

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 14, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, August 14, 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:**

Incident at Washington Point Shopping Center

Deputy Police Chief Darlin provided information to City Council about a physical altercation that took place near Safeway in the Washington Point Shopping Center involving the stabbing of a person experiencing homelessness. Deputy Chief Darlin stated, though the victim and others were not cooperative with officers, the investigation is on-going.

There was discussion regarding safety concerns at Washington Point Shopping Center. Consensus was reached to schedule the topic for a study session. City Manager Geyer stated she would look at scheduling it for a study session in September.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS
AND DELETIONS:**

None.

INTERVIEW:

Tara Porter

Tara Porter was interviewed for an alternate member position on the Planning Commission and a regular member position on the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board.

**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 came forward to pray for the City of Northglenn, children, and educators as the school year begins.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns apologized for missing National Night Out as she had fallen and suffered an injury that evening. She provided updates on the Historic Preservation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings and announced that this may be the last City Council meeting she is able to attend before taking maternity leave.

Council member Walker thanked Tom Lampo for his prayers this evening. He also thanked those that took part in National Night Out activities on August 1st. Council member Walker addressed reports provided to Council regarding Safety Sensitive Zones, asking for more detailed information about police surveillance activities related to the program; City Manager Geyer will follow-up with staff on the request.

Council member Brown provided information on Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) grants approved for the Marketplace and Scissorhands Color Studio.

Council member Jaramillo stated he enjoyed Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company's Dancing with the Denver Stars event; Mayor Leighty did a great job and it was wonderful to see people from all walks of life performing. Council member Jaramillo also invited everyone to support Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) by helping to fund the public art project to be installed in the new Northglenn City Hall. Visit www.northglennarts.org for more information.

Council member Kondo thanked North Metro Fire Rescue District (NMF RD) for responding to the fire that impacted two residences in Northglenn over the weekend. He also expressed condolences for those impacted by the wildfire in Lahaina, Hawaii. He reported on an Adams County Health Department meeting on August 9th and provided some related demographic information. Council member Kondo stated he also attended the Ward 3 Neighborhood Nights event, the meeting of school principals and administrators held at Northglenn Justice Center, and National Night Out.

Council member Goff reported she attended National Night Out, the meeting of school principals and administrators, an Adams County Health Department meeting, a Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Policy Committee meeting, the Ward 3 Neighborhood Nights event, and Dancing with the Denver Stars, which she really enjoyed. She encouraged all to come out to Parsons Theatre for Inspiring Movement by Cleo Parker Robinson Dance

Company this winter. She also reiterated the need for staff and Council to address safety issues at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.

Council member Long echoed Council member Kondo's gratitude for NMFRD's response to the fire over the weekend. He thanked Chief May for the School Resource Officer (SRO) presentation at the meeting of school principals and administrators. Council member Long also thanked those who visited his home to celebrate National Night Out.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa stated her heart is with those affected by the wildfires in Lahaina, Hawaii. She expressed desire for staff to study options to address safety issues at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, such as moving or closing the Don Anema Memorial Skate Park; consensus was provided for staff to look at options and bring the topic back for a study session. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa stated there is also a need to evaluate the No Need for Speed and Safety Sensitive Zone programs for effectiveness as speeding is still a concern for residents. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa thanked staff on behalf of the Northglenn Thornton Rotary Club for their hard work on the Duck Derby. She reported on her attendance at a Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Committee meeting, an Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) meeting, an Adams County Hispanic Heritage Committee meeting, National Night Out, the meeting of school principals and administrators, and the Dancing with the Denver Stars event. Lastly, she invited all to come out to Danahy Park on August 24th for the Ward 4 Neighborhood Nights event.

Mayor Leighty reported the Metro Mayors Caucus has been meeting with Denver Mayor Mike Johnston on his homelessness initiative. She thanked the Police Department for hosting and presenting at the meeting of school principals and administrators. Mayor Leighty reported she also attended the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board meeting and spoke at Purple Moon's graduation event. Mayor Leighty stated she enjoyed National Night Out but wishes she could have made it to more neighborhood events; Council should spread out at 2024 National Night Out to make it to more events in every ward. She reported on a breakfast with Regional Transportation District (RTD) Directors and stated she had an amazing time performing at Dancing with the Denver Stars.

Staff

City Clerk Small reminded all that nomination petitions are available in the City Clerk's Office for the November 7, 2023 election and are due back to the Clerk's Office no later than August 28, 2023.

City Manager Geyer reported she and Deputy Chief Darlin attended a summit on youth detention services and will bring detailed information back to Council. She also attended a meeting with the Adams County Sheriff regarding detox and crisis intervention services and stated she will schedule a presentation on the topic for a future meeting.

Council member Brown provided information about detox centers without inpatient services.

City Attorney Hoffmann reported he distributed a copy of a draft ballot question regarding gender silent City Charter language to City Council and stated the draft question will be on the agenda for Council's consideration at the next regular meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2023 Update

Interim Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending June 30, 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 the potential financial impact of 120th Avenue road construction on neighboring businesses and the increased expenditures for the Sensory Playground improvements at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.

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:

- July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-105 – Citizens' Affairs Board Appointment – Zachary Dimond

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-17 – Alexan
Northglenn Development
Agreement

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-17.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-17.

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-100 – Nov. 7, 2023

Coordinated Election IGAs

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-100.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CR-100.

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-106 – Aquifer Storage
and Recovery Pilot Project
GMP Addendum #1

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-106.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-106.

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-107 – Wastewater
Treatment Plant Odor
Mitigation Improvements
Change Order #1

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-107.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-107.

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-108 – Placement of
Sculpture *American
Steel Eagle*

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-108.

Michael Stricker, Director of Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation, provided a summary of CR-108.

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-109 – 2023 Pay Plan
and Personnel Summary
Amendments

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-109.

Tamara Dixon, Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer, provided a summary of CR-109.

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-110 – 2023 Employee
Handbook Revisions

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-110.

Tamara Dixon, Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer, provided a summary of CR-110.

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-111 – Abatement and
Demolition of Former
Recreation Center Building

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-111.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-111.

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-112 – Deza Estates
National Register
Nomination
Recommendation

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Long **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman Hiromasa to approve CR-112.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-112.

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:

Fourth of July Fireworks
Enforcement

Police Commander Peter Rice presented information to City Council regarding the Police Department's enforcement activity related to fireworks and the Fourth of July holiday. There was discussion regarding the number and type of calls for service during

the holiday week, the number of citations issued, police department staffing levels, and the ability to analyze data and set benchmarks to determine the effectiveness of enforcement. There was consensus to bring the item back for discussion at a future study session.

**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 Brown **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 112th Avenue.

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 8:53 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor