

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 13, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:05 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

**ABSENT** Council members Jaramillo and Goff.

**STAFF PRESENT** City Manager Geyer, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**OATH OF OFFICE**  
Tim Long, Ward 4 Municipal Court Judge Amanda Bailhache administered the oath of office to newly appointed Ward 4 Council member Tim Long.

**RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY:** None.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:** None.

**INTERVIEW:**  
Suyash Shrestha  
Suyash Shrestha came forward to be interviewed for a position on the Youth Commission. Suyash provided information about his background and interest in serving on the Commission and addressed questions from Council about issues he would like to work on as part of the group.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**  
American Heart Month  
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming February 2023 as American Heart Month in the City of Northglenn. Mayor Leighty and Council member Kondo provided information about resources for CPR training and heart health screenings.

Black History Month  
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming February 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Northglenn. Celeste Jackson, Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board, accepted the proclamation. Celeste thanked City Council for supporting the DISE Board and prioritizing diversity in the community.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Dedicated Service Award**

Mayor and Council presented a dedicated service award to Ben Cathcart and thanked him for his service to the Youth Commission.

**Adams 12 School  
District Update**

Adams 12 Five Star Schools Superintendent Chris Gdowski presented an update to City Council on the District's programs and activities. He provided information about the results of a survey of parents and stakeholders that was recently conducted regarding satisfaction with the District, teachers, and education provided, and fiscal matters including a potential tax increase to improve teacher compensation and District facilities. Mr. Gdowski shared information regarding the District's demographics, enrollment, graduation rates, impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, potential schedule changes, and programs supporting students such as social-emotional learning, technical education courses, literacy resources, middle school sports, and preschool services.

Superintendent Gdowski addressed questions regarding the survey statistics, efforts to bring students up to speed after the COVID-19 pandemic, the status of a program to address discrimination, the impact of the Karl's Farm development on area schools, and drug prevention programs. Superintendent Gdowski also answered questions and provided information about workforce housing for educators, safety initiatives, how the City can support the District, and current teacher morale.

**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. There was no response.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Council**

Council member Walker reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting and positions taken on proposed legislation including: SB23-097 – Motor Vehicle Theft and Unauthorized Use (Monitor); HB23-1169 – Limit Arrest for Low-level Offenses (Opposed); HB23-1115 – Repeal Prohibition Local Residential Rent Control (Monitor); HB23-1190 – Affordable Housing Right of First Refusal (Monitor); and HB23-1057 – Amenities for All Genders in Public Buildings (Opposed). Council member Walker stated the Committee is monitoring the following bills: SB23-111 – Public Employees' Workplace Protection; HB23-1101 – Ozone Season Transit Grant Program Flexibility; and HB23-1090 – Limit Metropolitan District Director Conflicts.

Council member Brown expressed concern about false statements made by a resident online and spoke about her dedication to the City as an elected official. Council member Brown stated she appreciates

all the residents who support City Council and the City Manager. Council member Brown stated she was unable to attend the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority meeting last week.

Council member Kondo reminded everyone about the North Metro Fire Rescue District's upcoming election for Board members and provided information about the nomination and absentee ballot processes. Council member Kondo stated the Fire District offers CPR training and classes can be found online. He reported he attended a breakfast meeting with Council member Brown and City Manager Geyer this morning where they discussed the current economic situation and business activity. Council member Kondo congratulated Council member Walker on the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl win.

Council member Long stated it is a privilege and he is honored to serve the City as a Ward 4 Council member. Council member Long stated the Fire District would like to have Northglenn residents serve on their Board and noted District's election will offer voting sites at Station 62 and the District's headquarters in Broomfield on May 2.

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she attended the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards on February 6<sup>th</sup> and was very inspired by the students honored at the event. She reported on the Youth Commission meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> and the Commission's efforts to plan a charitable event. She noted the Commission's priorities for the year include public health related to youth, community engagement and outreach, and revising the Commission's bylaws. Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa requested a study on violence in response to residents expressing concern about violent crime in the City. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the request.

Mayor Leighty welcomed Council member Long to the City Council.

Staff

City Manager Geyer announced the rescheduled Chili Cookoff event will be held tomorrow at the Senior Center. She reported a ribbon cutting for the Dutch Bros. at Karl's Farm has tentatively been scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> and noted this will be the second Dutch Bros. location in Northglenn.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided information on matters regarding the obstruction of sidewalks and a specific case where an individual was cited for obstructing the sidewalk in front of the Islamic Center. He stated the courts at every level have affirmed the conviction upon appeal and the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit of the Federal District Court recently affirmed the decision in favor of the City.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

December 2022 Update

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending December 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, sales tax revenue, and the sales tax activity in certain geographic areas of the City.

Mr. Loveland addressed questions from Council regarding the General Fund and sales tax revenue from online sales.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Brown stated she would like to discuss CR-25 – Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board Ex-Officio Member.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Witkovich to approve the consent agenda excluding CR-25.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo, Goff.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- January 23, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-15 – 2023 Water Rights Special Counsel
- CR-16 – Standley Lake Pipeline Joint Operating Committee Escrow Account Contribution
- CR-18 – 2023 Janitorial Services
- CR-20 – 2023 Water Rights Engineering
- CR-22 – 2023 Personnel Summary Amendment
- CR-23 – Adams County Council of Governments Subregional Transportation Forum Representative & Alternate – Jaramillo, Walker
- CR-24 – Adams County Regional Economic Partnership Representative – Long
- CR-26 – Denver Regional Council of Governments Representative & Alternate – Kondo, Long
- CR-27 – Legislative Policy Committee Members – Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Walker
- CR-28 – Northglenn Senior Organization Liaison – Lukeman-Hiromasa
- CR-29 – Planning Commission Ex-Officio Member – Long
- CR-30 – Rocky Flats Stewardship Council Representative – Kondo

**ITEMS REMOVED  
FROM CONSENT**

**AGENDA:**

CR-25 – Community  
Co-Production Policing  
Advisory Board Ex-  
Officio Member –  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Witkovich

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Witkovich to approve CR-25.

Council member Brown expressed concern about the process for selecting the individual to be appointed as the Ex-Officio member to the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board. She stated she feels there is a lack of transparency and she believes a conflict of interest exists if Mayor Pro Tem Witkovich is a member of the Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAAN).

Mayor Leighty spoke about the process used to determine Council assignments previously and to fill the current vacancies and provided information on the criteria she considered for the CCPP Ex-Officio position.

Mayor Pro Tem Witkovich stated there is no conflict of interest because she is not a member of CPAAAN, does not attend their meetings, and only asked to be notified via email of volunteer opportunities with the organization.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Long, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Walker.

OPPOSED - Brown.

ABSENT - Jaramillo, Goff.

**ORDINANCES –**

**First Reading:**

CB-2001 – Safety  
Sensitive Zones Ordinance

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CB-2001 on first reading.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CB-2001.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Long, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Brown, Walker.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Jaramillo, Goff.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-19 – Water  
Treatment Facility  
Fence Replacement

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-19.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-19.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Long, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Brown, Walker.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Jaramillo, Goff.

CR-21 – 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Construction Administration

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-21.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-21.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Long, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Brown, Walker.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Jaramillo, Goff.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

2021 International  
Building Codes Adoption  
Overview

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, presented information on staff's project to evaluate and adopt the 2021 International Building Codes. He stated standard amendments to the codes have been proposed by the Building Division and North Metro Fire Rescue District, Energy Code amendments have been proposed through the Code Cohort process, and Net Zero regulations for new construction have also been included in the materials.

Christine Brinker, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, and Hope Medina, Shums Coda, presented information about the Code Cohort project, other municipalities that have adopted the 2021 International Building Codes, and proposed amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code related to solar, electric vehicles, and electric equipment in homes and buildings.

Mr. Svoboda addressed consistency amendments, sprinkler requirements for multifamily buildings, climate and geographic design criteria, and the deletion of Articles 9, 12, and 14 in Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code. Mr. Svoboda stated the draft resolution provided by the Code Cohort regarding a commitment to net zero energy building codes will be brought forward for Council's consideration when the 2021 International Building Codes are adopted.

It was the consensus of Council to schedule the 2021 International Building Codes for adoption at a future Council meeting.

Bridge Summit

City Manager Geyer presented a proposal to host a Bridge Summit in April to bring together city leadership and elected officials from across Adams County with service providers that assist residents facing housing instability.

Jessica Hulse, Crisis Response Unit Manager, provided information about the proposed event and its emphasis on housing and stability.

There was discussion about hosting the event on a day and time that would allow elected officials to attend and facilitating the meeting in a way that enables officials hear the information and embrace new ideas without defending the work they are doing. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with hosting a Bridge Summit in April 2023.

Extend Meeting Time  
**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Long, Kondo, Brown, Walker.  
OPPOSED - Leighty, Witkovich, Lukeman-Hiromasa.  
ABSENT - Jaramillo, Goff.

City Council Quarterly  
Agenda Planning

City Manager Geyer stated she would prefer to reschedule this discussion item due to the late hour.

There was discussion about the agenda planning item, Council's responsibility to keep on track with agenda items during meetings,

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and the desire to postpone the discussion. It was the consensus of Council to reschedule the agenda planning item and adjourn the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor