

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 22, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, February 22, 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.

Special Recognition of former Mayor Donald E. Burback

Mayor Leighty honored former Mayor Don Burback who passed away on February 14, 2021. She stated Mayor Burback had served on the City Council for a total of 17 years as a Ward 1 council member and mayor and highlighted his many contributions to the community.

Members of Mayor Burback’s family spoke about his service to the community and their family, and thanked Mayor and City Council for the special recognition.

**RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY:**

None.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Introduction of Adams County Commissioner Lynn Baca

Adams County Commissioner Lynn Baca introduced herself to City Council. Commissioner Baca stated her platform during the recent election included transportation, parks, open space and outdoor recreation, building strong communities, and the economy. Commissioner Baca spoke about her County assignments and recognized the City of Northglenn’s efforts related to diversity in the community. Mayor and Council thanked Commissioner Baca and

stated they look forward to working with her.

Youth Commission  
Annual Report

Youth Commission members Abhiyan Barailee and Isaiah Salgado Rael presented the 2020 Annual Report to City Council. Abhiyan and Isaiah provided information about the Commission's activities, which included: community co-production policing research and discussion, race and equity training, voter registration support, virtual meetings, teen vaping, cold weather kits for people experiencing homelessness, goal setting, participation on the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Regional Transportation Youth Advisory Committee, and holiday fun. Mayor and Council thanked the Youth Commission for all of their great work this past year.

**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, provided an update on the Rotary Club's virtual food drive and stated \$365 has been raised to date. Mr. Alge stated flyers have been distributed at businesses in Northglenn and Thornton and updates are posted on the Rotary Club's Facebook page. Mr. Alge spoke about his visits to the agency partners the food drive supports and stated the Rotary Club is honored to assist the organizations in fighting hunger in Adams County.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**  
Council

Mayor Pro Tem Willford provided a report from the Legislative Policy Committee and stated the Committee took positions on the following bills: HB21-1030 – Expanding Peace Officers Mental Health Grant Program – Support; HB21-1071 – Ranked Choice Voting in Nonpartisan Elections – Support; HB21-1105 – Low-income Utility Payment Assistance Contributions – Support; HB21-1106 – Safe Storage of Firearms – Support; HB21-1117 – Local Government Authority Promote Affordable Housing Units – Support; HB21-1034 – Consumer Right to Use Natural Gas or Propane – Oppose; HB21-1075 – Replace the Term Illegal Alien – Support; and HB21-1011 – Multilingual Ballot Access for Voters. She stated the Committee will meet again on March 8, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she attended the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Policy Committee meeting and the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee meeting, and noted she shared information from both meetings with the Legislative Policy Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Willford announced she and Council member Esquibel will host a

virtual Ward 4 meeting on March 11, 2021 and stated the meeting will include an update on the Homelessness Community Task Force and ways residents can save energy and money.

Council member Duran Mullica announced she and Council member Goff will host a virtual Ward 3 meeting on March 6, 2021. She reported she attended the Regional Transportation District's special study session on the Northwest Rail project and a DRCOG meeting, and also participated in interviews for the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board.

Council member Goff stated she attended a Homelessness Community Task Force meeting on February 11, and reported several churches are interested in using their parking lots for safe parking spaces for people experiencing homelessness in vehicles. Council member Goff reported the City's Community Resource Navigator, Jessica Hulse, can provide bus passes or Lyft rides for individuals needing to go to the intake location in Brighton for the Severe Weather Activation Plan (SWAP) program, which provides hotel vouchers to people experiencing homelessness during cold weather. Council member Goff reported she attended the CC4CA Legislative Committee and noted the group took a position to oppose HB21-1034 – Consumer Right to Use Natural Gas or Propane and is co-sponsoring a climate hazards and resilience bill.

Council member Downing reported on the Historic Preservation Commission. She stated the group is working to incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusivity in a new mission statement and strategic plan, and has stated that working with the Planning Commission and City Council are priorities. Council member Downing reported she attended the CML Legislative Workshop, a Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board meeting, Planning Commission meeting, and the Saving Places Conference that focuses on historic preservation.

Council member Brown announced she and Council member Downing will host a virtual Ward 2 meeting on March 17, 2021, and asked residents in Ward 2 to continue to reach out to the Police Department to report incidents as necessary. Council member Brown reported she attended a Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority meeting and stated the Authority was appreciative of Council's support for the top priority projects recently presented to Council.

Council member Witkovich thanked Council member Downing for reporting on the Historic Preservation Commission meeting. She stated she attended a North Metro Fire Rescue District Board meeting on February 16 and stated the District's Operations Division provided

a year-end recap and year-end financials presentation. Council member Witkovich reported she attended the VALE Board meeting and stated the Board is considering whether to accept grant applications for 2022.

Council member Peterson reported he participated in interviews for the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board. He thanked Mayor Leighty and Council member Duran Mullica for their insight and camaraderie on the interviews, acknowledged the many qualified applicants and great civic interest in the process, and stated it is great to be building the special board for the City.

Mayor Leighty reported she attended Metro Mayors Caucus and Metro Flood District meetings. She noted the Metro Mayors Caucus group met with Senator Hickenlooper to hear about the work he is doing related to local government. Mayor Leighty thanked the Youth Commission and Amanda Peterson for their efforts, and thanked staff for their work to prepare the City Council retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2021. Mayor Leighty stated she is enjoying the book study of the Racial Healing Handbook and stated it was great to hear directly from residents during the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board interviews.

Staff

City Manager Geyer thanked the snow removal crews for their work during the recent storms. She announced a virtual community forum will be scheduled for the Deputy Police Chief recruitment and stated details will be provided to City Council and the community.

Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, provided information about the COVID-19 vaccine clinic scheduled at the Northglenn Senior Center on March 1, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. She stated 100 doses of the vaccine will be available and staff is hoping to reach seniors who do not have internet access to schedule other vaccine appointments. Ms. Venkatesh stated appointments can be reserved by calling 303-450-8801, and noted a waitlist will be created for use with other vaccine clinics that may become available.

City Clerk Small expressed condolences to the family of former Mayor Don Burback on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, and stated Mayor Burback's contributions to the City's archives over the years was greatly appreciated.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **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,  
Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-19 – Planning Commission Reappointment – Mindy Petter
- CR-22 – Assignment of Contract from Veris Environmental to Denali Water Solutions
- CR-23 – Colorado Legal Services Pilot Program Renewal
- CR-24 – Adams County Open Space Grant Support for Jaycee Ball Field Lights

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

CB-1967 – Heavy Truck  
Traffic Restrictions

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1967 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1967. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

CB-1968 – Define  
Economic Nexus and  
Update Methods for  
Collection and Remittance  
of Sales Tax

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1968 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1968. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –**

**Second Reading:**

CB-1967 – Heavy Truck  
Traffic Restrictions

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Peterson to approve CB-1967 on second reading.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CB-1967.

**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.

CB-1968 – Define  
Economic Nexus and  
Update Methods for  
Collection and Remittance  
of Sales Tax

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-1968 on second reading.

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a summary of CB-1968.

**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.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-20 – Community  
Co-Production Policing  
(CCPP) Advisory Board  
Appointments

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-20.

The following individuals recommended for appointment to the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board introduced themselves: Nicholas Walker, Dave Farley, Christina Sharkady, Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa, Abhiyan Barailee, Gerald Montour, Terri Thompson, Mathew O’Leary, Justin Lauck, Clay Cunningham, Kelli Lewis, and Ihsan Riahi.

**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.

CR-21 – 2021 Utility  
Emergency Response  
Contract Change Order #1

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-21.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-21.

**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.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

NGCC Master Plan  
Phase 1 Implementation  
February Update

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, provided an update on the new Recreation Center, Senior Center, and Theatre facility. She reported on the status of interior work, solar arrays, the furniture bid, and scheduling tours of the facility. Ms. Peterson stated staff is beginning to develop a plan for the grand opening of the facility and reported she will be providing updates on the project at the upcoming Ward 2 and Ward 3 meetings.

**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 8:47 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor