

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 11, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, September 11, 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:
Pirate Festival Boat Regatta City Manager Geyer stated the Pirate Festival Cardboard Boat Regatta has been canceled due to toxic algae bloom conditions in Webster Lake. The Pirate Festival is still set to take place. E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park is safe to visit; however, humans and animals should avoid contact with the lake water for the time being.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

PROCLAMATIONS:
9/11: A Day of Remembrance & Service Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming September 11, 2023 as 9/11: A Day of Remembrance and Service in the City of Northglenn. Fire Chief Dave Ramos, North Metro Fire Rescue District, Joyce Downing, former Mayor and 9/11 Memorial Committee member, and Police Chief Jim May were present to accept the proclamation.

Constitution Week Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming September 17-23, 2023 as Constitution Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Daughters of the American Revolution, Front Range Chapter members Joyce Thomas, Maura Nelson, Janet Beiner, Morgana Meader, and Barb Spraeztz.

Hispanic Heritage Month Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming September 15-October 15, 2023 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Northglenn. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa and Council

member Jaramillo accepted the proclamation and provided information about the first annual Festival Latino that will be held on October 1, 2023 at Riverdale Regional Park in Adams County.

PRESENTATIONS:

Dedicated Service Award
– Rayana Blackmon

Rayana Blackmon was presented with a dedicated service award for her contributions to the City of Northglenn as a member of the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board since 2020. Council expressed gratitude to Rayana and wished her success as she prepares to move away from Colorado.

**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, 3915 Jackson Way, prayed for the City of Northglenn.

Mark Bromley, Ward 3, provided information regarding his candidacy for Mayor.

Josh Schlenker, 1041 E. 119th Place, stated he and his son, Trystan, were almost hit while walking to Malley Drive Elementary School this morning. Josh stated neighborhood residents have signed a petition to express similar concerns about pedestrian safety in school zones.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns reported she welcomed her baby, Eleanor Ruth, last Thursday. She and the baby are doing well.

Council member Walker thanked Tom Lampo and the others that came to speak to Council this evening; he looks forward to addressing speeding and pedestrian safety concerns.

Council member Brown wished Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, a happy birthday. She thanked Tom Lampo for his prayer and congratulated Council member Burns on the birth of her baby. Council member Brown provided information about stem cell transplants and reported that she is very proud of her son who will become a stem cell donor next month.

Council member Jaramillo reported that he attended the Bridge Summit and campaign kick-off events for the reelection of Mayor Meredith Leighty and for Ward 2 candidate Adam Nowicki. He encouraged everyone to register and vote in the November 2023 Election.

Council member Goff reported that she attended a Public Utilities Commission (PUC) workshop, a presentation on deep geothermal well regulations, a ribbon cutting for Itacate Mexican Food, the ballot placement drawing for the 2023 Municipal Election, and a 100th birthday celebration for Vera Jaramillo, a longtime Ward 3 resident.

Council member Kondo reported he and Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa attended the North Metro Fire Rescue District (NMFRD) 9/11 Memorial Ceremony in Broomfield. He was also a VIP guest at a memorial for fallen submariners; he thanked American Legion Post 22 for providing honor guard detail for that ceremony. Council member Kondo encouraged youth under 19 years old to take advantage of the Regional Transportation District's (RTD) Zero Fare for Youth program that runs from September 2023 through August 2024.

Council member Long spoke about his family's personal experiences of the tragic events on 9/11 and expressed gratitude for the first responders. Council member Long reported that he attended the Bridge Summit and the ballot placement drawing for the 2023 Municipal Election; he thanked staff for hosting those successful events.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported that she participated in a business walk at Hillcrest Plaza, a Civic Center Campus parking plan meeting, the Bridge Summit, a Youth Commission meeting, the Colorado Municipal League (CML) District 3 meeting, the CML Executive Board meeting, the NMFRD 9/11 Memorial Ceremony, a Northglenn High School STEM meeting, and the Legislative Committee meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa advised CML and the Legislative Committee have taken positions of opposition regarding Colorado Proposition HH; additional information will be provided during the next Legislative Committee update.

Mayor Leighty congratulated Council member Burns on the birth of her daughter and reported that she also attended Vera Jaramillo's 100th birthday party, which was a great celebration. Mayor Leighty commended staff for hosting the Bridge Summit; it was a big success. Lastly, Mayor Leighty spoke about the importance of remembering the events of 9/11 and encouraged all to visit The National September 11 Memorial and Museum at Ground Zero in New York City.

Council member Brown thanked Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa for her work with the Youth Commission, especially regarding their health initiative project on substance addiction.

Council member Goff spoke about a letter to the editor in the Northglenn Thornton Sentinel from a former resident who recently came back to Northglenn for a class reunion; the author commended the City of Northglenn for accessibility improvements at City facilities and in programming over the years.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa announced that the Colorado Municipal League (CML) is considering hosting a district meeting in Northglenn next year.

Staff

City Manager Geyer provided a report on the City's 9/11 Day of Service, which has seen increased participation in the second year of the program. City Manager Geyer also congratulated those employees honored at the quarterly long-term employee recognition ceremony. She spotlighted the following employees: Sheila Berkey and Karen Carrillo for 25 years of service, Theresa Pineda for 40 years of service, and Marcia Connon for 45 years of service.

City Manager Geyer responded to a Council request for an update on T-Mobile's fiberoptic installation project. City Manager Geyer reported that there have been significant issues regarding proper neighborhood noticing, lack of quality property restoration, and apparent general disregard for private property by the contractor and subcontractors for the project. While City Manager Geyer and other members of the City's Leadership Team have met with and otherwise communicated with T-Mobile, Intrepid, and Congruex regarding the issues, complaints are still being received. Intrepid is scheduled to attend the September 25th Council meeting to provide a project update. There was discussion regarding the need for the contractor to provide meaningful neighborhood notices, as required by the master license agreement, as well as other concerns regarding the conduct of the contractors involved with the project. Council provided consensus for City Manager Geyer to also issue a formal letter to T-Mobile indicating that the City may issue a notice of default on the master license agreement if conformance with the terms and conditions of the agreement continues to be deficient.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2023 Update

Interim Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending July 31, 2023. Director 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. Director Loveland also reported on the City's cash reserves and sales tax revenue.

Director Loveland addressed questions from Council regarding the \$3.75 million water lease agreement, tax revenue related to Safeway and businesses in the Eastlake geographic area. Economic Development Director Allison Moeding will be asked to provide information regarding the effect of road construction on those businesses located at 120th Avenue and Claude Court.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Long 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 item was approved on the consent agenda:

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Headwaters Northglenn
Independent Living
Subdivision Amendment
No. 1 Final Plat

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on the Headwaters Northglenn Independent Living Subdivision Amendment No. 1 Final Plat. There were no objections to the jurisdiction of the City Council or to the form or substance of the proceedings.

Ashley McFarland, City Planner, presented staff's analysis of the application and provided details regarding the public hearing notices on the application.

Council members Burns, Brown, and Walker participated in the meeting electronically and were therefore prohibited by policy from participating in the public hearing or voting on CR-119 following the hearing.

Planner McFarland addressed questions from Council regarding infrastructure improvements, access to the property from Melody Drive, the number of parking spaces at the development, and drainage plans.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, stated the applicant will be designing drainage and stormwater retention to the City's standards.

Jeff Hoffman, 1165 S. Monroe Street, Denver, was placed under oath. Applicant Hoffman addressed questions from Council regarding access to the property and the one-way access to the Core Progression business, which is not part of the property in question. Mr. Hoffman stated the development will include 208 parking spaces, which exceeds requirements.

Mayor Leighty called for anyone wishing to speak either in favor or opposition of the application. There being no response, the public hearing was declared closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-119 – Headwaters
Northglenn Independent
Living Subdivision
Amendment No. 1 Final
Plat and Subdivision
Improvement Agreement

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-119.

MOTION PASSED

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

CR-123 – Kiwanis
Pool Improvements

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa Council member to approve CR-123.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-123.

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.

RECESSED

The City Council meeting recessed to a meeting of the Marijuana Licensing Authority at 8:42 p.m.

RECONVENED

The City Council meeting reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Proposed 2024 Annual
Operating & Capital
Improvement Budget

Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager, presented the Proposed 2024 Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Budget to Council.

There was discussion regarding the projected General Fund balance, evaluating needs versus wants, a Council member's request to add \$500,000 for five new police officer positions and finding corresponding reductions in the budget to fund the request, the potential need for a Council retreat to discuss the budget, and the potential passage of Ballot Issue 3G – Sales Tax Extension.

Continue Past 10:00 p.m.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. to go no longer than one hour.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - Kondo.

ABSENT - None.

Note:

Council member Kondo left the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Council's consensus was to not add the request of \$500,000 for the addition of five new police officers to the proposed budget or to schedule an additional meeting for Council to discuss the budget.

There was discussion regarding Crisis Response Unit's staff salaries being included in future budget years, the use of conservative revenue and high expenditure projections to prepare long-term budget forecasts, and a reduction in a budget request made by the Youth Commission from \$2000 to \$500.

City Manager Performance
Review Process 2023

City Manager Geyer presented a process overview for the City Manager's annual performance review. There was discussion regarding the timeline for the process, transparency, and future goal setting.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

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

Beth McIlree, 11512 Gilpin St. in Ward 2, spoke about the need to allocate adequate funding in the budget to hire additional police officers.

Executive Sessions

The Executive Sessions were postponed to September 18, 2023 due to time constraints.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor