

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 10, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, April 10, 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, Burns, 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.

**RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY:** City Manager Geyer announced that Los Dos Portrillos Mexican restaurant is now open in the Webster Lake Promenade.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:** None.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**  
Child Abuse Prevention Month  
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Vickie Ricord, Chief Program Officer with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Adams and Broomfield Counties. Ms. Ricord provided information about CASA’s services and thanked the Mayor and City Council members for acknowledging Child Abuse Prevention Month.

National Volunteer Recognition Week  
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming April 16-22, 2023 as National Volunteer Recognition Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to the Bike Program volunteers. The Program’s volunteers include: Jerry Gavette, Gary Hauswirth, Willie Nelson, Chris Rayl, Don Skinner, Louie Clemons, Jim Peterson, Ted Peterson, and Dave Slowey. Jenni Murphy, Volunteer Coordinator, thanked all of the City’s volunteers. Ms. Murphy stated the Bike Program repaired over 600 bikes that were given to Northglenn families and stated the volunteers are accepting the proclamation in honor and memory of Steve Austin.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Special Recognition  
of Sessions Harlan

Chief of Police Jim May provided information about an incident at Vantage Point High School at which Campus Security Officer Sessions Harlan intervened to prevent a student from being seriously injured during a physical altercation. Chief May thanked Sessions for his quick and decisive actions and presented him with the Police Department's Citizen Commendation award.

Municipal Court  
Triannual Update

Judge Amanda Bailhache provided an update on the Municipal Court and spoke about court operations including in-person sessions, the Juvenile Community Service Program, Community Court, staffing, participation in STEM Lab's government day for fourth grade students, transitioning to paperless systems, and vehicular nuisance cases.

Jason Johnson, Municipal Court Supervisor, addressed questions regarding the paperless process and customers who do not have access to technology.

**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.

Tracey Petruff, 11032 Rosalie Drive, stated she is a teacher at Northglenn Middle School and provided information about the Latinos in Action student group that empowers Latino youth and other students to help lead and strengthen their communities. Ms. Petruff stated she would like to partner with the City to engage the students and learn more about local government.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council

Council member Walker thanked residents for praying for City Council. He thanked staff including City Manager Geyer, Police Chief May, Director of Communications Diana Wilson, Director of Public Works Kent Kisselman, and others for their assistance with the Ward 1 meeting, and stated they had a great turnout.

Council member Burns reported on the Ward 1 meeting and noted many residents were first time attendees. She stated there were a lot of good questions and it was a very informative time with residents.

Council member Brown stated she has been ill the last six weeks and has been reminded of the impact she has made in the last several years. She thanked all the residents who contacted her and specifically thanked former Mayor Joyce Downing and Council member Nick Walker for their help. Council member Brown extended her condolences to the Sanchez family for the recent passing of her daughter's father-in-law, Nick Sanchez. She spoke about the celebration of life that was held on Saturday and stated many of the attendees at the celebration expressed appreciation for City Manager Geyer.

Council member Jaramillo reported he attended a North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the National League of Cities (NLC) conference, and a meeting facilitated by MIG for the Northglenn Playbook long-range plan. Council member Jaramillo reported on the Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation Board of Directors meeting last Wednesday and announced the "Amor es Amor" exhibit, celebrating the LGBTQ+ community, Latinos, and other multicultural artists, opens this Friday at the Recreation Center. Council member Jaramillo stated he is glad Council member Brown is feeling better.

Council member Goff reported representatives from the Colorado Municipal League (CML) visited City Hall recently to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She reported the Outside Agency Funding Committee met on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and approved sponsorships for upcoming events. Council member Goff reported she attended the Northglenn Playbook meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> and announced residents can submit input on future programming, parks, and trails, etc. on the City's website. Council member Goff stated she is glad Council member Brown is feeling better.

Council member Kondo reported he attended the NLC conference along with Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, Council member Jaramillo, City Manager Geyer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture Amanda Peterson, and three Youth Commission members. Council member Kondo reported on the special Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) meeting last Wednesday regarding Senate Bill 23-213 and stated the consensus was to not support the bill. Council member Kondo wished City employee Shawn a speedy recovery and stated he is happy to see Council member Brown back on the dais.

Council member Long reported he attended the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and spoke about the information presented on branding and marketing Adams County. Council member Long reported he attended the Planning Commission meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> and the Commission considered

two major items: the updated Comprehensive Plan and the Alexan Development at the former Global Academy site, which will include a five-story, 350-unit multi-family residential development. Council member Long reminded everyone about the North Metro Fire Rescue District's election on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He noted one candidate, Rich Kondo, resides in Northglenn and stated votes may be cast at Station 62 or the corporate office building in Broomfield. Council member Long acknowledged staff for their help with a resident inquiry related to the recognition of police officers on social media. Council member Long announced the Fire District recently reviewed their community risk assessment and spoke about the importance of the City's risk mitigation plan interfacing with the Fire District's plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa welcomed Council member Brown back. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she attended the NLC Conference and shared programs she would like brought forward as 2024 Budget requests: alternative wellness programs for police officers to include annual EKG sessions to improve retention and a subsidy program to offer Ring security cameras to residents. There were no objections to having staff research the programs. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on the Youth Commission meeting and stated they are finalizing the Twitch fundraiser, which is set to be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. She and Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning & Development, testified against SB23-213 on April 6<sup>th</sup> and noted the City's Lobbyists are present to provide information about SB23-213 later on the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting and provided updates on the following bills: HB23-1169 – Limit Arrest for Low-Level Offenses (oppose); SB23-254 – Search Warrant Procedures (monitor); and HB23-1255 – Regulating Local Housing Growth Restrictions (oppose).

Mayor Leighty welcomed back Council member Brown and stated she was fully engaged while out ill. Mayor Leighty reported she attended the NLC Conference and stated the time with legislators was very valuable. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Mayor Leighty threw out the first pitch for the North Metro Little League season. Mayor Leighty stated she will be taking a CPR class at the Recreation Center tomorrow evening and attending a Metro Mayors Caucus meeting on Wednesday morning. She noted the Metro Mayors Caucus is opposing SB23-213 and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa for testifying against the bill.

**PUBLIC INVITED  
TO BE HEARD**

Beth McIlree, 11512 Gilpin Street, spoke to Council about high-density housing developments. She spoke about plans for future developments and specifically the new development near Community Center Drive and Huron Street. Ms. McIlree expressed concern about the City's capacity related to water, public safety and police department resources, and roads/infrastructure. She spoke about the City communicating information regarding drought and water conservation while new developments are being approved and asked Council to consider these issues when approving high-density developments.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Staff

City Clerk Small announced there is a vacancy on the Citizens' Affairs Board for a Ward 1 member and encouraged residents to apply for the position.

City Manager Geyer reported Allison Moeding, the new Director of Economic Development and Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority Executive Director, started today.

City Attorney Hoffmann stated Senate Bill 23-213 has occupied a lot of his time lately and spoke about the importance of retaining local control to be able to address such items as Beth McIlree identified during public comment.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

February 2023 Update

Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending February 28, 2023. 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.

Mr. Loveland addressed questions from City Council regarding sales tax revenue by industry, the City's special marijuana tax, fuel expenses, and budget variances.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION TO PASS**

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

Note:

Council member Jaramillo left the meeting during consideration of the consent agenda.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- March 20, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-54 – 2022-2023 Sustainability Plan
- CR-57 – Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority Reappointment  
– Kathie Novak
- CR-58 – Historic Preservation Commission Reappointment –  
Jerry Gavette
- CR-59 – Historic Preservation Commission Ex-Officio  
Member – Council member Burns
- CR-60 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Ex-Officio  
Member – Council member Burns
- CR-61 – North Area Transportation Alliance Representative –  
Council member Jaramillo
- CR-62 – ADCOG Subregional Transportation Forum Alternate  
– Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa
- CR-63 – Outside Agency Funding Committee Member –  
Council member Walker
- CR-65 – First Amendment to Regional MOU Regarding  
Homelessness Services
- CR-67 – Capital Equipment Purchase

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

CB-2003 – 2021  
International Building  
Codes & 2020 National  
Electric Code

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2003 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2003. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –**

**Second Reading:**

CB-2003 – 2021  
International Building  
Codes & 2020 National  
Electric Code

**MOTION TO PASS**

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

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

Steve Gosselin, Fire Prevention Division Chief with North Metro Fire Rescue District, stated he worked with City staff on the proposed amendments and supports the adoption of the codes.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

**ORDINANCES –**

**First Reading:**

CB-2000 – Unified  
Development Ordinance  
Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member to approve CB-2000 on first reading.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CB-2000.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CB-2005 – Supplemental  
Appropriation and CIP  
Carry Over

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 CB-2005 on first reading.

Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager, provided a summary of CB-2005.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-34 – Comprehensive  
Plan Ratification

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-34.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-34.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CR-64 – Commitment to  
Net Zero Building Codes  
in Northglenn

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-64.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-64.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CR-68 – Opposition to  
Statewide Land Use and  
Zoning Preemptions in  
Senate Bill 23-213

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-68.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-68.

Jennifer Cassell and Ed Bowditch, City Lobbyists, provided information about Senate Bill 23-213.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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



OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - None.

CR-69 – Community  
Co-Production Policing  
Advisory Board Community  
Safety Member Appointment  
– Dan Shube

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve CR-69.

Chief May provided a summary of CR-69.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CR-70 – Community  
Co-Production Policing  
Advisory Board Community  
Safety Member Appointment  
– Joel Brown

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-70.

Chief May provided a summary of CR-70.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

**PUBLIC INVITED  
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council. There was no response.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor