

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 24, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, May 24, 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, Council members Peterson, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.
ABSENT	Mayor Pro Tem Willford and Council member Witkovich.
STAFF PRESENT	City Manager Geyer, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
<u>RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY:</u>	None.
<u>AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:</u>	Council member Goff requested CR-58 – Letter of Support for Xcel Energy’s Colorado Clean Energy Plan to be removed from the consent agenda.
<u>PRESENTATIONS:</u> Youth Commission Quarterly Report	Youth Commission members Meera Bipin, Nazly Soufiani, and outgoing member Lily Cunis provided a quarterly report to Council on the following topics: DRCOG Regional Transportation Plan Youth Advisory Committee, youth resources web page development, membership and officer elections, summer meeting schedule, and upcoming projects.
Recognition of Council member Antonio B. Esquibel	Council member Esquibel was recognized for his service to the City in advance of his resignation from his Ward 4 Council seat. U.S. Congressman Ed Perlmutter recognized Council member Esquibel for his service and presented him with the Republic of Vietnam Commemorative Medal. Chris Gdowski, Adams 12 Five Star Schools Superintendent, Board of Education President Kathy Plomer, and Board of Education Member Lori Goldstein recognized Council member Esquibel for his service and his contributions to the School District and students who have received scholarships from Council member Esquibel. The Mayor, Council members, and City staff thanked Council member Esquibel for his service and wished him well.

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 played a voicemail from Sarah Woodson regarding CB-1971 – Authorizing Marijuana Delivery. Ms. Woodson spoke in favor of CB-1971 and requested an amendment to the ordinance to waive the fees for transporters as a social equity initiative.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Council

Council member Peterson reported on the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board and stated the members are meeting to receive training and information weekly. Council member Peterson reported he attended ribbon cutting events for New Era Jiu Jitsu Academy, VidaCare Home Services, and Allie Johnson Speech Therapy.

Council member Peterson reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting and noted the state legislative session is scheduled to end on June 12, 2021. Council member Peterson stated the Committee took a position of support on SB21-260 – Sustainability of the Transportation System (Transportation Funding) and provided information about several bills that would impact the City. Council member Peterson reported the Committee reviewed legislative protocol and stated the protocol will be brought to the entire Council for discussion at a future meeting.

Council member Downing reported on the Planning Commission and stated the group is putting the final touches on the Comprehensive Plan. Council member Downing spoke about a historic preservation meeting with the granddaughter of Frank Batting, who operated a dairy farm near 104th Avenue and Huron Street before the City was developed and noted Mr. Batting's great-grandson works for the Northglenn Police Department. Council member Downing reported she attended a production of Sleeping Beauty at the Parsons Theatre and stated it was a great performance.

Council member Brown thanked State Representative Kyle Mullica for legislation to protect elected officials from harassment. Council member Brown reported on her daughter's medical condition and inquired about legislative protocol.

Council member Goff reported she attended two meetings of the Colorado Communities for Climate Action and stated the group is currently working on their policy agenda. Council member Goff reported on the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board

meeting and stated they are working to prepare a quarterly update for Council. Council member Goff reported on the Rangeview Library District/Anythink Libraries and noted the Huron library branch will soon offer record players and vinyl records for check-out. Council member Goff reported the Homelessness Community Task Force met and noted Northglenn churches are working to offer a safe parking lot space for people experiencing homelessness and to participate in the Cold Weather Care program.

Council member Duran Mullica reported she attended a tour with Regional Transportation District General Manager Debra Johnson and thanked staff for their work on the tour. Council member Duran Mullica reported she and her family attended the Fishing Derby and stated it was a great event. She reported she attended Sleeping Beauty at the Parsons Theatre and stated youth theatre is a great program for residents. She reported she attended the I-270 stakeholder meeting and announced she and Council member Goff will host an in-person Ward 3 meeting on Wednesday, May 26. Council member Duran Mullica reported an N Line public meeting will be held on June 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for the public to provide feedback on the N Line and transportation services.

Council member Esquibel reported he attended the Northglenn Senior Organization meeting and stated the group expressed their thanks for being able to continue virtual programming during the pandemic. Council member Esquibel recognized and thanked his wife, Deborah, for her support while he has served on the City Council.

Mayor Leighty reported she attended the Metro Mayors Caucus Housing, Hunger and Homelessness Committee meeting and the Metro Mayors Caucus meeting, which included a presentation on electric vehicles and a discussion about street racing metro-wide. Mayor Leighty reported she attended the ribbon-cutting events and stated it was great to see small business owners. Mayor Leighty reported she attended the Food for Hope fundraising dinner and the Public Works Week Open House and stated both events were great.

Staff

City Clerk Small announced that the application period for the Ward 4 City Council vacancy opened on May 20 and will close on Friday, June 4, 2021. She stated more information about the vacancy and appointment opportunity is available online or by contacting the City Clerk's Office.

City Manager Geyer provided information about staff's initiative to establish organizational core values and reported a hate crimes forum will be held on June 10, 2021 both virtually and in-person at the Maintenance and Operations Facility.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Witkovich.

The following item was approved on the consent agenda:

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ITEMS REMOVED
FROM CONSENT
AGENDA

CR-58 – Letter of
Support for Xcel
Energy’s Colorado
Clean Energy Plan

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-58.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Peterson, Downing, Brown, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - Goff, Duran Mullica.

ABSENT - Willford, Witkovich.

ORDINANCES –
FIRST READING:

CB-1971 – Authorizing
Marijuana Delivery

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Downing to approve CB-1971 on first reading.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CB-1971.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - Esquibel.

ABSENT - Willford, Witkovich.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-57 – Contract for
Architect and Engineering
Services for Phase 2 of the
Civic Center Project

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-57.

Eric Ensey, Senior Planner, provided a summary of CR-57.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Witkovich.

CR-59 – 2021
Personnel Summary
Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-59.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-59.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Witkovich.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NGCC Phase 1
Implementation May
Update

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services, provided an update on the implementation of Phase 1 of the Civic Center Project. She updated Council on the work being done in the theatre, pool, and gym areas and provided photos of the progress.

**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 9:55 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor