

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, November 13, 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, Kondo, Burns, Goff, Brown, and Walker (arrived at 6:27 p.m.).

ABSENT Council members Jaramillo.

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:
112th Avenue Ditch
City Manager Geyer reminded everyone about the 112th Avenue Ditch Workshop that will be held on Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Northglenn Recreation Center. City staff and Mile High Flood District are hosting the workshop to advise residents regarding the study and remediation efforts being conducted with reference to E. 112th Avenue rainstorm flooding issues that occurred over the summer.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

PROCLAMATIONS:
Transgender Awareness Month
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming November 2023 as Transgender Awareness Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Interim Chair Autumn Romero and Ward 2 Member Christina Cimino, of the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board.

Small Business Saturday
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming November 25, 2023 as Small Business Saturday in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Travis Gerrish representing Forma Furniture.

Native American Heritage Month
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming November 2023

as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Northglenn. The proclamation was presented to Felicia Alvarez of Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Scott Gloyd of Northern Arapaho Tribe, and Andy Cozad of Kiowa Tribe. Following a Native American prayer, a traditional ceremonial dance was led by Jimmy and Adalee Peters of Ogalala Lakota Tribe, Gerald Montour of Dine and Haudenosaunee Tribes, Raelene Whiteshield, Joslyn and Michaela Running Wolf of Cheyenne Arapaho, Kiowa, and Blackfeet Tribes, and Rhonda, Eugene, and Paul Standing Bear Kozma of Rosebud Sioux, Ogalala, Dine, and Northern Cheyenne Tribes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Diversity, Inclusivity,
and Social Equity
Board Update

Interim Chair Autumn Romero and Ward 2 Member Christina Cimino presented an update regarding the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board. Following the update, Autumn and Christina addressed questions from Council regarding Board vacancies, indigenous land acknowledgements, and the Board's involvement in the Police Department's recruitment process.

**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, 3951 Jackson Way, Thornton, came forward to pray for the City of Northglenn.

Karen Weinmeister, 1945 E. 116th Drive, expressed concern about the lack of regulation on the number of pets allowed per residence.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns stated she is happy to be participating in person again. She acknowledged Veterans Day and thanked those who accepted proclamations earlier in the evening. She also addressed comments on the City's social media accounts related to the October 23rd Proclamation to condemn antisemitism and all forms of hate and the Resolution to support Israel and condemn the war launched by Hamas; the purpose of both documents was to condemn all dehumanization, terrorism, violence, and any form of hate aimed at anyone, anywhere. Council member Burns expressed love for all and invited any resident with questions or concerns to reach out to her directly.

Council member Walker thanked Tom Lampo for his kind words. He also thanked staff, American Legion Post 22, and Doug Good Feather for the wonderful Veterans Day Ceremony. Council

member Walker requested and received Council consensus to schedule a study session regarding Northglenn Municipal Code Section 14-1-4(f) which establishes no limit to the number of pets allowed per residence.

Council member Brown concurred with Council member Walker that the number of pets allowed per residence should be discussed. She reported the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority meeting had been canceled. She thanked those who performed in honor of Native American Heritage Month and expressed gratitude to all veterans for their service.

Council member Goff reported she attended the Topping Off Ceremony for the new City Hall building and the Veterans Day Ceremony, which was very moving. She provided an update from the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Policy Committee meeting and reported that the City's new Sustainability Coordinator will also be working closely with CC4CA. Council member Goff requested and received Council consensus to schedule a presentation by CC4CA regarding their activities and benefits for member communities.

Council member Kondo thanked staff for organizing the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park; it was a wonderful event. He also reported on a recent tour of the Water Treatment Plant and gave kudos to Public Works staff for their water conservation efforts. Council member Kondo reported he attended the Adams County Veterans Day Ceremony at the USS Colorado Memorial, which was very moving. He reported the T-Mobile fiber network installation project has commenced in Ward 3 and encouraged residents to report any issues to the City. Council member Kondo requested and received consensus to prepare a Letter of Commendation for two officers involved in the discovery of a large motor vehicle theft ring and in another case that resulted in the recovery of a large amount of fentanyl.

Council member Long honored veterans and expressed gratitude to those that attended to accept and celebrate the Native American Heritage Month Proclamation. He also addressed the Proclamation and Resolution of October 23rd which expressed support of Israel and condemned antisemitism and all forms of hate; his friends in Israel lost their son in the conflict and they are grateful for the support.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa honored all veterans and thanked Council member Kondo for his military service. She attended the Veterans Day Ceremony, remarking it was beautiful. She thanked Council members Burns and Long for their comments

regarding the October 23rd Proclamation and Resolution, reiterating we cannot support or tolerate hate and violence against anyone. She thanked Superintendent Gdowski and his team at Adams 12 Five Star Schools for supporting the Youth Commission on their substance abuse project. She also reported on her attendance at the 120th Avenue Improvement Project ribbon cutting event, a Tuck Lateral Ditch meeting, a No Need for Speed meeting, the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, a Business Retention and Expansion meeting, and a Police Pension Board meeting. She requested and received Council support for staff to conduct another speed study on Melody Drive as the first was conducted in July when school was not in session, potentially affecting the outcome. She also requested staff to study a blind curve issue on Melody Drive as residents have voiced safety concerns.

Mayor Leighty reported that she spoke on a panel at the 2023 Climate Solution Summit in Vail, highlighting how climate issues may affect metropolitan area municipalities differently than those in mountain areas. She provided a quote from the event that she found especially powerful: “delay is the new denial.” She also spoke at a Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) conference and attended meetings with the Colorado Restaurant Association and the Metro Mayors Caucus. She reported that she attended the 2023 Arts Schools Network Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, where the theme was Teaching Anti-Racism and Equity Through the Arts. She found it an amazing learning experience with a key takeaway: “silence is tolerance.” She concluded by calling out recent comments made by mayoral candidate Mark Bromley on various social media outlets, at the 2023 City of Northglenn Candidate Forum, and during the Public Invited to be Heard portion of multiple City Council meetings. She stated Mr. Bromley’s characterization of himself as “the George Floyd of Northglenn” is inappropriate and offensive and noted that his unacceptable comments should have been addressed long ago.

Staff

City Manager Geyer reported the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board is successfully up and running; she will no longer attend meetings unless her support is needed. She stated the Veterans Day Ceremony hosted by the Northglenn Senior Organization, which was a great success and thanked Council, American Legion Post 22, and Doug Good Feather for their participation. She invited everyone to the Senior Center for the annual Holiday Tea Party on November 17th at 1 p.m.; reservations can be made by calling (303) 450-8801. City Manager Geyer reported that tickets are now available for Northglenn Arts Presents holiday performances:

- *Santa and the Slay*

- *Caroling, Caroling Now We Go! A Kantorei Holiday*
- *Jarabe Mexicano's A Borden Soul Christmas*
- *Irish Christmas in America: The Show*

Tickets may be purchased by visiting www.northglennARTS.org.

City Attorney Hoffmann advised Council that, during the interim of reviewing the section of the Municipal Code pertaining to the number of pets allowed per residence, there may be related activities subject to prosecution; smell and noise impacting neighbors may be deemed a nuisance under existing regulations.

Council member Brown thanked Mayor Leighty for addressing Mark Bromley's inappropriate statements.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

September 2023 Update

Interim Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending September 30, 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. Following the update, there was discussion regarding the reduction in marijuana tax revenue and the projected year-end General Fund balance.

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, Kondo, Goff, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo, Burns.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- October 23, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-145 – Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board Reappointment – Wes Dunbar
- CR-146 – Youth Commission Appointment – Kate Fiel
- CR-147 – Purchasing Policy

ORDINANCES –

FIRST READING:

CB-2015 – Eastlake
Rezone to Multifamily
(RM-2)

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-2015 on first reading.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, and City Attorney Hoffmann provided a brief summary of CB-2015.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo, Burns.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-144 – Storm Drainage System Mapping and Condition Assessment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-144.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-144.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo.

CR-148 – Parks Building and Facility Remodel

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-148.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-148.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo.

CR-149 – 2023 Utility Emergency Response Contract Addendum #1

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-149.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-149.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo.

CR-150 – Assignment of Incentives from Prost Brewery Company to Prost Holdings, LLC

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-150.

Allison Moeding, Director of Economic Development, provided a summary of CR-150.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo.

RECESSED

The City Council meeting recessed to a meeting of the Marijuana Licensing Authority at 8:17 p.m.

RECONVENED

The City Council meeting reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Shelter-Neuter-Return Program Update

Police Chief Jim May provided a brief update on the Shelter-Neuter-Return (SNR) program. Following the update, there was discussion regarding other acceptable means to trap and release cats, where the SNR program was utilized, the number of cats being kept as pets, and adoption services available at the Riverdale Animal Shelter.

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 Long **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 Berthoud Ditch.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 8:59 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor