

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 26, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, April 26, 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, and Duran Mullica.

**ABSENT**

Council member Esquibel arrived at 7:10 p.m.

**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:**

Council member Duran Mullica asked to remove CR-46 – School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding from the consent agenda.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

National Day of Prayer

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 6, 2021 as a National Day of Prayer in the City of Northglenn.

National Small Business Week

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 2-8, 2021 as National Small Business Week in the City of Northglenn. Diane Mapes, owner of Office Evolution Metro North, accepted the proclamation on behalf of all small businesses in the City.

**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. There was no response.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council

Council member Goff reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting. She stated the Committee is anticipating the large

transportation bill to be introduced soon and reported the Governor has signed two bills the City supported: HB21-1106 – Safe Storage of Firearms and HB21-1075 – Replace the Term Illegal Alien. Council member Goff reported the Committee took a position of support on SB21-242 – Housing Development Grants Hotels Tenancy Support Program, and decided to monitor the following bills: SB21-238 – Create Front Range Passenger Rail District; SB21-246 – Electric Utility Promote Beneficial Electrification; and HB21-1286 – Energy Performance for Buildings.

Council member Peterson reported on the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Board’s inaugural meeting. He stated the CCPP Board will meet on consecutive Tuesdays for the next couple of months to receive training and information on a variety of topics.

Council member Witkovich reported on the Historic Preservation Commission meeting. She stated the Commission is planning to adopt their new strategic plan in June and has decided to host the Olde Fashioned Christmas event in December. Council member Witkovich reported on the Ward 1 meeting she and Council member Peterson hosted on April 15, and reported on the North Metro Fire Rescue District Board meeting. She reported that Fire Chief Ramos was impressed with the City’s fireworks enforcement and Director Long suggested the City receive a presentation on fire sprinkler safety. Council member Witkovich reported she and Council member Peterson were informed by Northglenn Youth Incorporated that Northglenn High School senior Jessica Tomshack was the recipient of a \$5,000 scholarship from the organization. Council member Witkovich elevated the idea of City Council participating in more diversity training.

Council member Brown reported the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority purchased the property near 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Washington Street. Council member Brown reported on the Youth Commission meeting and stated they are working to create a website resource list for youth in the community.

Council member Goff reported on the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board meeting. She stated City Clerk Small attended the meeting to provide the Board information about boards and commissions and local elections. She stated the Board will host the first annual Pride event in June and reported the Health Equity Subcommittee is working to notify the public to contact the Senior Center to find COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Council member Goff reported she attended a Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) meeting on April 21 and stated bills concerning the

environment were discussed. She reported she attended the Anythink Library District Board meeting and reported on safety measures installed at library branches, non-traditional resources available to patrons, and upcoming programs. Council member Goff congratulated Northglenn High School senior Lizz Decanini for receiving a scholarship from Northglenn Youth Incorporated.

Council member Duran Mullica reported on the Regional Transportation District's limited 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue flex ride service that will be expanded to seven days to provide more transportation service to those needing access to 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Council member Duran Mullica reported she attended the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) retreat to discuss the organization's mission, transit mobility needs, expanding the NATA region, and the Front Range passenger rail project. Council member Duran Mullica reported she and Council member Goff will host an in-person Ward 3 meeting on May 26, 2021.

Council member Esquibel congratulated Northglenn resident Lily Cunis for receiving a scholarship from Northglenn Youth Incorporated. Council member Esquibel spoke about the change in state law to replace the words "illegal alien" with "unauthorized worker" as it relates to public contracts for services.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she attended the NATA retreat and the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee meeting, and noted CML's positions on legislation are consistent with the positions taken by the City's Legislative Policy Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Willford congratulated Lily Cunis on her scholarship award and recognized Lily's volunteer service to the City of Northglenn. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she and Council member Esquibel will host a virtual Ward 4 meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2021 and encouraged residents to attend.

Mayor Leighty reported she attended a Metro Mayors meeting and a meeting of the Mile High Flood District Board. Mayor Leighty reported she attended the first CCPP Board meeting and stated it is a great group of diverse members. Mayor Leighty reported she has received a lot of questions from Thornton residents regarding the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant and thanked staff for providing factual information in response to the inquiries. Mayor Leighty spoke about resident concerns regarding speeding, traffic enforcement, safety in school zones, and roadway conditions.

Staff

City Manager Geyer asked if Council would like to move forward with more diversity training as suggested by Council member

Witkovich. It was the consensus of Council to schedule additional training. City Manager Geyer reported a diversity workshop for boards and commissions will be held this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., and announced COVID-19 vaccine appointments are available for a clinic at City Hall on April 28 by calling 303-450-8801. City Manager Geyer reported that staff is organizing an educational hate crimes forum in coordination with the Police Department, District Attorney's Office, Department of Homeland Security, and Federal Bureau of Investigations to be held in June.

City Clerk Small reported on History Colorado's online roundtable event scheduled for Wednesday, April 28 regarding the recent release of membership ledgers associated with white supremacy groups in Colorado, and stated she attended the last DISE Board meeting to provide information about boards and commissions, local election processes, and the City's 2019 ballot question regarding gender-neutral language in the City Charter.

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

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Duran Mullica 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:

- April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-44 – Traffic Signal Upgrade Project Purchase Orders
- CR-45 – Youth Commission Reappointment – Ben Cathcart
- CR-47 – Adams County Sheriff's Office Mutual Aid Agreement for Speed Enforcement Saturation Patrols
- CR-48 – CPS HR Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Employee Training

**ITEMS REMOVED**  
**FROM CONSENT**  
**AGENDA:**

CR-46 – School  
Resource Officer  
Memorandum of  
Understanding

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Downing to approve CR-46.

**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.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-49 – NGCC  
Phase 1 Furniture  
Vendor 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-49.

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural  
Services, provided a summary of CR-49.

**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-50 – Retail Tobacco  
Licensing Fees

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve CR-50.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CR-50.

**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  
April Update

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural  
Services, provided an update on Phase 1 of the Civic Center Master  
Plan. Ms. Peterson provided information on the theatre construction,  
solar array extension, furniture and fixtures, and efforts in preparation  
to transition from the current facility to the new facility.

2021 Council  
Communications

Diana Wilson, Director of Communications, provided a recap of communication activities in 2020, new communication efforts in 2021, and future activities for the three-year Communications and Engagement Plan. There was discussion about online engagement and social media response, Council member Connection articles, Telephone Town Halls, Ward tour videos, and hybrid meetings.

City Council Ward 4  
Vacancy Process

City Clerk Small presented a proposed timeline for the process to fill the upcoming Ward 4 Council vacancy that will be created by Council member Esquibel's resignation on June 11, 2021. There was discussion and it was the consensus of Council to schedule interviews with the Ward 4 applicants on June 14, 2021 and to call a special meeting for June 21, 2021 to appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

City Attorney Hoffmann presented options for the election of two Ward 4 Council members in November, one to fill a four-term term and one to fill a two-year term in order to keep the terms staggered. Option 1, which is currently authorized and follows statutory guidance, would elect two Ward 4 positions separately with two candidate questions on the ballot. Option 2, which would require the Council to adopt a special ordinance to authorize the process, would elect two positions with one candidate question. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes would receive the four-year term and the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes would receive the two-year term.

There was discussion about the two options and it was the consensus of Council to have City Attorney Hoffmann prepare a draft ordinance authorizing Option 2 for further discussion at the May 10, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

**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 Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to adjourn to Executive Session 1) pursuant to Section 4.5(e) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for litigation; and 2) pursuant to Section 4.5(g) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for negotiations regarding the implementation of Phase 2 of the Civic Center Master Plan.

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 9:55  
p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor