

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 5, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a special meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 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:
Neighborhood Services & Access Northglenn
City Manager Geyer provided information to Council about Neighborhood Services and the Access Northglenn program, which allows the public to submit inquiries and complaints related to code enforcement.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

INTERVIEW:
Beth McIlree
Beth McIlree came forward to be interviewed by City Council for a position on the Planning Commission. Beth provided information about her background and her interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

PROCLAMATIONS:
Pride Month
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming June 2023 as Pride Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Christina Cimino, Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board member. Christina thanked City Council for the proclamation and their support of the LGBTQ+ community.

PRESENTATIONS:
Youth Commission Quarterly Update
Youth Commission member Alex Sandhu provided a quarterly update to City Council. Alex spoke about membership and recruitment, the healthy beverages initiative, the Commission's

attendance at the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C., 2023 priority projects focusing on public health and community engagement, flowerbed upkeep, and upcoming volunteer projects during summer break.

2023 Legislative
Session Recap

City Lobbyists Ed Bowditch and Jennifer Cassell, Bowditch & Cassell, provided an overview of the 2023 State Legislative session and briefed Council on the U.S. economy, State budget, major policy bills, and legislation related to property tax, TABOR refunds, land use, law enforcement, and local control. The Lobbyists provided information about the Legislature's off session and interim committees that will meet in the summer and fall to discuss statewide issues. The Lobbyists also spoke about ballot measures for the 2023 election and their work in preparation for the next legislative session.

The Lobbyists addressed questions from Council regarding the City's performance data, economy and budget information, and major policy bills.

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.

Walter Towle, 1445 Elmer Drive, spoke to Council about traffic and pedestrian safety and 5G technology capable of improving safety at intersections. Mr. Towle offered a presentation to Council from the consortium providing the technology solution to show a fiscally responsible way to begin using the system. Mayor Leighty stated City Manager Geyer would follow-up with Mr. Towle.

State Representative Jenny Willford, 10447 Lipan Street, expressed excitement about the groundbreaking event for the new City Hall facility. Representative Willford spoke about her first State legislative session including committee assignments, bills she introduced and co-sponsored, and specific programs she championed. She stated she will be hosting town halls and listening sessions and invited Council to join her at the events and provide input. Representative Willford thanked City Council for hosting a Pride event and for issuing the Pride Month proclamation and spoke about the importance of inclusion.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Council

Council member Walker thanked staff for the coordination of the Ward 1 meeting at Central Park in Fox Run and thanked all of the residents for attending the meeting.

Council member Burns reported the Ward 1 meeting was great and stated the top two questions from residents were regarding what City Council does and composting. Council member Burns reported she attended the opening of Congresswoman Yadira Caraveo's office.

Council member Brown reported she enjoyed a week without City Council business.

Council member Jaramillo reported he attended the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) Subregional Transportation Forum meeting, the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership (AC-REP) State of the Region event, and the City Council strategic planning session on May 13th.

Council member Goff reported she attended the Public Works Open House on May 23rd and spoke at the Sustainability Forum hosted by the City later that day. She noted the City of Denver was very impressed with Northglenn's efforts related to sustainability. Council member Goff reported she attended the Chalk Event on May 27th, and the Paddle and Run Event and ribbon cutting at Representative Caraveo's office on June 3rd.

Council member Kondo reported he attended a Rocky Flats Stewardship Council meeting today and will be touring the Rocky Flats site with Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, Council member Jaramillo, City Manager Geyer, and other staff on Wednesday. Council member Kondo reported he attended the Finance Committee meeting on May 30th, the Senior Big Top event, and the Memorial Day celebration in Commerce City.

Council member Long thanked staff for the City Hall groundbreaking event. Council member Long reported that he, Jenni Murphy, and Robert Nielsen were recognized for their service to the North Metro Fire Rescue District and Council member Kondo was sworn-in as a Board member that same night. Council member Long recognized Council member Kondo for his service and knowledge as a Navy veteran. Council member Long reported he attended the Order of Indian and Western History Writers meeting and recognized Native Americans who first occupied this area.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa thanked Council member Kondo for his service as a veteran of the Navy. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she attended the Senior Big Top event on May 31st as the Northglenn Senior Organization Liaison and the opening of Representative Caraveo's office. She stated she has joined the Hispanic Heritage Committee, and thanked Council member Jaramillo for connecting her with the group and

commended the Police Department's Public Information Officer for the new videos featuring the Department's police officers.

Mayor Leighty announced that former Council member Jordan Sauers won 1st Place at the Paddle and Run event at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and noted Jordan was very complimentary of the event. Mayor Leighty congratulated all of the graduates of the class of 2023. Mayor Leighty wished students a happy summer and reminded residents to slow down while driving due to children playing outside during the summer. Mayor Leighty spoke about the City Hall groundbreaking event and thanked the AMD Architects team, FCI, and staff for the coordination behind the scenes. Mayor Leighty stated she is proud of the City for the Pride Month proclamation and is sad she will miss the Pride event on Saturday.

Staff

City Clerk Small announced the Candidate Guidelines for the November 7th, 2023 election are now available for anyone interested in running for City Council, and stated people can access the information from the City Clerk's Office, on the City's website, or by emailing jsmall@northglenn.org to request a copy.

City Manager Geyer provided information about a meeting staff had with representatives from Safeway and stated she will provide more information to City Council via email about next steps that are underway. City Manager Geyer reported she and Police Chief May attended a detox crisis center meeting to pull together a regional partnership and stated a memorandum of understanding will be coming back to jurisdictions outlining the vision, creation, and standing-up of a detox center. City Manager Geyer asked Council to let staff know if they would like to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit in November.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided information about the United States Supreme Court's denial of review regarding a case that started in the City of Northglenn of an individual being cited for blocking the right of way while protesting at a mosque. City Attorney Hoffmann stated the case is now complete after several years and the City's decision was confirmed at every level.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **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:

- May22, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-82 – Colorado Legal Services Tenant/Landlord Legal Services IGA Renewal

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-83 – Addendum #6
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 Goff to approve CR-83.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-83.

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-84 – Authorizing
Navy Federal Credit
Union as a Tenant at
Webster Lake Promenade

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-84.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-84.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

RTD Partnership Program

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided information about the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Partnership Program, which provides funding for additional services to meet a community's mobility needs. Director Svoboda informed Council that staff recommends not moving forward with the

program at this time due to the program's limitations related to funding, implementation, and program analysis.

Draft Ballot Questions for
½% Sales Tax Extension
and Gender Silent City
Charter Language

Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager, provided information about the ½% sales tax set to expire in 2025 and spoke about asking voters to extend the tax without a sunset date to be used for capital improvements including, but not limited to, residential streets and park amenities, public safety operations, and other general operations.

There was discussion about other entities' tax questions, such as the North Metro Fire Rescue District and City of Westminster, the increase in property tax, surveying the public to gauge how voters may react to extending the current sales tax, the timing of putting a question on the ballot, and whether the tax should have an end date.

Staff addressed questions regarding the tax revenue and the proposal to remove the sunset date, which would assist the City with long-range financial planning, continuing programs that are currently funded with one-time dollars, and issuing debt.

There was discussion about the difference between property tax and sales tax and how people living outside of Northglenn pay sales tax when shopping in the City. There was discussion about providing information to residents about the tax, the City's current sales tax rates, and putting the question on the ballot to let voters decide the matter.

City Attorney Hoffmann recommended that Council consider a resolution to approve ballot question language at the August 28, 2023 Council meeting.

It was the consensus of Council to consider a resolution to approve ballot question language regarding the extension of the ½% sales tax at the August 28, 2023 Council meeting.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of the draft ballot questions to amend the City Charter to make the language throughout the Charter gender silent. City Clerk Small stated gendered terms would be replaced with position titles as shown in the packet materials.

There was discussion about the 2019 ballot question and election results, efforts to explain the proposed amendments to voters, gender-silent language in the Municipal Code, and using position titles instead of gendered pronouns in the City Charter.

Without objection, the City Council meeting was extended past 10:00 p.m. to complete the discussion item.

There was discussion about providing pro/con statements for ballot questions, Council's desire to provide education about potential ballot questions to residents in the Connection newsletter and developing a ballot question for consideration using language from versions 2 and 3 of the gender-silent questions.

It was the consensus of Council to consider a resolution to approve ballot question language regarding a City Charter amendment and gender-silent language at the August 28, 2023 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor