

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 10, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT Council member Witkovich.

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.

PROCLAMATIONS:
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Northglenn. Vira Herrera, Victim Services Advocate Supervisor, accepted the proclamation.

Italian Heritage Month
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming October 2022 as Italian Heritage Month in the City of Northglenn. Bob Badovinac, Susan Gurule, and Pamela Marcantonio, representing the Dante Alighieri Society, accepted the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS:
August Neighborhood Beautification Awards & Magnificent Tree Award
Jenni Murphy, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided information about the Northglenn Neighborhood Beautification Program and stated the awards being presented are for the Yard of the Month and Water Wise Yard of the Month categories. Mayor and Council congratulated those receiving awards for the month of August.

The residents recognized were: Linda Aquino and Joel Hanson, Chris DeMay, Johnathan Holmes, Michael and Carolyn Jones, John and

Vivian Lehan, Robert Lothrop, Naomi Montoya, Brad and Rhonda Moore, Kirk and Crystal Morath, John and Misty Newton, John and Belinda Vonfeldt, and Julie Wakefield.

Holly Dowling received the Magnificent Tree Award for the tree located at her residence at 789 Dean Drive.

**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.

Mark Bromley, Ward 3, expressed concern about a letter he received from City Manager Geyer responding to issues he has raised concerning code enforcement issues and City staff.

Danielle Luciano, 331 E. 112th Circle, spoke to Council about issues related to homelessness. She stated she has noticed a dramatic increase in homelessness and has made numerous calls to the Police Department regarding the issues, in particular the area southeast of Malley Drive on Grant Street. Ms. Luciano expressed concern about vehicles, trash, and camping, and stated the walking path to Stukey Elementary School is blocked by the camping. She stated it is a recurring issue and inquired about the timing related to her complaints and the City addressing the issue. Ms. Luciano also expressed concern about the I-25 pedestrian underpass and the port-a-potty near Highline Drive and Northglenn Drive, and stated she no longer feels safe using the Highline Canal Trail. Ms. Luciano asked what can be done about the incessant car camping, the port-a-potty, and homelessness issues along the Highline Canal Trail.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Mayor Pro Tem Willford stated she would respond to Mark Bromley's comments because they are threatening and calling for the termination of Council's employee. Mayor Pro Tem Willford read the letter City Manager Geyer issued to Mark Bromley regarding his complaints related to his mother's code enforcement case and the City's Neighborhood Services staff.

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa shared updates from the Business Retention and Expansion Committee and stated they saw prototype presentations from Northglenn High School STEM students for the upcoming business appreciation event. She attended a walkthrough of businesses at the Northglenn Marketplace and encouraged continued support of small businesses. On September 28, Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa attended the Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County breakfast and Police Chief May's 30th Anniversary celebration. On October 1, she attended the Crossroads Community Center grand opening and stated the upcoming Ward 4

meeting will be held at the community resource center. Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she met with Shannon Hancock with the Five Star Education Foundation, Dana Sobel from Tri-County Health Department regarding healthy beverages, and Judge Bailhache regarding updates on juvenile diversion in the court system. She attended a lock down drill at Hulstrom K-8 and a walkthrough at Stukey Elementary School and noted there are more opportunities for Council members to attend a walkthrough next week at Vantage Point High School. She attended the North Metro Fire Rescue District's tech rescue training and stated another opportunity for Council members to attend the training will be held on October 26.

Council member Kondo reported he attended a lockdown drill and walkthrough at Stukey Elementary School and Hulstrom K-8, and stated a tour of Vantage Point will be held on October 17 at 10:30 a.m. On October 3, Council member Kondo spoke with an individual who shared concerns regarding port-a-potties and abandoned shopping carts, and he referred the individual to Jason Genck with BerryDunn.

Council member Goff participated in the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board interviews for a Ward 3 position. There are two at-large positions open on the DISE Board and requirements for the positions are available on the City's website. Council member Goff attended Chief May's 30th Anniversary celebration and participated in the City Hall public art project meeting. She attended a Colorado Communities for Climate Action meeting on September 29 and a workshop regarding funding for energy efficiency. Council member Goff reported she attended the Crossroads Community Center grand opening and stated there are a lot of opportunities for community services. Council member Goff reported today was the first anniversary for the new Northglenn Recreation Center and it is a wonderful facility.

Council member Jaramillo attended Chief May's 30th Anniversary celebration and expressed his admiration for the Chief's tenure. He attended the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) Subregional Transportation Forum meeting, and provided information about projects including the Peoria Bridge, Colorado Boulevard from 104th Avenue to Highway 85, McKay Road, and the expansion of Highway 7 from Boulder to Brighton. Council member Jaramillo reported on the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation (NAHF) opening for the Chicano Humanities & Arts Council (CHAC) gallery exhibit including the Dia de los Muertos exhibit and noted the art will be on display until the end of the year. He attended the Recreation Center's first birthday celebration and stated it was good to see the staff and mingle with everyone. Council member

Jaramillo announced there are two new positions on the NAHF Board of Directors for folks who are enthusiastic about arts and culture.

Council member Brown thanked Mayor Pro Tem Willford for reading City Manager Geyer's letter to Mark Bromley and expressed support for City staff. Council member Brown spoke about reports on the Community Reach Center locations closing, with one remaining location in Commerce City, and expressed concern regarding the impact on residents if the services are no longer available in the community.

Council member Kondo responded to Council member Brown with information on the Denver Regional Council of Government's area council on aging, which provides transportation services for elderly residents. Council member Kondo stated he would elevate Council member Brown's concerns at the next DRCOG meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford asked City Manager Geyer to reach out to the Community Reach Center and invite them to present information about their services. City Manager Geyer stated she will work with City Attorney Hoffmann to schedule a time for Community Reach to talk with Council.

Council member Walker attended the Chief's 30th Anniversary celebration and thanked him for all the work he does. Council member Walker reported the Colorado Municipal League took positions on ballot measures and urged residents to use the Blue Book to obtain information when voting. Council member Walker expressed support to the City Manager and Mayor Pro Tem Willford for reading the letter that was issued to Mark Bromley.

Mayor Leighty attended the Adams 12 School Board meeting this month and spent time talking about bond projects, new school bus route technology, and implementation of a new elementary literacy program. The Metro Mayors Caucus meeting was held on October 5th with a presentation from the American Red Cross about free services to cities. Mayor Leighty thanked Danielle for calling in to voice concerns as they relate to the discussion of homelessness. She stated the homelessness issue requires regional collaboration and believes a letter will be sent soon from the City to the Adams County Board of Commissioners imploring assistance with the issue. Mayor Leighty reported attendees at the Metro Mayors Caucus heard from regional managers of Walgreens, Lowe's, and Safeway about challenges they are experiencing related to homeless individuals. Mayor Leighty announced she received both a COVID booster and flu shot this weekend. She attended the Crossroads Community Center event and was glad so many people attended. Mayor Leighty announced she will be absent from the October 24th Council meeting due to a work conference. Mayor Leighty thanked Mayor Pro Tem Willford for

reading City Manager Geyer's letter to Mark Bromley. She stated Council wants to hear from residents; however, the negative climate and culture from Mark Bromley is concerning.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford attended the Crossroads Community Center opening and believes it will be a good resource for the community. She invited residents to attend the Ward 4 meeting at Crossroads Community Center to check out the resources offered at the facility. Mayor Pro Tem Willford stated she recently participated in a home tour in collaboration with the Sierra Club to showcase her heat pump, which provides both heating and cooling for her home, as well as rooftop solar, which has drastically reduced their monthly utility bill. Mayor Pro Tem Willford spoke about resources available from Comcast for lower income households to have internet essentials, which provides home internet for \$9.95 with no annual contract or credit check, and stated she will forward more information about the program to Council.

Staff

City Manager Geyer reported on complaints about conditions around the old recreation center. She stated the perimeter of the building was cleaned on Saturday, but trash had accumulated on Sunday. She assured residents that staff is working on the issue daily and provided information about the demolition of the old recreation center and fencing that will be installed around the building this week. City Manager Geyer encouraged residents to call or email the City if they have concerns about camping or vehicles, and use the Citizen Relationship Management (CRM) system or email her or Council directly regarding concerns. City Manager Geyer stated she will be sending a letter to the Adams County Commissioners heavily encouraging them to consider investing in physical facilities to address gaps in housing in Adams County.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

August 2022 Update

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending August 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 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 Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- October 3, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-140 – 2023/2024 Riverdale Animal Shelter/Adoption Center Services IGA

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Proposed 2023 Annual
Operating & Capital
Improvement Budget

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, presented information on the proposed 2023 Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Budget.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on the Proposed 2023 Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Budget and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” the proposed budget. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-145 – Fire Mitigation

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-145.

Daniel Martinez, Senior Engineer, provided a summary of CR-145.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich.

CR-146 – Croke
Reservoir Improvements

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-146.

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided a summary of CR-146.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich.

CR-147 – Capital
Equipment Purchase

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve CR-147.

Daniel Martinez, Senior Engineer, provided a summary of CR-147.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich.

CR-148 – Colorado
Region 8 Opioid IGA

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Jaramillo to approve CR-148.

Deputy Police Chief Randall Darlin provided a summary of CR-148.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich.

CR-149 – Revised
City Council Policies

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-149.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-149.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2022 Holiday Recess

City Manager Geyer asked City Council for feedback regarding canceling the December 19, 2022 study session meeting, which would provide for a two-week holiday recess.

There was discussion about the number of meetings that will be canceled due to holidays in the next few months, the impact of canceled meetings on City business, and potentially adopting an annual meeting schedule. There was additional discussion regarding

whether a quorum will be present on December 19th and the desire to schedule additional items for the Council meetings prior to and after December 19th. There was Council consensus to cancel the December 19 study session and to meet on the fifth Monday in January.

**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 Goff to adjourn to Executive Session: 1) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding security measures; 2) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding Water Treatment Facility security improvements; and 3) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding employee leave policies.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Jaramillo, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Goff, Brown, Walker.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Witkovich.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 9:43 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor