

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, April 12, 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, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

ABSENT Council member Peterson.

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:
Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month
Mayor Leighty read a proclamation proclaiming April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the City of Northglenn. Barbara Lyall, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Adams and Broomfield Counties, and Jennifer Kemps, Ralston House, accepted the proclamation.

National Volunteer Recognition Week
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming April 18-24, 2021 as National Volunteer Recognition Week in the City of Northglenn. Steve Austin accepted the proclamation on behalf of the volunteers who repair and refurbish bicycles for the City's Bike Donation Program.

PRESENTATIONS:
Adams 12 Fiber Network Project Update
Ash Mahajan, Adams 12 Chief Information & Technology Officer, thanked City Council for allowing the School District space for their project to provide internet connectivity for students and educators. Mr. Mahajan thanked the City for being an active partner with the

District for the project. Perry Movick, Adams 12 Infrastructure Engineering Manager, updated Council on the locations the project will directly benefit and spoke about a subsequent agreement with the City to provide fiber network services as part of the project.

Update from U.S. Senator
Bennet's Office

Mike Washington, Director of Denver Metro Outreach, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for U.S. Senator Bennet's Office, provided an update on Senator Bennet's activities related to the federal American Rescue Plan, American Family Act, and American Jobs Plan. Mr. Washington provided information about processes to submit direct earmarking requests to the State's representatives.

Regional Transportation
District (RTD) Update

Vince Buzek, RTD Board Secretary and District J Director, introduced new RTD General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Debra Johnson. Ms. Johnson stated she understands there are concerns regarding the N Line promotional fare and communication efforts to alert riders of delayed or missed trips. She provided information about her plans to address the issues, which include a new e-newsletter starting April 15, a virtual meeting on April 29 to address issues related to the N Line, improving trip information, and conducting a fare analysis. Ms. Johnson stated she will be touring Northglenn on May 16 and spoke about relief funding to continue service delivery. Council thanked Mr. Buzek and Ms. Johnson for their efforts, provided information about their specific concerns related to the N Line fares, and stated they look forward to the equity fare analysis.

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, reported the Rotary Club's first virtual food drive raised \$3,000 to benefit the Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Bank, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Food Bank, Thornton Community Food Bank, and Food for Hope. He stated the Rotary Club will match the donations to provide a total of \$6,000 to the four organizations. Mr. Alge reported the Rotary Club participated in the Farmers Highline Canal Cleanup Project on March 27, and stated they are currently working on plans for the Duck Derby this summer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Witkovich reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and stated the Board received cost estimates for work at Croke Reservoir as recommended by the Croke Reservoir Subcommittee. She stated the Subcommittee will present the recommendations to Council next month and the group would like to know what kind of enforcement and/or support Council would like to see for people experiencing homelessness at the reservoir.

Council member Downing reported on the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation meeting, and stated the Foundation wanted to assure Council that a plaque honoring former Mayor Don Parsons will be installed at the new theatre facility.

Council member Brown reported she received her second COVID-19 vaccine shot. She thanked the Denver North Islamic Center for hosting a vaccine clinic for the community and stated they were happy to have vaccination stickers to give to participants.

Council member Goff reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting. She stated the Committee considered a proposed bill position policy and noted the policy will be reviewed at the study session next Monday. Council member Goff reported the Committee took positions of support on the following bills: HB21-1235 – Regulation of Fireworks; and HB21-1253 – Renewable and Clean Energy Project Grants.

Council member Goff reported she participated in a Problem Based Learning (PBL) panel at Northglenn High School regarding citizen engagement. Council member Goff reported she attended a Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) legislative committee meeting on March 31 where the large transportation bill was discussed, and noted she also attended the CC4CA policy committee meeting.

Council member Duran Mullica spoke about a call she received from a resident regarding a lack of snow removal in commercial areas preventing people using wheelchairs from accessing sidewalks. Council member Duran Mullica spoke about how businesses and apartment buildings not removing snow can impact people using wheelchairs and asked if this is an issue that staff could evaluate.

City Manager Geyer stated the City has made great strides with snow removal, and if Council would like staff to look into options regarding the issue, she will need time to talk with staff.

There were questions regarding snow removal regulations and the importance of providing safe routes for pedestrians. It was the consensus of Council to direct staff to explore options to address the snow removal issues presented by Council member Duran Mullica.

Council member Witkovich announced that she and Council member Peterson will host a virtual Ward 1 meeting on Thursday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. and stated more information is available on northglenn.org.

Council member Esquibel read a statement about his education, military service, service to his local communities, and his election to represent the residents of Ward 4 in the City of Northglenn. He spoke about his accomplishments, including a scholarship program for students, and the work that has made him feel proud during his tenure. Council member Esquibel stated he and his wife have decided to move to Salt Lake City, Utah to be closer to family, and announced he will be resigning his position on Council on June 11, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she participated in a PBL panel at Northglenn High School related to homelessness and stated it was a great event. She reported she will be attending a Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee meeting this Friday, and noted that Council member Goff will be attending CC4CA meetings in her place when her newborn arrives. Mayor Pro Tem Willford spoke about a call she received regarding homelessness concerns.

Mayor Leighty reported she participated in the tours of the new recreation facility. Mayor Leighty reported she and City Manager Geyer met with Senator Hickenlooper's Office and noted it will become a regular meeting. Mayor Leighty spoke about COVID-19 vaccines and encouraged anyone needing an appointment to reach out to the City.

Staff

City Clerk Small acknowledged Council member Esquibel's resignation and service to the City, and wished him and his family well.

City Attorney Hoffmann acknowledged Council member Esquibel's persistence regarding the use of "illegal alien" when referring to people, and noted the timeliness of the passage of HB21-1075, which will replace the term "illegal alien" with "worker without authorization."

City Manager Geyer provided information about the tour with RTD General Manager Debra Johnson and stated the tour has been coordinated with Thornton to occur on May 14. City Manager Geyer reported she attended the Citizens' Affairs Board meeting to provide information about snow removal, and thanked the community

members who attended the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board's listening session that same evening. City Manager Geyer reported the Croke Reservoir Subcommittee will present their recommendations to Council on May 17, and thanked Council member Esquibel for his support and steady presence on Council.

FINANCIAL REPORT

February 2021 Update

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending February 28, 2021. 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. Mr. Loveland addressed questions from Council regarding investment earnings in the Sanitation Fund.

CONSENT AGENDA **MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **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, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Peterson.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- March 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-2 – Adams County Severe Weather Activation Plan (SWAP) Program IGA
- CR-37 – Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority Reappointment – Rosie Garner
- CR-39 – 2021 Recycling Services
- CR-41 – Drought Mitigation and Response Plan Adoption

ORDINANCES –

Emergency:

CB-1970 – Food Delivery
Fee Cap Emergency
Ordinance Extension

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Downing to approve CB-1970 on first and final reading.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CB-1970.

MOTION PASSED

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

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-38 – 2021
Residential & Arterial
Street Programs

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Brown to approve CR-38.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of
CR-38.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Downing, Brown,
Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Peterson.

CR-40 – CDOT Traffic
Signal Upgrade IGA

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Downing to approve CR-40.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of
CR-40.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Downing, Brown,
Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Peterson.

CR-42 – Phase 1
Drought Declaration –
Voluntary Restrictions

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Goff to approve CR-42.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of
CR-42.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Downing, Brown,
Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Peterson.

CR-43 – VTI Security
Contingency Authorization

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Brown to approve CR-43.

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural
Services, provided a summary of CR-43.

MOTION PASSED

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

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 9:14 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor