

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a special meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:01 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 Acting City Manager Loveland, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to recess to Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding managing public spaces.

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.

RECESSED The City Council meeting recessed to the Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

RECONVENED The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEM:
Managing Public Spaces

Jason Loveland, Acting City Manager, City Attorney Corey Hoffmann, Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, Police Chief Jim May, Allison Moeding, Director of Economic Development, and Jessica Hulse, Crisis Response Unit Manager, presented strategies for improving safety in public spaces.

Strategies included enforcement of drug use and paraphernalia; implementation of a new ordinance disallowing shopping carts on public rights-of-way; implementation of a Problem Identification & Intervention Team; relocation of the lunch program in E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park; providing a security guard at the Don Anema Memorial Skatepark; communication with local businesses; the

Washington Point Neighborhood Engagement process; and development of a Business Improvement District.

There was discussion about budget implications associated with the proposed strategies, prioritizing strategies without known costs, and moving forward with policy recommendations that do not have associated costs.

The cleaning schedule for E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, around the civic center area, and the tunnel under I-25 at 120th Avenue has been successful in the past year. Council would like more information on expanding these efforts citywide.

Stronger enforcement of alcohol consumption, open containers, and drug use in public areas has been implemented and will continue; Council stated they are interested in exploring whether Emergency and/or Involuntary Commitments for individuals with a demonstrated substance abuse disorder is a potential strategy at the municipal level.

There was Council consensus to consider an ordinance to prohibit shopping carts on rights-of-way, sidewalks and in parks.

There was Council consensus for staff to continue working with the Washington Point shopping area to bring in a consultant to hear concerns from the community and work with the businesses and City to develop a plan to address the issues. Staff will also encourage the property owners to find a mechanism, such as developing a Business Improvement District, that enables them to work together to fund improvements.

Council expressed support for implementing security measures at the Don Anema Memorial Skatepark and requested that staff provide further information regarding the associated costs. In addition, they asked that staff explore ways to activate the skatepark with competitions, lessons or other programming.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to adjourn to Executive Sessions: 1) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding A) Justice Center Foundation issues; B) the 111th Place flooding issue; and C) quasi-judicial process; and 2) pursuant to Section 4.5(a) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for personnel matters regarding Council appointee evaluations.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - Walker.

ABSENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Sessions at
8:45 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor