

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 25, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, January 25, 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, 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 Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming January 2021 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of Northglenn. Northglenn Police Detective Rick Williams accepted the proclamation and spoke about the importance of preventing human trafficking.

PRESENTATIONS:

Update from Congressman Perlmutter's Office

Jeremy Rodriguez, Constituent Services Representative for Congressman Ed Perlmutter, provided an update from Congressman Perlmutter's Office. Mr. Rodriguez spoke about federal issues Congressman Perlmutter supports and addressed questions from Council regarding the use of executive orders instead of legislation and prioritizing transportation funding.

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 read an email from Donna Kochenower expressing a need for fencing improvements between the Don Anema Memorial Skate Park in E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and adjacent residential properties.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Witkovich reported on the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on January 12, and stated the Commission inquired about diversity training for boards and commissions. Council member Witkovich reported she attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on January 14 and the North Metro Fire Rescue District Board meeting on January 19, and noted the Fire District Board was appreciative of Northglenn having a designated representative in attendance at the meetings.

Council member Goff reported on the Colorado Communities for Climate Action meeting with state legislators to discuss potential legislation impacting electrification, vehicles, road usage taxes, and multi-modal transportation. Council member Goff reported she attended the Rangeview Library District Board meeting and noted libraries are planning to open to the public in early February.

Council member Esquibel reported he and Mayor Pro Tem Willford recently interviewed applicants for the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board and thanked staff for addressing resident concerns in Ward 4 in a timely manner.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she participated in the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee meeting to work on the League's policy statement. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she and Council member Esquibel held their first virtual Ward 4 meeting on January 14 and thanked staff for the information shared at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Willford spoke about questions from residents at the ward meeting regarding resources for people experiencing homelessness and information about incidents involving people experiencing homelessness. She stated City Manager Geyer sent an email asking about changing the policy for sharing information when a person experiencing homelessness dies in the city, and stated she would prefer to be notified in such cases in order to address concerns among residents who receive information from other sources. Mayor Pro Tem Willford thanked staff in advance for updates that will be shared with Council about the Homelessness Community Task Force's work. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported

Ward 4 received 19 applications for positions on the CCPP Advisory Board. She stated it was very difficult to narrow down the applicants, and suggested allowing more seats on the Board due to the level of interest from residents.

There was discussion about notification procedures and recent notification regarding a specific incident involving a deceased person at Croke Reservoir. There was discussion about changing the protocol for notification, providing Council with information to have in advance of receiving inquiries and comments from residents, and information that can be shared with Council. Some Council members suggested reviewing the procedures at a study session, contacting the City Manager for follow-up to incidents, or providing data similar to reports regarding residents affected by COVID-19. Mayor Leighty polled the Council and the majority of members present were not in favor of changing the current notification procedures.

Mayor Leighty reported the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership is working on a process to hire a new executive director. Mayor Leighty reported she attended the annual Metro Mayors Caucus retreat, an Adams County Council of Governments update, and a Mile High Flood District Board meeting.

Staff

City Manager Geyer provided a COVID-19 update to include information about a vaccination clinic for those 70 and older at the Adams County Conference Center in Brighton and stated more information may be obtained online or by calling 1-877-268-2926. City Manager Geyer stated quarterly updates on the work of the Homelessness Community Task Force and staff will be provided to Council. City Manager Geyer asked Council to let her or Communications staff know what residents are posting on social media, specifically Nextdoor. City Manager Geyer stated residents may call her cell phone or email her with questions at any time.

City Attorney Hoffmann addressed a question he received previously about whether the city could adopt an ordinance to prohibit flying the confederate flag on private property, and stated regulating such an action would be a violation of the 1st Amendment.

City Manager Geyer suggested handing the issue to the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board to determine if they could provide education or take other actions regarding the matter.

Note:

Mayor Pro Tem Willford left the meeting during Communications.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

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

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-9 – Municipal Judge Appointment – Amanda Bailhache
- CR-10 – Standley Lake Pipeline Joint Operating Committee Escrow Funding
- CR-11 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Removal, Hauling and Disposal
- CR-13 – Youth Commission Reappointment – Abhiyan Barailee
- CR-14 – Youth Commission Reappointment – Zen Kretsinger

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CB-1965 – 2020 Model
Traffic Code Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1965 and called for anyone wishing to speak “for” or “against” CB-1965. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –

Second Reading:

CB-1965 – 2020 Model
Traffic Code Amendment

MOTION TO PASS

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

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

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

ORDINANCES –

First Reading:

CB-1966 – Electric
Vehicle Ordinance
Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Goff to approve CB-1966 on first reading.

Police Chief Jim May provided a summary of CB-1966.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-3 – Microsoft
Enterprise Enrollment
Agreement

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Goff to approve CR-3.

Bob Lehr, Director of Information Technology, provided a summary
of CR-3.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

Note:

Mayor Pro Tem Willford rejoined the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

CR-12 – 2021 Capital
Equipment Purchases

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Peterson to approve CR-12.

Kent Kisselman provided a summary of CR-12.

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 Phase 1
Implementation January
Update

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, provided an update on the Phase 1 implementation of the Civic Campus Project. She addressed the building and site components wrapping up for the season, provided an update on the timeline for selecting solar and furniture vendors, and stated the project is both on-schedule and within budget.

Village Greens Fencing –
Requested Information

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided Council with information regarding a request to install new fencing between the Don Anema Memorial Skate Park in E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and the adjacent residential properties in the Village Greens neighborhood. Mr. Svoboda addressed questions from Council regarding a new fence, city-maintained fences, and providing gate access through city-owned fences. It was the consensus of Council to review additional maps of the area and discuss the fence request at the Council strategic planning session on February 27, 2021.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

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

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor