

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 28, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present were: Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Willford, Council members Witkovich, Jaramillo, Duran Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Brown, and Walker.

ABSENT Council member Goff.

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.

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 voice mail from resident Mark Bromley. Mr. Bromley spoke about workforce housing, the Civic Center plan, and crime in the City.

City Clerk Small read an email from Holly Osgood expressing concern about the process for naming the former Justice Center West Park in honor of former Mayor Odell Barry.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Council Council member Walker reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting and stated the Committee reviewed the following bills: HB22-1151 – Turf Replacement Program; HB22-1242 – Regulate Tiny Homes Manufacture Sale and Install; HB22-1258 – Essential Services for Youth Special Districts; HB22-1152 – Prohibit Employer Adverse Action Marijuana Use; and HB22-1138 – Reduce Employee Single-occupancy Vehicle Trips.

Council member Walker provided an update on the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee meeting and stated the

group discussed several pieces of proposed legislation including: HB22-1142 – Alcohol Beverages Extended Service Hours Permit; HB22-1064 – Prohibit Flavored Tobacco Regulate Synthetic Nicotine; a recall elections bill that has yet to be introduced; and a bill regarding net-zero buildings.

Council member Jaramillo reported he participated in a sculpture selection committee meeting with the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation for the Art on Parade program. He reported he attended ribbon cutting events for Spot Wash on Pearl and Polaris Law Group and stated it was nice to see the new businesses.

Council member Duran Mullica reported on the North I-25 and 84th Coalition Subgroup meeting and stated they discussed transportation issues with Colorado Department of Transportation employees. She stated officials are aware of the traffic issues residents experience on I-25 near the 84th Avenue Park and Ride facility and work is being done to address the concerns. Council member Duran Mullica announced she will be vacating her Ward 3 Council seat effective April 21, 2022 because she and her family will be moving to Thornton. She thanked her fellow Council members and staff, and stated she will treasure the connections she has made in the community.

Council member Brown acknowledged Council member Duran Mullica for her service on City Council and stated she will be missed. Council member Brown stated her thoughts are with the people of Ukraine and stated she will forward resources for donations to help residents of Ukraine to City Manager Geyer. Council member Brown reported she has received inquiries from eleven residents over the course of the last week expressing concern about transparency in the process for the naming of Odell Barry Park. Council member Brown encouraged Council to hold itself accountable for transparency in processes to improve relationships with residents. Council member Brown stated she will attend meetings in person when she is able to drive at night and reported she will be attending a virtual meeting of the Planning Commission tomorrow.

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa announced her family has a new grandbaby. Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa thanked Council member Duran Mullica for her service on City Council and stated she will be missed.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford expressed appreciation to Council member Duran Mullica for her efforts to work for residents while on City Council. She stated she will miss her and is excited for her future. Mayor Pro Tem Willford thanked Council member Walker for covering for her at the CML Policy Committee meeting last week.

Council member Walker stated he appreciates everything Council member Duran Mullica’s family has done for the City and she will be missed on City Council.

Mayor Leighty thanked Police Officer Miller and others at the Justice Center for their help with a tour for STEM School fourth graders last week, and stated she enjoyed being able to present information about City laws to the students. Mayor Leighty reported she filmed the last Mayor’s Monthly Minute video at the Maintenance and Operations facility and stated it was great to learn more about the facility. Mayor Leighty thanked Council member Brown for elevating the number of residents who reached out to her regarding the park naming process and stated she would like to meet and hear from the residents who have concerns. Mayor Leighty spoke about whether there is a welcoming environment in Council Chambers and how residents are encouraged to bring their concerns to Council. Mayor Leighty addressed comments made earlier during the public invited to be heard portion of the meeting and expressed concern about false claims. She clarified that Council is not advocating for a strip mall on the Civic Center property and stated the use of the terms “slave housing” is offensive. She encouraged residents to reach out to Council and attend meetings in person to inquire about issues.

Staff

City Manager Geyer thanked Council member Duran Mullica for her service on City Council and stated she is sad to see her go.

Council member Brown inquired about Mark Bromley’s concerns regarding painted logos in E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park. City Manager Geyer clarified the markings were painted City logo stencils installed by the City to celebrate Pride Month. She stated she has directed staff to remove the paint from the sidewalk and she will let Council know when the removal of the logos has been completed.

City Attorney Hoffmann stated that, based on Council member Duran Mullica’s April 21 resignation date, Council has until May 21 to fill the upcoming vacancy and noted the vacancy process may be started in advance of April 21. City Attorney Hoffmann announced that Council will be receiving a memorandum regarding the City opting out of the State’s Family and Caregiver Leave Program, which requires 180 days’ notice and must be completed by the end of June.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **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, Jaramillo, Duran
Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Brown, Walker.
OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Goff.

The following item was approved on the consent agenda:

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ORDINANCES –
FIRST READING:

CB-1979 – Supplemental
Appropriation

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Duran Mullica **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve CB-1979 on first reading.

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a summary of CB-1979.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Jaramillo, Duran
Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Goff.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Dolly Parton Imagination
Library Program Update

Roger Gudenkauf, Westminster Rotary Club, presented an update on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. Mr. Gudenkauf provided survey results regarding the reading activity of children before and after enrolling in the program and the number of Northglenn children served by the program, and requested \$5,000 from the City to continue the program for Northglenn children in 2022.

Mr. Gudenkauf addressed questions from Council regarding the funding request and promoting the program at daycares. There was Council consensus for staff to bring back a resolution to approve a \$5,000 donation to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program in 2022 and to include \$7,000 in the 2023 budget to support the program.

Paid Family and Caregiver
Leave Policy Update

Tamara Dixon, Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer, presented an update on the City's Paid Family and Caregiver Leave Policy. Ms. Dixon addressed questions from Council regarding the paid leave benefit and stated the City's policy benefits employees more than the State's program would under the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act.

Homelessness Update

Jessica Hulse, Crisis Response Unit Program Manager, and Jamie Schledewitz, Community Resource Navigator, presented an update

on efforts related to the issue of homelessness in the City. Ms. Hulse provided data on the Winter Housing Program and requested Council consensus to reallocate \$15,000 from the Severe Weather Activation Plan (SWAP) program to the Denver Rescue Mission to assist Winter Housing Program participants through a rental assistance program.

Staff addressed questions from Council regarding the Winter Housing Program, the Point-in-Time survey, case management opportunities, the rental assistance program, and opportunities to assist individuals experiencing homelessness next winter. There was Council consensus for staff to proceed with reallocating \$15,000 to the Denver Rescue Mission for a rental assistance program.

Northglenn Police
Department Public
Safety Presentation

Police Chief May and Deputy Police Chief Darlin presented public safety information to City Council. Staff addressed questions regarding increased crime, reporting suspected criminal activity, Police Department staffing, and community policing. Council requested to receive data on the three-year average of crime statistics.

Police Chief May stated the presentation would be made to residents at City Council ward meetings this year and invited all Council members to attend the upcoming Police Department banquet.

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 Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Duran Mullica to adjourn to Executive Session: 1) pursuant to Section 4.5(g) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for negotiations regarding the temporary cold weather shelter; 2) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding litigation; 3) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding the Rangeview Library District; and 4) pursuant to Section 4.5(a) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for personnel matters regarding a City Manager performance check-in.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Jaramillo, Duran
Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Goff.

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ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at
10:18 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor