

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 27, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

**ABSENT** None.

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

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

**INTERVIEW:**  
Stratus Mushabe Stratus Mushabe came forward to be interviewed for a position on the Planning Commission. Stratus provided information about his background and interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

**RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY:** None.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:**  
Youth Commission Annual Report  
Youth Commission members Nazly Soufiani and Alex Sandhu presented the Commission’s annual report to City Council. Nazly and Alex provided information on the following topics: Board membership and recruiting, healthy beverages initiative, gaming with the Police Chief, addressing homelessness, the D.I.S.E. power imbalance, flower bed planting, Safe Street Halloween, holiday events, and goal setting.  
  
City Council thanked the Youth Commission for all their work and engagement on community issues.

**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.

Northglenn Arts &  
Humanities Foundation  
Annual Update

Michael Stricker, Recreation Manager and Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation Director, presented an annual update on the Foundation. Mr. Stricker provided information about the Northglenn Arts program, the impact of arts programming in 2022, theatre, outdoor, and public art programs, the Foundation's financial structure, and the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan. Mr. Stricker addressed questions from Council regarding the Missoula Children's Theatre.

City Council thanked the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation for working to provide access to the arts for all in Northglenn.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council

Council member Walker reported he participated in a ride-along with Police Sergeant Dan Shube and recommended other Council members do a ride-along to observe what police officers go through every day. He attended the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee meeting. Council member Walker recognized former Council member Ashley Witkovich and stated he was sad that Council did not get to say a formal goodbye to her. He stated he was disappointed the recent news article did not recognize her perseverance and accomplishments. He thanked former Council member Witkovich for her service to the City and stated he hopes the City will celebrate her soon.

Council member Brown reported she attended the Police Department awards ceremony and the Dutch Bros. ribbon cutting event. Council member Brown reported on the Ward 2 meeting last week which included a presentation from Xcel Energy and thanked staff for putting on a great event. She thanked residents for attending the meeting on such a cold night and stated she would like ward meetings recorded in the future when they have special guest speakers so the information can be shared later online.

Council member Jaramillo reported he served as a pallbearer for his first cousin Paul who won gold, silver, and bronze medals for swimming in the Special Olympics, and stated he was proud of his cousin. He attended the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards and stated the students' success stories were inspiring. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, he participated in the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation Art on Parade sculpture selection committee and attended a roundtable discussion with Adams County Commissioner Lynn Baca to begin planning a county-wide celebration in September for Hispanic Heritage Month. Council member Jaramillo reported he participated in a ride-along with Sgt. Shube on February 9<sup>th</sup> and spoke about the types of calls for service he observed. He stated the recent Ward 2 meeting was successful and noted he was glad Xcel Energy and American West

Construction were at the meeting to provide information to residents. He reported he attended the Legislative Breakfast with Representative Jenny Willford at the Capitol, and met with Lisandra Gonzales from the Rocky Mountain Partnership earlier today to discuss housing issues.

Council member Kondo reported on a working lunch he attended on February 13<sup>th</sup> with Council member Brown and City Manager Geyer, and stated it was productive to build strong working relationships. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, he presented awards at the Senior Center's chili cook-off, and attended an all-day legislative workshop at CML the next day. He reported on the Denver Regional Council of Governments meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>, noting discussion about the transportation improvements program and the fourth tranche of funding available to municipalities. Council member Kondo reported a handshake meeting will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Rife and other interested parties committed to solving homelessness.

Council member Goff reported she attended two ribbon cutting events and welcomed Scissorhands Color Studio and the second Dutch Bros. to Northglenn. She attended the Anti-Defamation League's presentation sponsored by the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board on February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Police Department's awards ceremony on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the Legislative Breakfast with Representative Willford and Senator Winter on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Council member Goff welcomed Council member Long to the group. Council member Goff responded to comments made at the last Council meeting since she was absent. She shared her experiences with making appointments and electing the Mayor Pro Tem position and stated that one voice does not provide the whole picture.

Council member Long reminded everyone about the North Metro Fire Rescue District's upcoming election on May 2, 2023. He stated residents can vote at Station 62 or the District's headquarters located at 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Spader Way in Broomfield and noted Council member Kondo is a candidate in the election.

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa echoed Council member Walker's comments about former Council member Ashley Witkovich and stated she will be missed. She attended a Northglenn Senior Organization meeting and stated it was great to catch up with the members. She noted the group discussed events and concerns about speeding, and she provided information about the safety sensitive zones program. She attended the Anti-Defamation League's presentation hosted by the DISE Board and stated the Youth Commission was also part of the event. Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she attended the Police Department's awards ceremony and thanked police employees and the Crisis

Response Unit for their service. She attended the Dutch Bros. ribbon cutting, a Problem Based Learning event at Northglenn High School on patriotism, and the Legislative Breakfast with other Council members.

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting. She stated Council member Walker will be testifying on behalf of the City on HB23-1202 – Overdose Prevention Center Authorization. She reported the Committee is supporting SB23-150 – Require Labeling Disposable Wipes, the ozone bill, and a bill related to auto thefts.

Mayor Leighty reported she attended the Legislative Breakfast at the Capitol and extended condolences to Council member Jaramillo for his cousin’s passing. She attended the Police Department’s awards ceremony and stated it is important to honor the Department’s work. Mayor Leighty thanked Council member Walker for testifying at the Capitol. She stated she supports Council member Walker’s comments about celebrating former Council member Witkovich and asked staff to reach out to schedule a recognition. Mayor Leighty announced she and several Council members will be attending the National League of Cities conference in Washington D.C. in March and she will be attending the City Summit of the Americas in Denver in April.

Staff

City Manager Geyer stated the City will celebrate Employee Appreciation Day on Wednesday and thanked staff for their service. She reported staff is getting caught up on graffiti removal, and stated Council was sent an email invitation to participate in the Parks and Recreation Playbook meetings. She reported the Senior Center will be celebrating National Pig Day on Friday at noon and asked Council to reach out to Kate Fisher if they are interested in attending. City Manager Geyer provided updates on the following projects: Jaycee Ballfield Lighting Improvements; Wyco Park and Danahy Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts; and E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park Sensory Playground Improvements.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Goff **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, Long, Jaramillo, Kondo, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Goff, Brown, Walker.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - None.  
The following items were approved on the consent agenda:  
▪ February 6, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

- February 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-31 – Youth Commission Appointment – Suyash Shrestha
- CR-32 – Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation Per Capita Funding

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

CB-2001 – Safety

Sensitive Zones Ordinance City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2001 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2001. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –**

**Second Reading:**

CB-2001 – Safety

Sensitive Zones Ordinance

**MOTION TO PASS**

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

City Manager Geyer and Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided information about CB-2001.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

**ORDINANCES –**

**First Reading:**

CB-2002 – Supplemental

Appropriation

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-2002 on first reading.

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a summary of CB-2002.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-33 – Mayor Pro  
Tem Election

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-33 with the name Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa inserted.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

CR-35 – N Line  
Operations and  
Maintenance IGA

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-35.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-35.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

CR-36 – Diversity,  
Inclusivity, and Social  
Equity Board Appointment  
– Christina Cimino

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Jaramillo to approve CR-36.

Tamara Dixon, Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer, provided a summary of CR-36.

Christina Cimino was introduced to City Council.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

CR-37 – Diversity,  
Inclusivity, and Social  
Equity Board Appointment  
– Catherine Schyling

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-37.

Tamara Dixon, Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer, provided a summary of CR-37.

Catherine Schyling was introduced to City Council.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Stadium Tax Funding for  
Youth Activity Programs

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided information about the funding received through the Metropolitan Football Stadium District from the recent sale of the Denver Broncos Football Club. Ms. Peterson stated the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed the funding, which is required to be used for youth activity programs, and recommended expenditures, which have been grouped into three options:

- Option 1: Offset Fees – Provide \$30,000 to the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation to distribute in the form of scholarships and added value to arts programming for youth.
- Option 2: New Programs – Allocate \$30,000 for recreation and special events to enhance existing events or develop new events for children and teens.
- Option 3: Capital Improvements – Allocate \$200,000 for an aquatic adventure course and leverage funding as a grant match to secure additional funds; and allocate \$134,396.46 to the construction of Odell Barry Park, which is currently underfunded.

There was discussion on the recommendations including staffing for the aquatic feature, scholarship programs, Odell Barry Park, projects that would benefit residents the most, grant funding, and pool hours at the Recreation Center.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with Option 3 as presented and to remove the allocation from Option 2 to allocate a total of \$60,000 to Option 1 to reduce or eliminate fees for youth activities and provide scholarships for youth activities.

Adams County  
Comprehensive Safety  
Action Plan Transportation  
Improvement Program  
Application Support

Sara Dusenberry, Senior Planner, provided information on the Adams County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Transportation Improvement Program application, which would provide funding to create a series of comprehensive safety action plans for the region and participating entities. She stated the total project budget is \$2,000,000 and Northglenn's contribution would be \$15,000, which would be included in the 2024 budget.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with supporting the Transportation Improvement Program application and providing the local match of \$15,000 for the project.

Ward 1 City Council  
Vacancy

City Clerk Johanna Small provided information about the Ward 1 City Council vacancy created by the resignation of former Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Witkovich and presented a proposed timeline for an appointment process to fill the vacancy by March 20, 2023.

There was discussion and it was the consensus of Council to conduct interviews with Ward 1 applicants on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Colorado Municipal  
League Conference  
Lodging

City Manager Geyer presented information about the Council Travel Policy and hotel accommodations. She stated lodging for the Colorado Municipal League (CML) conference would not be an eligible expense because it is less than 35 miles from City Hall. City Manager Geyer asked Council to provide direction to staff if they want to deviate from policy regarding eligible business expenses.

Mayor Leighty stated the conference offers evening dinner events and she recommends Council stay on-site for safety reasons. It was the consensus of Council to deviate from the Travel Policy to include lodging and parking expenses for the 2023 CML conference as eligible business expenses.

**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 Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(a) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for personnel matters regarding a follow-up discussion with Civic Canopy.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor