

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 8, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Novak called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Novak, Council members Martin, Garner, Carlow, Tichy, Paiz.

ABSENT

Council members Goodspeed, Lindsey, Gillespie.

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Nelson, City Attorney Phillips, City Clerk Lentz.

**PLEDGE AND
INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given followed by the Invocation, which was delivered by Police Chaplain Truax.

**RESPONSE TO
CITIZEN INQUIRY**

Mayor Novak addressed concerns about a noise barrier fence on I-25. She provided information about funding for improvements and CDOT's policies for planning and approving projects. She reported that she had spoken to a representative at CDOT about the costs for a noise barrier fence and was told the project could cost between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000 if constructed in CDOT's right-of-way. She stated that even if the City could fund the project, CDOT might not approve it, and noted the fence would only reduce the noise level by three decibels.

Mayor Novak spoke about the issue raised relating to the President of the University of Colorado and the recent budget cuts he imposed. She stated the University's annual budget is just over \$535,000,000, and the \$1,000,000 cut in salaries represents a 1.9% reduction. Mayor Novak stated the City of Northglenn's annual budget has been cut almost 19% from \$57,000,000 to \$48,000,000 from 2004 to 2005. She stated she feels employees go above and beyond in their duties and continue to operate with enthusiasm.

Mayor Novak also addressed a statement that was made regarding a promise that City services would not be affected by the reduction in staff. She stated it is logical that services could be affected due to a reduction in staff. Mayor Novak stated facilities are not being closed, police officers are not being laid off as in other cities, and she has not heard any complaints from residents about decreased levels of services.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS
AND DELETIONS**

Mayor Novak announced the following:

Additions:

- 8. Consent Agenda: E. CR-57 – Youth Commission Appointment – Kurt Thomas
- 13A. Ordinances – Second Reading: 1. CB-1502 – Repeal of Architectural Design Standards
- 17. Discussion Items: B. Utility Bills

Deletions:

- 11. Presentations: A. Dedicated Service Award – Mia Herren

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mr. James Miller, 1426 W. 101st Place, inquired about the Watershed Protection ordinance. Mr. Miller also spoke about storm drainage in his neighborhood. He distributed a handout to Council to show the drainage concerns and stated the runoff from storms can be dangerous. Mr. Miller asked Council to work with the City of Thornton to install a storm drain to accommodate storm water in this area.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Novak stated items B and D would be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Novak **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Councilman Martin to approve items on the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Novak, Martin, Garner, Carlow, Tichy, Paiz.
OPPOSED - No one.
ABSENT - Goodspeed, Lindsey, Gillespie.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting for August 25, 2005
- CR-55 – Private Activity Bond
- CR-57 – Youth Commission Appointment – Kurt Thomas

**ITEM REMOVED FROM
CONSENT AGENDA**

CR-54 – Council Mileage &
Expense Reimbursement

City Clerk Lentz read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Councilwoman Paiz **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Councilman Martin to approve CR-54.

**MOTION
WITHDRAWN**

There was discussion and the motion was withdrawn.

CR-56 – Towing Contract

City Clerk Lentz read the title.

Mayor Novak **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Garner to approve CR-56.

**FRIENDLY
AMENDMENT**

Councilman Martin asked for a friendly amendment to approve the towing contract in substantially the form submitted.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion, including the friendly amendment, **PASSED**.

IN FAVOR - Novak, Martin, Garner, Carlow, Tichy, Paiz.

OPPOSED - No one.

ABSENT - Goodspeed, Lindsey, Gillespie.

PROCLAMATIONS

Relay for Life

Mayor Novak read the Relay For Life proclamation proclaiming September 10, 2005 as Relay For Life Day in the City of Northglenn. Mayor Novak presented the proclamation to Mayor Pro Tem Tichy, and recognized her as a major contributor to the event.

Constitution Week

Mayor Novak read the proclamation proclaiming September 17th through 23rd as Constitution Week in the City of Northglenn.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2006 Community
Development Block
Grant (CDBG) Funding

Mr. Pat Breitenstein, Special Projects, stated for the record that the notice for the public hearing was posted at the designated posting places and published as required. He provided an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding program and stated the City is expected to receive approximately \$215,221.00 for 2006.

Mr. Breitenstein stated the CDBG Committee has recommended using \$180,000 to complete the Washington Street fencing project and \$35,221 for the use of the Northglenn Neighborhood Development Corporation to provide loan products to low- and middle-income residents, with senior and disabled citizens to be given priority. Mr. Breitenstein stated CR-53, which is on the agenda for Council's consideration, reflects these recommendations.

Mayor Novak opened the public hearing on the 2006 Community Block Grant Funding.

Mr. Bill Sullivan, NNDC Interim Director, stated he is in support of using \$35,221 for NNDC to establish a revolving loan fund to provide loan products to residents for home improvements.

Mayor Novak called for anyone wishing to speak about the CDBG funding. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading

CB-1502

Repeal of Architectural
Design Standards

City Clerk Lentz read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Councilwoman Paiz **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Garner to approve CB-1502 on second reading.

**FRIENDLY
AMENDMENT**

Councilwoman Paiz asked for a friendly amendment to repeal only Section 11-7-10(b)(1). The friendly amendment was withdrawn.

MOTION FAILED

There was discussion and the motion **FAILED**.

IN FAVOR - No one.

OPPOSED - Novak, Martin, Garner, Carlow, Tichy, Paiz.

ABSENT - Goodspeed, Lindsey, Gillespie.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-53 – Designation of
2006 CDBG Projects

City Clerk Lentz read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Councilwoman Carlow **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Garner to approve CR-53.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.

IN FAVOR - Novak, Martin, Garner, Carlow, Tichy, Paiz.

OPPOSED - No one.

ABSENT - Goodspeed, Lindsey, Gillespie.

RECESS

The City Council meeting recessed to a meeting of the Liquor Licensing Authority at 7:47 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Paiz reported on the Ward I social. She stated approximately 70 people attended the meeting, which included a presentation from a FasTracks representative.

Mayor Novak reported five new police officers were sworn in tonight. She stated she had attended the NLC's Leadership Summit in Boston two weeks ago and enjoyed the leadership conferences. Mayor Novak reported she had been asked to present at the Denver Metro Chamber's State of the City luncheon. She stated she was honored to speak at the luncheon about the state of local government outside the region.

Councilwoman Carlow reported that the Finance Committee had discussed Council policies at their last meeting, and stated she would

like to discuss Council assigned equipment at the next Council meeting.

Councilwoman Garner reported there would be a meeting to receive community input on the Northwest Open Space on Tuesday, September 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Westview Elementary School. She stated the purpose of the meeting is to gather public comment on the master plan and potential redevelopment of the Northwest Open Space.

Councilwoman Garner stated she had spoken to a citizen that is concerned about school buses being parked on residential streets. She asked Council if they would be in favor of adopting an ordinance prohibiting buses from being parked in residential areas. It was the consensus of Council to not amend the current ordinances relating to parking restrictions.

STAFF

City Clerk Lentz stated she had received a notice from the National League of Cities asking for a voting delegate and alternate voting delegate for the conference in December. It was decided that Councilwoman Garner would be the voting delegate and either Councilman Lindsey or Mayor Novak would be the alternate voting delegate.

City Manager Nelson requested a study session to be held on September 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Completion Bond, Uses by Right Modifications, NWOS Conceptual Plan, and the Skate Park Conceptual Plan.

City Manager Nelson stated Mr. John Shaw, Opus Northwest, had asked to meet with Council to discuss the negotiation process on September 15th at 5:30 p.m. He stated sensitive information would be discussed and suggested calling a special meeting to allow Council to meet in an Executive Session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Council Budget 2006

Councilwoman Carlow provided a report from the Finance Committee meeting. She asked Council to review the handouts from FISS and provided information about changes to the budget.

Councilwoman Carlow stated it was suggested that Council reduce its travel budget by 10% for next year since other departments had been asked to reduce their budgets.

There were questions from Council about planning for increases in Council salaries, outside agency funding, and budget reductions by staff.

Mr. Brent Worthington, FISS Director, provided information about the budget handouts, and asked Council to contact FISS if they have unbudgeted expenditures.

Councilwoman Garner suggested transferring any unspent travel funds to the General Fund to restrict giving these funds to organizations of personal interest. It was the consensus of Council to form a subcommittee to review the travel fund policies.

City Manager Nelson stated a value added line item has been established and could be used for discretionary expenditures.

Utility Bills

Councilwoman Paiz inquired about utility bills. She stated a few residents had contacted her about their bills, saying they were higher than normal and the billing cycle was different than before.

Mr. Brent Worthington stated billing cycles are between 28 and 33 days. He stated he is not aware of any issues with the billing system and asked that residents contact Debbie Staub in Utility Billing to receive an adjustment if their billing cycle is incorrect.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Novak invited any member of the public wishing to speak on any subject to come forward. No one came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

DIANA L. LENTZ, CMC
City Clerk

KATHLEEN M. NOVAK
Mayor