

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 11, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present were Mayor Leighty, Council members Witkovich, Jaramillo, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Goff, Brown, and Walker.

ABSENT Mayor Pro Tem Willford.

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.

PRESENTATIONS:
United Power Capital Credit Check
Brian Blehm, United Power Community Affairs Representative, provided information about the United Power cooperative and presented Council with the City’s capital credit check for \$5,070.30.

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.

Jeannie Nelson, 11701 Grant Street, spoke to Council about the pedestrian tunnel under I-25. Ms. Nelson stated she and her neighbor do not feel safe walking through the tunnel and she has spoken with women experiencing homelessness who also do not feel safe walking through the tunnel due its condition. Ms. Nelson stated there are feces, blood, and needles in the tunnel and she can no longer use it as a pedestrian walkway.

Elizabeth stated she has used the tunnel for almost 20 years and no longer feels safe walking through it. She stated it is hardly passable due to people sleeping, furniture, and shopping carts inside. She stated she feels it is an embarrassment that the City is not maintaining the tunnel and expressed concern about fires and drug use in the tunnel.

Chris Cline, 248 Emery Road, spoke about the Trap-Neuter-Return process and draft ordinance for community cats. Mr. Cline stated he has a lot of experience with community cats and has volunteered at an animal shelter for four years working with a cat program. He expressed concern about the at-large portion of the proposed ordinance and does not feel an at-large ordinance is compatible with a Trap-Neuter-Return ordinance. Mr. Cline provided information about the Shelter-Neuter-Release program and the Trap-Neuter-Return procedure for community members, and stated it is a waste of resources to put at-large cats in the shelter. Mr. Cline stated he tries to educate residents on cats and the shelter's procedures and spoke about the importance of spaying and neutering cats before returning them to the community.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Witkovich reported she attended an Outside Agency Funding Committee meeting earlier today.

Council member Jaramillo reported on the Outside Agency Funding Committee meeting and the following sponsorship requests that were approved: Lakota Way Healing Center's Healing Hoop Pow Wow - \$2,000; CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties' Indulge for CASA - \$2,500; and the Rocky Mountain Partnership's State of the Partnership Event - \$1,480. Council member Jaramillo reported on Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation activities including the last summer concert which was followed by the movie Ghostbusters in the park. Council member Jaramillo reported he attended the Fourth of July festival and participated in the Council's Choice award at the Car Show.

Council member Brown thanked staff for coordinating the Groove, Grub and Local Gov event in Ward 2. Council member Brown requested that Council schedule the I-25 pedestrian tunnel issue for a study session as soon as possible. There was Council consensus to schedule the item for an upcoming study session.

Council member Goff reported she attended the Fourth of July festival and Car Show, which was a lot of fun. Council member Goff reported she attended the Outside Agency Funding Committee meeting earlier today.

Council member Kondo reported he attended a Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) meeting and continues to be intrigued by the organization and work to build consensus among very diverse cities. He stated it is an important process which determines federal grant funding and reported he will be meeting with Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa and City Manager Geyer to share information from the DRCOG meeting.

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she attended a business walk at the Huron Crossing shopping center on June 29 with the Business Expansion and Retention Team and acknowledged Economic Development staff for their efforts. Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she attended the Fourth of July Car Show and noted the Council's Choice Award went to a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air.

Mayor Leighty reported she attended the Fourth of July festival and thanked the American Legion Post 22 for their active participation in the event. Mayor Leighty reported she was a guest at Calvary Community Baptist Church on July 3 and stated the church is very interested in connecting with the community.

Staff

City Manager Geyer stated staff takes feedback about the I-25 pedestrian tunnel very seriously. She stated the tunnel is being cleaned three times per week and the area is part of the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) study.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

May 2022 Update

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending May 31, 2022. 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 reported on the City's cash reserves and sales tax revenue. Mr. Loveland also reported on marijuana sales tax for the City and stated staff will continue to monitor the revenue trends. Mr. Loveland addressed questions from Council related to marijuana sales tax revenue, reporting on marijuana revenue, and projects funded by the special marijuana sales tax.

CONSENT AGENDA **MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Jaramillo, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Goff, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- June 27, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-110 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Appointment – Christopher Unger
- CR-115 – High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement
Grant Acceptance
- CR-118 – Revised Employee Handbook – Employee
Volunteer Program

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CB-1987 – Vehicular
Public Nuisances

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1987. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

CB-1988 – Prohibited
Residency of Sex Offenders

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1988. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –
SECOND READING:**

CB-1987 – Vehicular
Public Nuisances

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CB-1987 on second reading.

Deputy Police Chief Darlin provided information about CB-1987.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Jaramillo, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Goff, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford.

CB-1988 – Prohibited
Residency of Sex Offenders

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-1988 on second reading.

Deputy Police Chief Darlin provided information about CB-1988.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Jaramillo, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Goff, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-113 – Community
Center Drive Bridge
Rehabilitation Engineering
Services

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-113.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-113.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Jaramillo, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Goff, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford.

CR-116 – NGCC Phase II
Environmental Site
Assessment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve CR-116.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development provided a summary of CR-116.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Jaramillo, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Goff, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford.

CR-117 – Axon Agreement
For Body-Worn and In-Car
Camera Systems

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-117.

Chief May provided a summary of CR-117.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Jaramillo, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Goff, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**Employee Compensation
and Turnover Project**

Tamara Dixon, Human Resources Director and Chief Diversity Officer, City Manager Geyer, and Laurie Graves, Graves Consulting, presented information about the City's employee compensation and turnover project. The information included the process, methodology and purpose of a compensation study, and the rate and cost of turnover.

Ms. Dixon reviewed next steps for the project and stated staff will bring back recommendations for employee compensation to Council in the fall.

Staff and Ms. Graves addressed questions from Council regarding the cost of turnover and employee retention, and whether total compensation or base salary pay is considered in the study.

**Shelter-Neuter-Return
Program for Community
Cats At-Large**

Stephanie Wilde, Executive Director, and Angel Williams, Deputy Director of Riverdale Animal Shelter, presented information to Council regarding the Shelter-Neuter-Return program for community cats. The presentation included information on feral cats vs. pet cats, behavior assessments for cats, barn cats, statistics for Northglenn cats from 2018-2021, cost of care for cats at the shelter overnight, the benefits of Trap-Neuter-Return for cats and the community, and resources available to Northglenn animal control officers.

Riverdale Animal Shelter representatives addressed questions from Council about the difference between Shelter-Neuter-Return and Trap-Neuter-Return.

Chief May spoke about staff's desire to keep the cats at-large provision in the draft ordinance as presented in the meeting packet, and asked Council to review the ordinance and provide feedback.

**Nuisance Wildlife
Information and
Public Education**

Police Chief May and Michelle Soustek, Animal Control Officer, presented information to Council about nuisance wildlife, specifically rats, and the services and information available to residents dealing with nuisance wildlife.

Staff addressed questions from Council regarding ways to provide residents the information contained in the presentation, addressing nuisance wildlife issues proactively before construction starts in certain areas, and providing flyers to residents with helpful information.

July 4th Fireworks

City Manager Geyer provided information about the fireworks show that was canceled at the Fourth of July festival and provided options for Council's consideration regarding rescheduling a fireworks event or postponing the fireworks show to 2023.

There was discussion about Council's preferences for a fireworks show including alternate technologies, potential dates for a standalone event including Labor Day, Veterans, Day, Pirate Fest, or Noel Northglenn presents Night of Lights, asking residents for input on selecting a new event day, and staff resources needed for a standalone event. It was the consensus of Council to schedule this item for additional discussion at the July 18, 2022 study session meeting.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council.

Chris Cline spoke about cats and stated the City of Chicago used feral cats to control a rat problem. Mr. Cline stated the draft ordinance creates a grey area regarding whether a cat is owned or has a caretaker, and stated an important part of the program is that community cats are spayed or neutered so they are not reproducing.

Executive Session

The Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(d) for legal consultation and advice regarding: 1) protocols for workplace violence; and 2) public records issues related to anonymous complaints was postponed due to the late hour.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor