

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 8, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, May 8, 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: None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

PROCLAMATIONS:
Asian Pacific Islander
Desi American Heritage
Month
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 2023 as Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month in the City of Northglenn. Christina Cimino, Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board Member, accepted the proclamation and thanked City Council for supporting diversity in the City.

Mental Health
Awareness Month
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Northglenn. Council member Brown spoke about the importance of acknowledging mental health and the need for mental health services.

National Fentanyl
Awareness Day
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 9, 2023 as National Fentanyl Awareness Day in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Council member Becky Brown.

National Law
Enforcement Memorial
Week & National Peace
Officers Memorial Day
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 14-20, 2023

as National Law Enforcement Memorial Week and May 15, 2023 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to members of the Northglenn Police Department.

National Public Service
Recognition Week

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 7-13, 2023 as National Public Service Recognition Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Tamara Dixon, Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer.

PRESENTATIONS:

Dedicated Service
Award

Mayor and City Council presented a dedicated service award to Isaiah Salgado Rael and thanked Isaiah for his service to the Youth Commission.

**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, came forward to pray for the City Council meeting, the City of Northglenn, and all governments.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns reported she and her son attended the live goat event last Sunday and would like to see the goat program continue.

Council member Walker thanked Tom Lampo for his prayers tonight. Council member Walker attended the Law Day Breakfast and enjoyed the opportunity to honor Adams County Sherriff Deputies. Council member Walker addressed concerns that have been expressed about the upcoming Pride event and stated all legitimate concerns are being heard.

Council member Brown reported she also enjoyed the live goat event at Northwest Open Space. She recently met with the Youth Commission to discuss developing a platform to address the addiction crisis in our communities; the Commission had great ideas and will continue to provide input after their summer break. Council member Brown stated she has been meeting with residents regarding the upcoming election to provide education and advice about how to conduct a campaign for a position on City Council. She stated her family enjoyed the Northglenn Youth Theatre performance of The Descendants and inquired with City Manager Geyer about continuing a dialogue with Safeway regarding recent security issues.

Council member Jaramillo reported he met with Adams County Commissioner Lynn Baca about events that will be held during October for National Hispanic Heritage Month and noted it is great to see more cultural celebrations for the Hispanic community. Council member Jaramillo attended the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) meeting and announced the Zero Fare for Better Air program will operate again in the month of August. He also attended ribbon cutting events for Los Dos Potrillos and Vivid Beauty Clinic, the Stonehocker Farmhouse 120th birthday celebration, and the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring their families to the fun events coming up this summer.

Council member Goff reported on the April meeting of the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board; topics were a Sustainability Committee presentation and the Pride event, which is set for June 10th. Many residents have reached out to express happiness that the Pride event is coming back to Northglenn. The DISE Board is also looking into ways to highlight local businesses that support diversity in Northglenn. Council member Goff stated she attended the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) dinner, a ribbon cutting event for Happy Dumpling, and the Stonehocker Farmhouse 120th birthday celebration.

Council member Kondo announced he was elected to the North Metro Fire Rescue District (NMFRD) Board and thanked Council for their support. He reported on the City's collaboration with Northglenn High School on a problem-based learning program related to the meaning of patriotism; he, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, and Communications Director Diana Wilson worked on a related video presentation that can be viewed in the Northglenn Recreation Center. Council member Kondo stated he is looking forward to taking a tour of Murray Brown Laboratories with Council member Goff and Director of Economic Development Allison Moeding. Lastly, he thanked everyone for recognizing Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month and for their support during the first year of his appointment to serve on Council.

Council member Long congratulated Council member Kondo on his election to the NMFRD Board and reported on the Ward 4 meeting, which was a great event with a large turnout. He reported the Planning Commission approved the major site plan for Northglenn City Hall at their April 18th meeting. Council member Long also attended the Law Day Breakfast, the live goat event at Northwest Open Space, and the Stonehocker Farmhouse 120th birthday celebration.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reiterated Council member Long's report about the Ward 4 meeting; it was a great event and

she is proud of Ward 4 for their continued participation. She reported on fundraisers she attended for CASA of Adams and Broomfield Counties, Food for Hope, and Almost Home, which were all wonderful events. She also toured Food for Hope headquarters at ThornCreek Church and it was amazing to see the work that goes into supporting the organization's mission. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa provided an update on Senate Bill 23-213 concerning land use requirements, noting more information will be forthcoming. She also attended a ribbon cutting event for Happy Dumpling and the Stonehocker Farmhouse 120th birthday celebration; both were wonderful events. She encouraged all to support local businesses and thanked Council for recognizing Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa announced she has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) Federal Advocacy Committee for Public Safety and Crime Prevention and stated it is a great honor to represent Colorado on the Committee.

Mayor Leighty reported she attended the 2023 Cities Summit of the Americas, Food for Hope Gala, and City of Northglenn Derby Day, which were all great events. She expressed excitement that the Northglenn Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board is getting started again with a meeting on May 9th. Northglenn Middle School is celebrating their 62nd year on May 11th and Mayor Leighty will be giving away donated books at the anniversary event. Council's 2023 Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for May 13th and should be a fun day. She congratulated Heidi Williams on her selection as the Executive Director of the Metro Mayors Caucus and Managing Principal at Civic Results. Mayor Leighty wished everyone a happy Mother's Day and stated she will be out of town on June 10th. She is disappointed she will not be in town for the Pride event, is happy the event will be held in Northglenn again and expressed support for the DISE Board and all the work they do. Mayor Leighty expressed her disappointment and concern about Senate Bill 23-213 regarding land use requirements and stated she wants state legislators to remember that they come from local government.

Staff

City Manager Geyer provided an update to Council on her communications with Adams County Health Department regarding voluntary participation in the Healthy Beverages Initiative. She noted she expressed Council's position and their concern that a mandatory program places the burden of enforcement on local governments. City Manager Geyer clarified her role regarding municipal elections stating that, while she can provide general information about municipal government, the budget, and strategic plan implementation, she maintains neutrality and does not get involved in local politics. She stated she is available to facilitate

meetings with Council members for those residents that request information about campaigning.

City Attorney Hoffmann addressed Council's concerns about Senate Bill 23-213; he is monitoring the situation and remains cautiously optimistic about the outcome. He stated an update is forthcoming as the 2023 Legislative Session ends at midnight.

Council member Brown expressed concern about the increased availability of kratom. City Attorney Hoffmann advised Council regarding the City's limited ability to regulate the sale of kratom. Consensus was reached for City Attorney Hoffmann to do more research on the topic.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

March 2023 Update

Interim Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending March 31, 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 Council regarding property tax, staff salaries and overtime, marijuana sales tax, and comparative budget data.

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, Burns, Goff, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- April 24, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-72 – Historic Preservation Commission Reappointment – Maryann Gillespie

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

National League of
Cities Capstone Project
Report

Jessica Hulse, Crisis Response Unit (CRU) Manager, presented the National League of Cities Capstone Project report prepared by Pallet Shelter regarding homelessness and shelter options in Northglenn and Adams County. CRU Manager Hulse reviewed the findings and recommendations of the assessment and stated three sites were

identified as potentially viable options for Pallet Shelter locations: Adams County Human Services parking lot, RTD Wagon Road parking lot, and Scout Park.

There was discussion about the temporary Pallet shelters, staffing for shelter sites, and shelter amenities including electricity, bathroom facilities, parking, and food for residents. City Council discussed the prioritization of the report findings, Adams County resources and programs addressing homelessness, and potential concerns related to shelter sites and shelter locations.

It was the consensus of Council to prioritize Finding No. 2 regarding advancing a more equitable approach to regional homelessness planning and Finding No. 3 regarding increased engagement and education for homelessness strategies and a deeper understanding of the root causes of homelessness.

**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(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding the Police Department workplace assessment follow-up.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor