

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 27, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, Council members Long, Jaramillo, Kondo, Burns, Goff, and Brown.

ABSENT Mayor Leighty and Council member Walker.

STAFF PRESENT Acting City Manager Loveland, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY: None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa called for any person wishing to address City Council on matters of community interest related to City business not set for public hearing.

Chris Cline, 248 Emery Road, congratulated Mayor Leighty, his Ward 3 Council members, and the other newly elected members of Council. Chris thanked Chief May for the update on the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program at the last meeting. He spoke about community cats, cat colonies, and cat overpopulation at Riverdale Animal Shelter, offering to help anyone that wishes to participate in the TNR Program.

Tom Lampo, 3951 Jackson Way, Thornton, prayed for the City of Northglenn.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Council

Council member Brown reminded everyone to come out to celebrate Noel Northglenn at Northglenn Recreation Center on December 1st.

Council member Jaramillo expressed condolences for the recent passing of two community members: Lucille Ruibal Rivera, a

longtime Northglenn resident and member of the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) and Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board and Annie Huynh, a former resident and longtime employee of Northglenn Barbers. He also expressed gratitude for those who have lifted the community up, showing strength in togetherness while grieving these losses over the past few weeks. Council member Jaramillo reported that he attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, and shared information from the learning sessions he found especially relevant; a key takeaway was to remove barriers to developing state, county and local partnerships when trying address difficult issues facing our communities.

Council member Goff reported she was happy to be back home after visiting family over the long holiday.

Council member Kondo reported he also attended the NLC Conference; his key takeaway was “people + partnerships = possibilities.” He reported on his attendance at a Hmong New Year celebration, which was a great event. He asked everyone to make sure their pets have identification tags in case they become lost. Lastly, he reminded everyone the T-Mobile Fiber Network Installation Project continues and asked those who experience issues related to the project to report it to City Hall.

Council member Long thanked residents for presenting questions during the Ward 4 meeting. He reported that he attended the 112th Avenue Ditch Workshop hosted by the City and Mile High Flood District, which was informative. He stated that he has conducted research on Net Zero buildings, and he will prepare a written statement on the issue. Lastly, Council member Long expressed concern regarding an increase in the number of migrants coming to the City of Denver and stated Northglenn may be affected soon.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa stated she attended the welcome and ribbon cutting event for Raising Cane’s at Karl’s Farm; it is great to have them join the community. She reported on her attendance at the NLC Conference, where she attended many workshops related to public safety. She agreed that the key takeaways are related to working collaboratively with other levels of government. She also noted an emphasis on building a strong ecosystem between the public and the police department, which the City does with the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board. She provided a report from the Northglenn Senior Organization meeting, where a new event was announced: The Donut Hole is intended for people to gather while sharing donuts, coffee, cocoa, and conversations. The Organization is also planning a senior trip to Branson, Missouri in 2024. Those

interested in these events are encouraged to contact the Senior Center for more information. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa attended a Hmong New Year celebration; it was encouraging to see representatives from other cities supporting the local Hmong community. Lastly, she encouraged all to register for the bone marrow registry in support of a 4-year-old resident needing a bone marrow transplant.

Council member Brown inquired about partnering with an organization to host a bone marrow donor registration drive. Acting City Manager Loveland stated staff will consider the suggestion.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa encouraged everyone to participate in Colorado Gives Day to support Ralston House with a donation.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting and the following bills that passed in the State Legislature's 2023 Special Session:

- SB 23B-001 - Property Tax Relief
- SB 23B-002 - Summer Electronic Benefits (EBT) Program
- HB 23B-1001 - Emergency Rental Assistance Grant Program
- HB 23B-1006 - Creation of Tax Code Task Force
- HB 23B-1007 - 2023 Homestead Property Tax Exemptions
- HB 23B-1008 - Appropriation for Department of Treasury

Council member Burns expressed her condolences for the passing of Lucille Ruibal Rivera. She also thanked those for coming to speak to Council during the meeting.

Staff

Acting City Manager Loveland provided information regarding property tax rates and deadline changes resulting from the recent passage of bills during the State Legislature's 2023 Special Session. He reported that Staff is considering the potential impacts on the City's 2024 Budget, which may warrant a discussion item being scheduled for a Council meeting soon.

Council member Long inquired about the tax rates reported and the potential impact to the City's finances, expressing concerns over utilizing additional general fund reserves to balance the budget.

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 - Lukeman-Hiromasa, Long, Jaramillo, Kondo,
Burns, Goff, Brown.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty, Walker.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- November 20, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-153 – Rocky Flats Stewardship Council Triennial Determination

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa stated the rezoning applicant had requested City Council continue the public hearing on CB-2015 to January 22, 2024.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to continue the public hearing on CB-2015 to January 22, 2024.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty, Walker.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-151 – Planning
Commission Rules of
Order and Procedure

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Long to approve CR-151.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-151.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty, Walker.

CR-152 – E.B. Rains,
Jr. Memorial Park
Renovation Design
Contract Addendum #1

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Jaramillo to approve CR-152.

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided a summary of CR-152.

Deputy Police Chief Randall Darlin addressed questions from Council related to the renovation project.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty, Walker.

CR-154 – Approval of
2024 Legislative Issues
Guide

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-154.

Acting City Manager Jason Loveland provided a summary of CR-154.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty, Walker.

CR-155 – City Hall
Materials Testing &
Inspection Services
Contract Addendum #1

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Jaramillo to approve CR-155.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-155.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty, Walker.

CR-156 – Peak Fencing, Inc.
Additional Contingency
Authorization

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-156.

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided a summary of CR-156.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty, Walker.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

New City Hall
Construction Update –
November 2023

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided an update on the new City Hall construction project. Director Svoboda reported on the construction of the foundation and roadway to the south of the facility, and stated the project is on schedule and on budget.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council.

City Attorney Hoffmann advised that any comments made tonight regarding CB-2015 – Eastlake Rezone to Multifamily (RM-2) will not become part of the record and will not be considered during the public hearing on CB-2015, which has been continued to January 22, 2024. Anyone making comments on the matter may repeat those comments during the public hearing on January 22nd if they wish for them to be considered by Council.

Michael Janiga, 12391 Farmview Lane in Ward 2, spoke about the Eastlake rezoning application and stated he is not in favor of the proposed change because there is value in keeping the land undeveloped.

Zach Dzielinski, 12380 Irma Drive in Ward 2, spoke about the proposed Eastlake rezoning and asked City Council to look into the matter further. Zach expressed concern about the notice provided for the rezoning and asked Council to gather more public feedback about the issue. Zach stated he feels there is a small window for

residents to be aware of such matters that may impact their residences.

Aran Raz, 12375 Farmview Lane in Ward 2, stated he is a procurement manager for a neighboring city and understands regulations as well as the need for affordable housing. Regarding the proposed Eastlake rezoning, Aran encouraged Council to visit the decommissioned reservoir in the area, stating it is far more than just an open space; it is a natural habitat that could become a maintained conservation space.

Heidi Dater, 12245 Creamery Street, spoke about the proposed Eastlake rezoning project, noting that numerous types of birds, including turkeys, live in the area. When she decided to move to the Karl's Farm neighborhood, she envisioned living in that type of environment and she does not support the rezoning.

Executive Session
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to adjourn to Executive Session 1) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding PFAS Settlements; 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 - Lukeman-Hiromasa, Long, Jaramillo, Kondo,
Burns, Goff, Brown.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Leighty, Walker.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 7:36 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

SHANNON LUKEMAN-HIROMASA
Mayor Pro Tem