

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 18, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a special meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, March 18, 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, 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:**

Community Meeting on
State Mental Health
Transitional Living Homes

City Manager Geyer reported that letters have been sent to residents regarding an informational community meeting on the State of Colorado’s plans for a mental health transitional living housing facility to be established at 11225 and 11275 Grant Drive. The meeting will be held in the community rooms at the Recreation Center on April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS
AND DELETIONS:**

None.

**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. There was no response.

PROCLAMATION:

Women’s History Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming March 2024 as Women’s History Month in the City of Northglenn.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns wished everyone a belated happy St. Patrick’s Day. She reported that, together with other Council members, she attended the National League of Cities (NLC)

Conference in Washington D.C. Council members met with U.S. Representative for Colorado's 8th Congressional District Yadira Caraveo to discuss some of Northglenn's initiatives and to seek support for grant funding. Specifically, Northglenn's Crisis Response Unit (CRU) was highlighted as needing funding solutions due to the impending expiration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Council member Burns also commended members of the Youth Commission that attended the NLC conference, noting their excellent questions and active engagement.

Council member Jaramillo expressed appreciation and support of the Mayor's Proclamation for Women's History Month.

Council member Nowicki spoke about his attendance at the NLC conference, commending Youth Commission attendees for their participation and thanking staff for their support. He also reported on a Northglenn Senior Organization meeting where concerns were voiced regarding Senior Center parking and the Mental Health Transitional Living Homes that the State of Colorado plans to establish in Northglenn.

Council member Kondo reported that he attended the NLC conference and noted the impressive participation by the Youth Commission. He enjoyed sharing the City's trifold handout during the conference and thanked Communications staff for creating the document. Council member Kondo thanked Council and staff for their dedication during the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan session; he is looking forward to receiving community feedback on the plan.

Council member Goff reported on her attendance at the 112th Avenue Ditch Project meeting, the NLC conference, and the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan session, emphasizing the importance of hearing from residents to shape the five-year plan.

Council member Roper echoed excitement regarding the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan, noting that it is wonderful to come together to build on what is already in place while planning for future success and sustainability.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported that she also attended the NLC conference and echoed praise for the Youth Commission's participation. She reported on her attendance at a Public Safety and Crime Prevention Federal Policy Committee meeting which highlighted the importance of continued funding for programs like the Crisis Response Unit (CRU). She attended a Family Justice Center community meeting to explore the potential opening of a wraparound victim's service center in the 17th Judicial

District. She and Council Member Kondo also attended the final Adams 12 Five Star Schools District Blueprint Task Force meeting to discuss prioritizing funding for the District's buildings and operational needs. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa spoke about a recent incident where a car ran through a resident's yard, expressing an urgent need to address traffic issues on Melody Drive. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa expressed pride for the collaborative effort on the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan.

Mayor Leighty reported that she attended a Ralston House benefit dinner to support the organization's ability to assist children and families. She attended a breakfast with the North Metro Mayors and the Regional Transportation District (RTD) to discuss collaboration opportunities. She noted that Denver Mayor Johnston hosted the Metro Mayor's Caucus at a Nuggets game, which provided for networking opportunities and productive discussions. Mayor Leighty also highlighted the upcoming Farmers Highline Canal Cleanup on Saturday, March 23rd; residents are encouraged to volunteer for the event.

Staff

City Manager Geyer announced the dates for the next phase of implementation of the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan; public engagement sessions are scheduled for Thursday, April 4th at 6 p.m. and Friday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center. All residents are invited to attend participate in the process.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** Council member Goff 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:

- February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-73 – Historic Preservation Commission Appointment – Kimberly Bauer
- CR-74 – Standley Lake Pipeline Joint Operating Committee Escrow Account Contribution
- CR-82 – Historic Preservation Commission Reappointment – Diane Cooksey
- CR-83 – Historic Preservation Commission Reappointment – Maryann Gillespie

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-67 – Revised
Council Policies

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-67.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CR-67.

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.

CR-78 – Adams County
Comprehensive Safety
Action Plan IGA

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-78.

Director of Planning and Development Brook Svoboda provided a summary of CR-78.

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.

CR-79 – Adams 12
Five Star Schools IGA
For Consolidated CDPS
MS4 Stormwater Phase
II Permit Services

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-79.

Environmental Manager Tami Moon provided a summary of CR-79.

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.

CR-80 – Terminal
Reservoir Riprap Repair

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-80.

Director of Public Works Kent Kisselman provided a summary of CR-80.

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.

CR-81 – Water Treatment
Facility Improvements

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-81.

Director of Public Works Kent Kisselman provided a summary of CR-81.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Crisis Response Unit
Update

Jessica Hulse, Crisis Response Unit (CRU) Program Manager, provided an update, highlighting the program's objectives and accomplishments from 2023 and into the first quarter of 2024. The CRU aims to ease hardships for residents by aiding police response and fostering self-advocacy through crisis intervention, case management, and conflict resolution. The CRU receives referrals from various sources, including the Police Department, Neighborhood Services (Code Enforcement), Municipal Court, other community agencies, and self-initiation. Statistics were provided on those referrals, persons experiencing homelessness (PEH), direct interactions, community partnerships, current and projected program budgets, and available funding sources such as grants. Case studies were also presented to illustrate CRU's reach and impact.

Electronic Participation
Policy

City Clerk Small led a discussion regarding City Council's Electronic Participation Policy for meetings and executive sessions. The discussion also addressed the Policy's applicability to other City boards and commissions. Consideration included maintaining confidentiality with respect to matters discussed during executive session, addressing participation requirements for quasi-judicial hearings, accommodating Council members' personal needs such as family leave, and enhancing opportunities for diversity and inclusion. Council reached consensus to draft amendments to the Policy to allow electronic participation during meetings while requiring in-person attendance for quasi-judicial hearings and executive sessions during non-emergency situations. An allowance will be made for Council members to listen to recordings of executive sessions within a reasonable timeframe, subject to recording retention requirements. To increase participation and accessibility, electronic participation will also be authorized for boards and commissions.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

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

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor