

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 9, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, October 9, 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:**

E. 111th Place Flooding
Issue Update

City Manager Geyer provided an update on E. 111th Place flooding. Mile High Flood District is continuing a study on the matter. A community meeting will be scheduled to address resident concerns and provide information from the study. Mitigation activities already underway include the removal of small rocks and gravel from the roadway to prevent those from washing onto private property during storms and the stabilization and cleanup of the ditch along E. 112th Avenue to allow for better drainage. Updates will be provided on a weekly basis to Council and residents regarding these mitigation activities.

There was discussion regarding potential road closures due to the mitigation activities. Road closures are not currently anticipated. If they become necessary, single lane closures will occur during non-peak hours, still allowing for through access.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS
AND DELETIONS:**

None.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Breast Cancer Awareness
Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Environmental Manager Tami Moon and Senior Planner Sara Dusenberry, representing the City's

Wellness Committee. Tami invited all to participate in the Susan G. Komen walk on October 28, 2023 around E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.

**Business Appreciation
Week**

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming October 16-20, 2023 as Business Appreciation Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Economic Development Director Allison Moeding, Economic Development Specialist Shannon Fields, and Economic Development Coordinator Marissa Phillips. Director Moeding thanked Council and announced the 11th Annual Business Appreciation Event will take place at Parsons Theatre on October 17, 2023 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Italian Heritage Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming October 2023 as Italian Heritage Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Northglenn resident Bob Badovinac and members of the Dante Alighieri Society.

**National Substance Abuse
Prevention Month**

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming October 2023 as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Council member Becky Brown. Council member Brown provided statistics on substance misuse and spoke about the importance of strengthening support systems in the community. Council member Brown will share information with the City Manager for parents who may need support.

PRESENTATIONS:

Good Neighbor Awards

David Mullen, Public Communications Specialist, provided information about the Good Neighbor Awards Program, which recognizes residents nominated for being neighborly and having a positive impact on the community. The October 2023 Good Neighbor Award honorees were: Marilyn Powers; Brad, Jennifer and Alex West; and Dennis Ferris.

**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.

Mark Bromley, Ward 3, made a statement regarding his candidacy for Mayor and provided suggestions for improvements to E. 112th Avenue.

Tom Lampo, 3591 Jackson Way, Thornton, prayed for the City of Northglenn.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns commended staff for the Path to Pre-K program at the Recreation Center and stated she would like to see the program expand to serve more families.

Council member Walker expressed gratitude to the Good Neighbor Program honorees for their contributions to the community and thanked Tom Lampo for his prayer. He reported that he attended a ribbon cutting at Tanner Automotive on Irma Drive and congratulated the business on their grand opening. Council member Walker called on Council to issue a resolution of support for Israel and in condemnation of the actions of the terrorist group Hamas; there was consensus for a resolution of support to be drafted by City Attorney Hoffmann for consideration at the next regular meeting.

Council member Brown stated she enjoys Mr. Lampo's prayers during Council meetings. She reported that she will be attending the City Council Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 11th but will still have an update from the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) at the next meeting. She congratulated Police Chief May on the work the Police Department has done at the Washington Point shopping center; it has made a positive impact for businesses and shoppers. Council member Brown also addressed comments made during the Public Invited to be Heard portion of the meeting, stating that she does not agree with the negative sentiments shared regarding Council's relationship with local businesses.

Council member Jaramillo stated the inaugural Festival Latino went well and he looks forward to collaborating again on the annual event. He acknowledged Indigenous Peoples' Day, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Italian Heritage Month. Council member Jaramillo also invited everyone to support Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) by donating to fund the public art installation that will be gifted to the City of Northglenn for the opening of the new City Hall; visit www.northglennarts.org for more information.

Council member Goff reported on her attendance at a Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) meeting. She reminded everyone that there will be City Council Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 11th at the Justice Center; a telecast of the forum will be available on YouTube and Channel 8. Council member Goff also acknowledged Indigenous Peoples' Day and expressed her wish for mutual respect to be shared by everyone on the planet.

Council member Kondo stated the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) will expire in February 2024; he recommended Council approval of a renewed triennial IGA as it is an important partnership for the City to maintain. He also invited everyone to attend the Ward 3 meeting at the Justice Center and Safe Street Halloween at Centennial Park on October 14th.

Council member Long reported on his attendance at the Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County annual breakfast, an Adams County Regional Economic Partnership Executive Committee meeting, and Festival Latino, which was fantastic. He also acknowledged Indigenous Peoples' Day in honor of his friends on the Cheyenne River Reservation. He announced there will be a Ward 4 meeting on October 26th at the Justice Center. Council member Long reported that he also attended the Ward 2 meeting and expressed concerns about a Council member endorsing a Ward 2 candidate during the meeting while not acknowledging the other candidate in attendance. He encouraged Council to consider adopting more stringent campaign regulations as the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) complaint process takes approximately 60 to 90 days.

Council member Brown addressed comments made by Council member Long regarding the endorsement of a Ward 2 candidate during the Ward 2 meeting; she explained that the other candidate in attendance at the Ward 2 meeting did not introduce herself and Council member Brown was unaware she was running for the Ward 2 position until after the meeting.

Mayor Leighty asked for clarification regarding Council member Long's suggestion for additional campaign regulations and provided information regarding the procedure for introducing proposed legislation. Council member Long stated he will draft a resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa requested and received Council consensus to schedule a discussion regarding the No Need for Speed program to reevaluate traffic data in certain areas. She reported on her attendance at the Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County annual breakfast, the Police Department Swearing-In Ceremony for Lt. Shelley, the Ralston House Ciders, Sliders, Tacos and Beer fundraiser, Festival Latino, the Youth Commission meeting, and the ribbon cutting ceremony for Tanner Automotive.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa provided an update on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting. The Committee is

anticipating proposed legislation on construction defects with a right to cure regarding condominium development. She provided information regarding the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy meeting scheduled for October 13th, a CML Executive Committee meeting on October 20th, and the Legislative Dinner with Representative Willford on December 12th. The Legislative Guide will be presented to Council for approval in late November.

Mayor Leighty reported on her attendance at the Finance Committee meeting and the Metro Mayors Caucus. She invited all to come out for Safe Street Halloween on October 14th as it should be a fun event. She reported the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board will be meeting on October 10th. Lastly, Mayor Leighty announced she will be presenting on a panel at the Climate Solution Summit in Vail on October 18th-19th.

Staff

City Clerk Small reported that ballots for the November 7, 2023 election will be mailed to voters by the County Election Department beginning October 16th. If voters have not received their ballot by Friday, October 20th, please contact the Adams County Election Department. If anyone in the community needs assistance with registering to vote or updating their voter registration information, please contact or stop by the City Clerk's Office.

City Manager Geyer reported on a new weekly video report posted to the Northglenn Police Department's Facebook and YouTube. Last week, the report included information regarding an injured cat that had been recovered; because of the highlight in the weekly report, the pet was able to be reunited with his family.

City Attorney Hoffmann reported he attended the CML Municipal Attorneys Conference where the topic of impacts related to people experiencing homelessness was discussed; Northglenn seems to be on the leading edge of finding options and potential solutions. He also discussed the creation of a coalition seeking to have the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) determine which entity is responsible for street lighting on Interstate 25; either each individual municipality or the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Attorney Hoffmann recommended the City join the coalition to gain certainty on the matter. Lastly, Attorney Hoffmann thanked Council for directing him to draft the resolution in support of Israel.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

August 2023 Update

Interim Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending August 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.

There was discussion regarding one-time capital expenditures, financial report formatting and what data is included in monthly reports versus quarterly reports, tax collected by geographic code, and Police Department overtime expenditures.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa 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:

- September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- October 2, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-131 – Justice Center Foundation Exploration
- CR-136 – Municipal Court Video Services IGA

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Proposed 2024 Annual
Operating & Capital
Improvement Budget

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

There was discussion regarding water and wastewater rate increases between 2023-2027, merit pay increases for Police Department personnel, costs related to the demolition and remediation of the old recreation center, projected sales tax, the potential impact if the sales tax extension ballot measure passes, and how budget projections are developed.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on the Proposed 2024 Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Budget and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” the proposed budget. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

CB-2010 – Unified
Development Ordinance
Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2010 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2010. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

CB-2011 – Vehicular
Public Nuisances
Ordinance Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2011 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2011. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

CB-2012 – Alexan
Northglenn Easement
Vacation Request

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2012 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2012. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

CB-2013 – Supplemental
Appropriation

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2013 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2013. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –
SECOND READING:**

CB-2010 – Unified
Development Ordinance
Amendments

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CB-2010 on second reading.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CB-2010.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - Long.

ABSENT - None.

CB-2011 – Vehicular
Public Nuisances

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Long to approve CB-2011 on second reading.

Deputy Police Chief Randall Darlin provided a summary of CB-2011.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Goff.

Note:

Council member Goff left the meeting briefly during the vote on CB-2011.

CB-2012 – Alexan
Northglenn Easement
Vacation Request

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 CB-2012 on second reading.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CB-2012.

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.

CB-2013 – Supplemental
Appropriation

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-2013 on second reading.

Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager, provided a summary of CB-2013.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Jaramillo, Kondo,
Burns, Goff, Brown, Walker.
OPPOSED - Long.
ABSENT - None.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-88 – Adoption of 2023
Emergency Operations Plan

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-88.

Police Chief Jim May provided a summary of CR-88.

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-118 – 112th Avenue
RTD Path Lighting

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Jaramillo to approve CR-118.

Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager, provided a
summary of CR-118.

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-124 – Northglenn
Pavilion Monument Sign
License Agreement

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Goff to approve CR-124.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided
a summary of CR-124.

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-125 – Automated
Filter Backwash Engineering
Design Services

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve CR-125.

Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager, provided a
summary of CR-125.

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.

CR-126 – Water Treatment
Plant Solids Handling
Improvements Addendum #1

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Kondo to approve CR-126.

Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager, provided a
summary of CR-126.

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.

CR-135 – Department
of Local Affairs Private
Activity Bond Assignment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Kondo to approve CR-135.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided
a summary of CR-135.

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.

**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 Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to adjourn to Executive Session 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, Walker.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 9:31 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor