

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, July 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 Peterson, Downing, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Lukeman-Hiromasa.

ABSENT Council members Witkovich and Brown.

STAFF PRESENT Acting City Manager Venkatesh, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY:
Sidewalk on Melody Drive Acting City Manager Rupa Venkatesh provided information about a heaved sidewalk a resident had inquired about through a City Council member on Melody Drive near the Marketplace. Ms. Venkatesh stated Public Works crews are working with the City’s on-call contractor to repair the sidewalk.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

PROCLAMATIONS:
Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming July 26, 2021 as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in the City of Northglenn. Jordan Sibayan, Jacqueline Mitchell, and Dawn Russell, from the Atlantis ADAPT organization, accepted the proclamation. Jordan, Jacqueline, and Dawn thanked City Council for the proclamation and provided information about their work to serve seniors and people with disabilities in congregate care facilities to move to independent living.

PRESENTATIONS:
Dedicated Service Award
Mayor Leighty recognized David Swayze for his service to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. City Council thanked Mr. Swayze

for his participation in community events and his service as a member of the Parks Board.

**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 voice mails from Mark Bromley regarding safety concerns at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and CR-67 – Partners in Energy – Energy Action Plan Phase 2 MOU Extension. Mr. Bromley suggested using a bicycle patrol in E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and spoke about energy options for residents in Colorado.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Council

Council member Peterson reported the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board will be meeting next Tuesday in preparation for the Community Listening Session on Thursday, July 15. Council member Peterson announced that he and Council member Witkovich will host a Ward 1 meeting on Wednesday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m. He stated the meeting will be held in-person at Larson Park and will include the No Need for Speed program and an open forum for residents.

Council member Downing reported she has been participating in the National League of Cities' Small Cities meetings regarding the American Rescue Plan and new economic trends. Council member Downing reported the Historic Preservation Commission will be meeting tomorrow and will receive an update on the Deza Estates survey. She encouraged anyone wanting to know more about the survey to attend the meeting in Council Chambers.

Council member Goff commended staff and the City Council members who participated in the Racial Healing Handbook book review. Council member Goff spoke about diversity and stated she was pleased the folks from Atlantis ADAPT joined the meeting to accept the Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day proclamation tonight. Council member Goff reported she and Council member Duran Mullica met with staff and a resident about concerns in E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park. She thanked all of the residents who participated in the Town Hall meeting and encouraged residents to reach out to the City in various ways. Council member Goff reported she attended the Classic Car Show on July 4 and received feedback from residents in favor of the smaller events throughout the City. She reported she attended the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and thanked everyone who volunteers their time for the City.

Council member Duran Mullica reported the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Accountability Committee approved their final recommendation, which included fare structures and passes, increasing transparency, providing data options on the RTD website, and establishing regional subcommittees. She provided information about the next steps and stated it was a great effort by the Committee.

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she and Mayor Pro Tem Willford hosted a Ward 4 meeting and thanked City staff for their efforts at the meeting. Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa stated she and Mayor Pro Tem Willford are currently reviewing applicants for the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board Ward 4 Member position, and invited everyone to participate in the CCPP Listening Session on Thursday, July 15 at 5:30 p.m. Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she toured facilities with staff to learn more about the City's water system, public works operations, and economic development activities.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she attended the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner last Wednesday. She stated it was great to thank the City's volunteers in-person and noted they volunteered over 10,000 hours to the City during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported on the Ward 4 meeting and thanked staff and the residents for attending. Mayor Pro Tem Willford stated the applicants they are reviewing for the CCPP Ward 4 member are great and she and Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa will select an individual to be appointed to fill the position at the next Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Willford commended Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa for her work to hit the ground running on City Council.

Mayor Leighty echoed Council member Goff's comments regarding the book study involving staff and Council members and stated it was a great experience. Mayor Leighty thanked the Police Department for their efforts on July 4 and stated the Classic Car Show and park events were great. Mayor Leighty reported she attended a Metro Mayors meeting with Bandimere Speedway and provided information about efforts to invite street racers to Bandimere every Wednesday instead of racing their vehicles on public streets. Mayor Leighty reported she was elected to serve on the Metro Mayors' Executive Committee and will be attending her first meeting this Thursday. Mayor Leighty pleaded with everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Staff

Acting City Manager Venkatesh reminded Council that City Manager Geyer is out of the office until July 19, 2021.

City Clerk Small reported the City Clerk's Office resumed accepting passport applications last week and stated appointments for passport

services can be made on the City’s website or by calling 303-450-8756.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

May 2021 Update

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending May 31, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **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, Peterson, Downing, Goff, Duran
Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich, Brown.

The following item was approved on the consent agenda:

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CB-1972 – Supplemental
Appropriation

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1972 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1972.

There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

CB-1973 – Create of a
Religious Buffer Zone

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1973 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1973.

City Clerk Small played a voice mail from Mark Bromley regarding CB-1973. Mr. Bromley stated he was confused by the proposed ordinance, expressed concern about the distance requirements and how they could impact properties near religious facilities, and suggested the ordinance be rewritten.

Mayor Leighty called for anyone else wishing to speak on CB-1973. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

CB-1974 – Cold
Weather Care Building
Code Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1974 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1974.

City Clerk Small played a voice mail from Mark Bromley regarding CB-1974. Mr. Bromley spoke about building codes and fire suppression equipment and inquired about the City’s role in enforcing building codes.

Mayor Leighty called for anyone else wishing to speak on CB-1974. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –
SECOND READING:
CB-1972 – Supplemental
Appropriation

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Downing to approve CB-1972 on second reading.

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a summary of CB-1972.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Peterson, Downing, Goff, Duran
Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich, Brown.

CB-1973 – Create of a
Religious Buffer Zone

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-1973 on second reading.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided a summary of CB-1973.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Peterson, Downing, Goff, Duran
Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich, Brown.

CB-1974 – Cold
Weather Care Building
Code Amendment

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-1974 on second reading.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CB-1974.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Peterson, Downing, Goff, Duran
Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich, Brown.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-67 – Partners in
Energy – Energy
Action Plan Phase 2
MOU Extension

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-67.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided a summary of CR-67.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Peterson, Downing, Goff, Duran
Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich, Brown.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial
Park Safety Concerns

Acting City Manager Venkatesh presented information to City Council about E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and asked for feedback regarding safety concerns at the park.

There was discussion about how to address the issues from park users and neighbors of the park, whether real or perceived, and whether the issues are safety concerns or cleanliness issues. There was discussion about educating the public about rules, resources, and activities allowed in public parks, implementing a Leave No Trace program, and increasing staff and budget resources to address the issues. Council inquired about safety concerns in parks citywide and the replacement schedule for park playground equipment.

Police Chief Jim May suggested that extra lighting, cameras, and extra patrols during the summer months may increase safety and not require more staff. Council inquired about 2021 data for calls for service and increasing maintenance due to the park's high usage. Council suggested surveying park users, budgeting additional funds in subsequent years to maintain the park at a level to match the new recreation center and civic center properties, walking the park themselves to obtain input firsthand from the public, having the CCPP Board walk the parks, and installing permanent dog waste bag stations.

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services, provided information about staffing levels, capital improvement projects, park cleanliness and maintenance, safety concerns, and a proposed Parks Master Plan update in 2022, which includes a public engagement component and needs assessment.

Ms. Venkatesh stated staff will bring this item back to Council with additional information to include 2021 data and updates on potential solutions to address issues in E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.

**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 9:21 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor