

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present were Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, Council members Burns, Jaramillo (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, 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: None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

INTERVIEWS: The applicants for the Youth Commission were not in attendance; interviews will be rescheduled.

PRESENTATIONS:
Youth Addiction Poster Contest Recognition
Youth Commission member Suyash Shrestha announced the winning submissions for the Youth Addiction Poster Contest:

- Riko Burrows, 1st Place for “Drugs Are Never Worth It”
- Maya Reno, 2nd Place for “Support to Grow”
- Colton Helquist, 3rd Place for “Your Choice, Your Future”

Mayor Leighty and Council congratulated the winners and thanked the Youth Commission for hosting the poster contest.

Colorado Communities for Climate Action
Executive Director Jacob Smith and Advocacy Director Anita Seitz were present on behalf of Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) to provide information regarding the coalition’s goals, membership, and organizational structure. Updates were also provided regarding CC4CA’s recent regulatory and policy advocacy actions, outcomes from the 2023 Colorado Legislative Session, other engagement activities, and what is ahead for the group. Director Seitz thanked Council member Goff for her contributions

to CC4CA.

Directors Smith and Seitz addressed questions from Council regarding agrivoltaics, the Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC, formerly known as the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission), potential future rebate programs for the purchase of electric lawn equipment, the coordination of the State's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Policy Roadmap and the Denver Regional Council of Governments' (DRCOG) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Plan, the 2024 Colorado Legislative Session, and grant opportunities.

**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, spoke about the New Year and prayed for the City of Northglenn.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Council

Council member Burns thanked those in attendance, including Tom Lampo. She wished all a happy 2024 and encouraged residents to reach out to Council if they have concerns, questions, or comments.

Council member Walker thanked Tom Lampo for his kind words. He also requested updates from City Manager Geyer on the signal crossing project on Irma Drive south of 112th Avenue and from Attorney Hoffmann on the proposed Code update regarding soliciting; responses will be made during staff communications, later in the meeting.

Council member Jaramillo wished everyone a happy New Year and welcomed Council members Roper and Nowicki. He reported that he attended the grand opening of Prost Brewing Company and noted the food is fantastic; he encouraged everyone to visit the new business and the other businesses at the Marketplace.

Council member Nowicki thanked staff and Council for their support. He also expressed gratitude to residents and business owners, encouraging everyone to feel free to reach out to him as he is happy to serve as a Ward 2 representative. Council member Nowicki wished everyone a happy New Year.

Council member Goff reported on her attendance at the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Legislative Committee meeting; topics of discussion were the CC4CA budget, impending TABOR refunds, and the process of conducting an equity analysis on pending legislation. She reported that she also attended Prost

Brewing Company's grand opening event, noting that it is great to have a brewery at the Marketplace.

Council member Kondo thanked the Northglenn Police Department for Christmas Crusade and everyone that participated in the Wreaths Across America event at Olinger Highland Cemetery; both were wonderful events. He reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO) and encouraged others to participate in their future meetings. He thanked Council member Roper and City Manager Geyer for participating in a working breakfast meeting and stated that he will have a meeting with Council member Nowicki soon. Lastly, he thanked his neighbor Manuel for shoveling the snow on the sidewalks and driveways on E. 106th Avenue; his kindness and willingness to help is admirable.

Council member Roper wished all a happy New Year and thanked staff and Council for their support with onboarding. She thanked Council member Kondo and City Manager Geyer for the working breakfast meeting. She reported that the Prost Brewing Company grand opening event was fabulous. She was also happy to have met the owner of the Phenix Salon at the event, noting there are many amazing businesses in Northglenn. Council member Roper stated she is excited for 2024 and looks forward to working with an amazing team on Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa wished everyone a happy New Year and welcomed Council members Roper and Nowicki. She reported on the Northglenn Police Department Swearing-in Ceremony and congratulated the new and promoted members of the Department. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on the Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO) meeting, discussing the need for more seniors to sign up for trips and expressing their request for a 15-passenger bus. There was discussion regarding consideration of the bus request and whether it should be brought back for a study session, considered as part of the strategic planning process, or included in 2025 budget discussions. The discussion also included concerns about accessibility, CDL requirements, and potential modifications necessary for use of the vehicle. Council consensus was to schedule the item for discussion at a study session. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa also reported on her participation in the Youth Commission meeting where collaboration with the Adams County Health Department on a Youth Health Advisory Council was discussed. She concluded by expressing excitement for being approved to present at the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Conference and being invited to participate in the Adams 12 Five Star School District Blueprint Task Force.

Mayor Leighty wished everyone happy New Year and extended

birthday wishes to her mother and to Council member Goff. She stated she is looking forward to the Council team-building event on January 13th. Mayor Leighty acknowledged Prost Brewing Company as a valuable new asset to the community and announced Tesla superchargers have been installed at the Marketplace, next to Lowes, providing another great addition to the community. She provided an update on the Legislative Policy Committee, reporting they met with the City's lobbyists about the 2024 Legislative Session that begins on January 10th. Failed Senate Bill 23-213, concerning land use requirements, will be revised into several smaller bills for consideration in 2024; it is important for municipalities to stay updated and involved during the 2024 Legislative Session. Lastly, Mayor Leighty celebrated City Clerk Johanna Small's achievement of earning the designation of Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC); the designation recognizes her significant contributions to local government.

Staff

City Manager Geyer addressed Council member Walker's inquiry about the crossing project on Irma Drive, stating the project had been part of the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) 2021 Safer Streets grant program. The construction timeline for project has shifted; she will follow up with staff and CDOT and report back to Council regarding the updated project schedule. City Manager Geyer also provided a report regarding the recent closure of the pedestrian tunnel under I-25 due to biohazard contamination. Safety concerns prompted the closure of the tunnel while staff took prompt action to rectify the issue.

City Attorney Hoffmann reported that he and staff met to discuss soliciting regulations; a proposal will be brought forward to Council in executive session soon.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

November 2023 Update

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

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **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, Burns, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- December 4, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- December 11, 2023 Organizational Meeting Minutes
- CR-1 – Designating Public Posting Places
- CR-2 – Microsoft Enterprise License Renewal
- CR-3 – Adams County Open Space Grant Acceptance –
Wayfinding, Walkability & Vinyl Wraps
- CR-4 – Adams County Open Space Grant Acceptance –
Kiwanis Pool Improvements Phase 2 – Additional Funding
- CR-5 – Adams County Open Space Grant Acceptance –
Alvin B. Thomas Memorial Park Renovation
- CR-7 – 2024 Landfill Services
- CR-8 – Bulletproof Vest Grant Acceptance
- CR-9 – 2024 Water Rights Legal Counsel
- CR-10 – 2024 Water Rights Engineering Services

ORDINANCES –
FIRST READING:

CB-2014 – Community
Co-Production Policing
Advisory Board Quorum

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-2014 on first reading.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CB-2014.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CB-2016 – Deza Estates
Local Historic District
Designation

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-2016 on first reading.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a

summary of CB-2016.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CB-2017 – Industrial
Pretreatment Ordinance
Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-2017 on first reading.

Tami Moon, Environmental Manager, provided a summary of CB-2017.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-11 – Northglenn
Pavilion Monument
Sign Installation

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-11.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CR-11.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Senate Bill 23B-001
Budget Impact

Interim Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided information regarding the impact of Senate Bill 23B-001 on the 2024 City Budget. After the failure of Proposition HH during the November 2023 Election, Governor Polis called for

a special session where he signed Senate Bill 23B-001, which aimed to provide temporary property tax relief to residents. This legislation temporarily reduced assessment rates of residential property from 6.765% to 6.700% and reduced the actual value of residential properties by \$55,000. The net revenue reduction to the City is estimated to be \$342,000. Director Loveland discussed changes in the certification of the mill levy and provided a summary of the budget impact, emphasizing a \$376,000 reduction in property tax revenue. Despite the significant decrease in property tax, it represents only a 0.65% reduction from the projected \$37.7M revenue for 2024. Therefore, staff recommends no immediate budget amendments due to 23B-001. Director Loveland answered questions regarding the variability in valuation assessments and the possibility of future changes in property taxes.

Neighborhood Nights &
Festival Lawn Events

Diana Wilson, Director of Communications, introduced events staff Rachel Henning and Ashley Garst. The team is fully staffed and ready for the 2024 event season. She discussed the success of the Neighborhood Nights rebranding, which started as Grab 'N Go events during Covid restrictions and then became Groove, Grub and Local Gov events. Engagement and attendance have continued to increase and the events are appealing to families and a different target audience than ward meetings. For upcoming events, staff is suggesting some changes, such as kicking off the Neighborhood Nights series with the Mayor's event, presenting movies in addition to bands, and exploring a condensed schedule for the entire series.

Director Wilson discussed events at Festival Lawn, mentioning the success of Dancing Through the Decades and the challenges faced during Bubble Fest. Staff proposes continuing the Northglenn Pride event in partnership with the Diversity, Inclusivity & Social Equity (DISE) Board and other community partners, hosting the Mayor's Neighborhood Nights event in July, and continuing Dancing Through the Decades in August.

Director Wilson provided a proposed calendar of the Neighborhood Nights series and Festival Lawn events, noting that the plan is flexible and dependent on receiving positive feedback from Council. She also addressed questions regarding event sponsorship, outreach, measurements of success, potential conflicts with other events, and the preferences for events held at Festival Lawn. Council consensus was to support the suggested changes for Neighborhood Nights and Festival Lawn events.

PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council. There was no response.

Mayor Leighty reminded Council to provide information to the City Manager's Office for the team-building event on January 13th.

Mayor Leighty inquired about the status of the Senior Hub. Staff reported they have reached out to Adams County to ask for information related to the Senior Hub's funding and programs but have received no response. City Manager Geyer suggested drafting a letter from Council to Adams County regarding the status of Senior Hub. Consensus was to move forward with a letter.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor