COVID-19. Mayor Leighty reported she and Police Chief May attended a US Conference of Mayors meeting on January 7, and stated the meeting included reactions to the incidents at the U.S. Capitol the previous day. Mayor Leighty announced she recorded a new Mayor's Minute video addressing the tragic events at the Capitol.

Council member Brown inquired about precautions for City buildings and facilities in light of potential threats on the State Capitol. Police Chief May provided information about the Police Department's public safety plans related to Inauguration Day.

Council member Brown stated residents may be affected by a delay in unemployment benefits and encouraged residents to reach out to the City's Resource Navigator Jessica Hulse for assistance.

Staff

City Manager Geyer acknowledged Public Works and Communications staff for their efforts related to the repair of a water

main break on New Year's Eve. City Manager Geyer announced applications for the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board are due this Friday, January 15. She stated 34 applications have been received to date, and asked Council to submit their availability for interviews, which are scheduled to occur January 25 – February 5.

Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, provided information to Council on the State's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan, community testing resources, and vaccination plans for public safety and code enforcement employees. There were questions from Council regarding guidelines or protocol for the distribution of extra vaccines.

Mayor Leighty reminded Council to submit their videos to the Communications Department by tomorrow.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

November 2020 Report

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for November 2020. Mr. Loveland spoke about revenue and expenditures in the General Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund, Sanitation Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, and Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Loveland also reported on the City's cash reserves through November 30, 2020. Mr. Loveland addressed questions from Council regarding budget reductions and changes to programs and services related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Council asked to receive additional information showing reductions and service level changes for 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **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, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 21, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-1 – Designating Public Posting Places
- CR-4 – 2021 The Link IGA
- CR-5 – Acceptance of 2020 JAG Grant – Automated License Plate Recognition System
- CR-6 – Acceptance of 2020 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant
- CR-7 – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program Support

- CR-8 – Adams County Open Space Grant Support for “A Sustainable Path to Northglenn’s Trails and Waterways”

ORDINANCES –

First Reading:

CB-1965 – 2020 Model
Traffic Code Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CB-1965 on first reading.

Police Chief Jim May provided a summary of CB-1965.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council. There was no response.

Executive Session
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to adjourn to Executive Session 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.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor