

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

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT Council members Goff and Brown.

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:
Women’s History Month Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming March 2023 as Women’s History Month in the City of Northglenn.

PRESENTATIONS:
Good Neighbor Awards David Mullen, Public Communications Specialist, provided information about the Good Neighbor Awards Program, which recognizes residents nominated for being good neighbors.

The award winners recognized were: Judy Ekstein, Jerry Nichols, and Phil Khel.

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.

Tom Lampo, 3951 Jackson Way, Thornton, came forward and prayed for the City of Northglenn.

Nicholas Paige, 11678 Community Center Drive, spoke about parking issues at the Parkview Townhomes and stated the issues have been exacerbated by regulations the City is now enforcing for parking next to Webster Lake. He provided information about parking spaces assigned by the homeowners association (HOA) and

management of the Parkview Townhomes and expressed concern about the City prohibiting overnight parking in the lot between E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and the townhomes. Nicholas stated the City's response to their concerns was to park in the neighborhood on Malley Drive. He stated it is not reasonable for residents to walk a mile to their homes and asked the City to implement a parking permit system. Nicholas implored the City to reach out to the HOA and management company and work to provide safe and comfortable parking for residents near their homes.

Leland Berman, 11678 Community Center Drive, stated Nicholas Paige made a lot of his same points regarding parking at the Parkview Townhomes. Leland stated the parking situation seems unfair although he understands restrictions to address issues related to people experiencing homelessness using the parking lot. Leland suggested using a permitted parking system and stated revenue could be used to maintain the park. He stated residents eventually leave Northglenn due to the parking issues and having their cars towed. He stated he loves living next to Webster Lake and urged Council to consider the permitted parking solution.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Walker reported he testified at the State Capitol in favor of a bill that aligns with the City's priorities. Council member Walker asked Council to schedule a study session to address the issues brought forward by Nicholas Paige and Leland Berman related to parking at the Parkview Townhomes. There was Council consensus to schedule the item for a future meeting.

Council member Jaramillo announced he attended the ADCOG Subregional Transportation Forum and was elected to serve as Vice-Chair of the group. Council member Jaramillo reported he attended the regional housing roundtable for elected officials and the persons experiencing homelessness meeting. Council member Jaramillo stated he appreciates the comments from the residents about parking and hopes a solution can be found.

Council member Kondo reported he attended a working lunch with City Manager Geyer and Council member Long on March 9th. He stated this is a monthly activity and looks forward to inviting the next Council member to attend. Council member Kondo reported on the meeting he attended to hear the incumbent Economic Development Director present their 30/60/90-day plan. He reported on the handshake meeting on March 9th he coordinated for those wanting to address homelessness issues. He reported he and Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa toured the Future Forward at Washington Square Career and Technical Education Center on Friday and spoke about the courses offered at the center. Council member Kondo reported he attended the Ralston House Dinner

yesterday to raise funds for the Ralston House child advocacy centers.

Council member Long reported he attended the breakfast meeting with Council member Kondo and City Manager Geyer. He stated he and Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa interviewed residents for the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board, and he also attended the Ralston House Dinner at 240 Union fundraiser.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on the interviews for a Ward 4 member for the CCPP Board and stated they had great interviews. She reported on the March 7th Youth Commission meeting and stated the group reviewed the status of goals and worked on their Twitch fundraiser. On March 9th, she attended the regional handshake meeting regarding homelessness. She stated she is proud that more people are stepping into the regional collaboration role and noted that Adams County Commissioners, Commerce City, and Thornton were represented at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she attended the meeting to hear from the Economic Development Director candidate and toured the Future Forward at Washington Square career center. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa thanked Principal Marvin Lewis, Vice Principal Tessa Gargano, and Five Star Education Foundation Executive Director Shannon Hancock for hosting the tour. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she also attended the Ralston House fundraiser and was glad to support the organization.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa provided a report on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting. She stated the Colorado Municipal League is asking for support for the Railroad 2023 Priority Sign-on Letter to provide more disclosure if there was a derail event. She provided the status of the following bills: SB23-097 – Motor Vehicle Theft and Unauthorized Use; HB23-1202 – Overdose Prevention Center Authorization; HB21-1110 – Colorado Laws for Persons with Disabilities related to website accessibility; HB23-1115 – Repeal Prohibition Local Residential Rent Control; and bills regarding microtrenching and the Colorado Open Records Act. She stated the Committee has opposed HB23-1169 – Limit Arrest for Low-Level Offenses.

Mayor Leighty reported she met with Lori Goldstein, Chair of the Adams 12 Schools Board of Education to discuss current events and the District. She reported she recently saw Vice President Kamala Harris speak about important topics and attended Ruth Duncan's 90th birthday party on Saturday. Mayor Leighty reported she had a conversation with the leadership at the Rocky Mountain Partnership and reported meetings on March 16th and April 10th are open for

elected officials to get more information on Proposition 123. Mayor Leighty thanked City Manager Geyer for her work with the Rocky Mountain Partnership. Mayor Leighty reported she and other Council members will be attending the National League of Cities Summit in Washington, D.C., which will provide Council with education and opportunities to connect with others.

PRESENTATIONS:

Recognition of former
Mayor Pro Tem and
Ward 1 Council member
Ashley Witkovich

Mayor Leighty spoke about the positions former Mayor Pro Tem and Ward 1 Council member Ashley Witkovich held during her time in the City of Northglenn. Mayor Leighty thanked Ashley for her service to the City and stated she will be greatly missed. City Council and staff expressed their gratitude for Ashley's service and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Ashley thanked everyone for the well wishes and stated she is confident the City is in good hands. She apologized for her unanticipated departure, congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, and stated she hopes to be invited to the unveiling of the new City Hall.

Staff

City Clerk Small reminded everyone the deadline to submit applications for the City Council Ward 1 vacancy is tomorrow, March 14th.

City Manager Geyer notified Council that the Bridge Summit will not be held on April 15th. She stated staff is reevaluating the date and is looking at June or July to allow participation by other organizations.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- February 27, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-43 – Planning Commission Appointment – Stratus Mushabe
- CR-44 – Adams County E911 Emergency Telephone Service Authority Updated IGA

- CR-46 – Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board At-Large Member Appointment – Rayana Blackmon
- CR-48 – Youth Commission Reappointment – Griffin Wood
- CR-53 – Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board Ex-Officio Member – Mayor Leighty

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CB-2002 – Supplemental
Appropriation

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2002 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2002. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –
Second Reading:
CB-2002 – Supplemental
Appropriation

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CB-2002 on second reading.

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided information about CB-2002.

MOTION PASSED

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

ORDINANCES –
First Reading:
CB-2003 – 2021
International Building
Codes & 2020 National
Electric Code

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CB-2003 on first reading.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CB-2003.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Long, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Goff, Brown.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-47 – Diversity,
Inclusivity, and Social
Equity Board Youth
At-Large Member
Appointment – Gilkah
Argueta

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-47.

Tamara Dixon, Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer, provided a summary of CR-47.

Gilkah Argueta was introduced to City Council.

MOTION PASSED

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

CR-38 – Thornton,
Federal Heights, and
Northglenn Natural
Hazards Mitigation Plan

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-38.

Becky Smith, Planning Manager, provided a summary of CR-38.

MOTION PASSED

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

CR-39 – Community
Co-Production Policing
Advisory Board Ward 4
Member Appointment –
Richard Volk

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member to approve CR-39.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CR-39.

Richard Volk was introduced to City Council.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Goff, Brown.

CR-40 – Community
Co-Production Policing
Advisory Board At-Large
Member Appointment –
Don Vallero

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-40.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CR-40 and stated Don Vallero was unable to attend the City Council meeting due to being out of state.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Goff, Brown.

CR-41 – Community
Co-Production Policing
Advisory Board At-Large
Member Appointment –
Patricia Marquez

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Long to approve CR-41.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CR-41.

Pat Marquez was introduced to City Council.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Goff, Brown.

CR-42 – Addendum #5
to the Professional
Services Agreement with
Cumming Management
Group

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-42.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-42.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Goff, Brown.

CR-45 – York Street
Bridge Improvements
IGA

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-45.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-45.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Goff, Brown.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Safety Sensitive Zone
Maps by Ward

City Manager Geyer presented maps to Council depicting the proposed safety sensitive zones in each Council ward and asked for Council consensus on the locations prior to bringing the zones forward for final approval.

Staff addressed questions from Council regarding the zones, additional flasher signs in school zones, and existing signs in the areas.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the safety sensitive zones as identified.

Strategic Planning
Approach

City Manager Geyer presented a strategic planning approach for 2023 to City Council and stated a full strategic planning process would occur post-election in 2024.

City Manager Geyer addressed questions from Council regarding the budget for strategic planning, the strategic planning vision and process, and discussing capital projects that may require significant funding.

Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager, provided information related to capital projects and the fiscal outlook that will be part of the strategic planning session.

Mayor Leighty requested that the strategic planning information be shared at the State of the City event.

It was the consensus of Council to schedule the strategic planning session on May 13, 2023.

City Council Quarterly
Agenda Planning

City Manager Geyer presented the City Council quarterly agenda planning item and asked for Council input to prioritize and schedule items for upcoming agendas through July 3, 2023.

It was the consensus of Council to cancel the July 3, 2023 study session and add a study session on July 31, 2023.

There was discussion about the item regarding a healthy kids beverages policy and whether Council wants to proceed with adopting a policy. There was discussion about other ways the City could support the initiative and whether the Adams County Health Department should lead the initiative at the county level. City Council provided direction to staff to notify Adams County that the healthy kids beverages policy item would not be moving forward at this time.

City Manager Geyer reviewed items not yet scheduled including: study session on fentanyl; evaluation of District Attorney's adult and youth diversion program; Colorado Legal Services presentation; Maiker Housing update; Community Reach presentation; and a study session on violent crime.

There was discussion about adding the item regarding parking issues at Parkview Townhomes, combining certain items, and reprioritizing items with staff's input.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

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

Richard Volk spoke about the quarterly agenda planning process and prioritizing items related to resident safety.

Executive Session
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding potential Justice Center design and construction issues.

MOTION PASSED

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

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 8:41 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor