

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL** Present were Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, Council members Burns, Jaramillo, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, and Walker.

**ABSENT** Mayor Leighty.

**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:**  
Mental Health Transitional  
Living Home Community  
Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa thanked those who attended and participated in the community meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility at 11255 & 11275 Grant Drive. Though no additional information has been provided by the State, any responses received to questions raised at the meeting will be posted at [www.northglenn.org/mthlhome](http://www.northglenn.org/mthlhome). Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa stated that a Facebook group has been formed by residents opposed to the facility and there was a peaceful protest at the site on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. She also announced that Council will be voting tonight on an emergency ordinance, CB-2022 – Amending Prohibited Sex Offender Residency. Despite the State’s preemptive rights, adopting the emergency ordinance would further express the City’s opposition to the State’s plan to house registered sex offenders at the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility.

**Police Department’s Actions  
Regarding Senator Winter** City Manager Geyer reported that she has received inquiries regarding the Police Department’s response to concerns raised regarding Senator Faith Winter’s behavior during the April 3<sup>rd</sup> community meeting on the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility. City Manager Geyer asked Deputy Police Chief Darlin to provide a report to Council.

Deputy Police Chief Darlin stated that, in response to concerns expressed about Senator Winter's behavior during the community meeting, members of the Police Department viewed security camera recordings and determined that Senator Winter had driven to the meeting, which began at 6:00 p.m. At around 9:45 p.m., after the meeting, Police Chief May and Deputy Police Chief Darlin contacted Senator Winter and requested that she not drive home due to concerns about her condition. She complied and arranged for a ride share service. Observations during the meeting suggested potential intoxication, but no probable cause for a DUI charge was found due to the time lapse between her arrival at the event, when concerns were raised, and when levels of intoxication could be definitively determined through testing methods.

**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.

Tim Long, 10661 Utrillo Lane, expressed concern regarding the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility, highlighting the timeline and lack of clarity and transparency. Tim also expressed concern about the City budget and asked Council to prioritize transparency over presenting an image.

Chris Cimino, Ward 2, spoke about the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility's proximity to Stukeley Elementary School, citing concerns about the lack of transparency from the State regarding the facility, the vulnerability of children in the neighborhood, and the lack of security and law enforcement resources. Chris expressed appreciation for the City's objection to the plans for the facility and urged State officials to listen to the concerns of the community.

Lianne Drysdale, 10462 Sperry Street, expressed concern about the lack of accessible parking at Northglenn Recreation Center, specifically near the Senior Center and Parsons Theatre.

Jeanne Porter, non-resident, expressed concerns about parking at the Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center, and Parsons Theatre. Jeanne filed a petition with City Clerk Small urging Council to address parking issues at the facility.

Marilyn Tani, 11307 Fowler Drive, spoke about the importance of transparency in government, expressed concerns about the lack of

affordable housing for senior citizens, and questioned the source of funding for the new City Hall facility.

Tom Lampo, 3951 Jackson Way, Thornton, offered a prayer for the City of Northglenn.

Danielle Luciano, Ward 3, expressed support for CB-2022 – Amending Prohibited Sex Offender Residency and CR-93 – Opposing a Mental Health Transitional Living Home at 11255 & 11275 Grant Drive. Danielle encouraged residents to join the Facebook group opposing the facility and to participate in a second peaceful protest at the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The group will also collect letters of opposition for delivery to Governor Polis’ office.

Linda Sneed, Ward 4, spoke about the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility’s level one classification and expressed concern regarding its proximity to areas where alcohol and marijuana are accessible. Linda expressed a desire to support individuals trying to achieve sobriety and reintegrate into society, but also emphasized the need to consider public safety.

Billie Daddario, 350 W. 114<sup>th</sup> Avenue, expressed concerns about the potential impact of the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility on property values in Northglenn.

Melissa Ryan, 11661 Lincoln Street, thanked Council for the community meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Council member Goff for attending the peaceful protest on Saturday, and Council member Walker for his statements regarding the importance of local votes in statewide elections. Melissa expressed support for CB-2022 – Amending Prohibited Sex Offender Residency and questioned why the State chose to establish a transitional living facility in a residential neighborhood. Melissa urged Council to continue the efforts to oppose the State’s establishment of the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility in Northglenn.

Elaine Hartman, 350 W. 114<sup>th</sup> Avenue, expressed concern about a potential shortage of qualified professionals to care for individuals at the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility. Elaine also inquired about the City of Northglenn's plan to address issues related to individuals experiencing homelessness and substance abuse.

Roger McCain, Ward 3, expressed concern about the potential impact of having registered sex offenders housed at the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility, particularly for individuals who have experienced sexual assault, including

military veterans. Roger emphasized the additional trauma and fear that this could evoke for survivors, especially women, who may already be dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Rebecca Robinson, Ward 2, expressed support for CB-2022 – Amending Prohibited Sex Offender Residency and stated opposition to the proposed location for the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility, highlighting its proximity to residences, a marijuana dispensary, a liquor store, a senior living home, and an elementary school. Rebecca called for State transparency regarding the criteria for patients at the facility, emphasizing a distinction between registered sex offenders and those struggling with mental health issues.

**PROCLAMATION:**

National Volunteer  
Recognition Week

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa read the proclamation proclaiming April 21-27, 2024 as National Volunteer Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Community Outreach Coordinator Jenna Gragg and Snowstormers Program volunteers Bob Goecken and Mike Harris.

National Small Business  
Week

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa read the proclamation proclaiming April 28-May 4, 2024 as National Small Business Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to the Snell family, owners of Cakes by Karen.

Autism Acceptance Month

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa read the proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board Chairperson Chris Cimino.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa thanked those who spoke to City Council earlier and stated Mayor Leighty has been in contact with Governor Polis' office; however, a meeting has not yet been scheduled. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported that Mayor Leighty issued a statement on March 25<sup>th</sup> expressing concerns about the lack of formal notice and transparency on behalf of the State of Colorado with respect to the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility. Updates will be provided to the community at [www.northglenn.org/mthlhome](http://www.northglenn.org/mthlhome) as more information becomes available.

Council member Burns thanked those who attended the community meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Youth Commission, where discussion was limited

due to a lack of quorum. An update was provided to the Commission regarding the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility.

Council member Walker provided updates from the Legislative Policy Committee meeting, stating that 700 bills have been introduced during the 2024 Legislative Session. Regarding House Bill 24-1372, Regulating Law Enforcement Use of Prone Restraint, the Committee is currently taking an amend position but is mostly opposed, aiming to take part in further discussions on the proposal. The Committee is in full support of House Bill 24-1219, First Responder Employer Health Benefit Trusts. There will likely need to be additional discussions regarding other tax and land use bills. Council member Walker will be testifying before the Colorado General Assembly on House Bill 24-1107, Judicial Review of Local Land Use Decisions.

Council member Walker expressed gratitude to those that attended the community meeting regarding the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility. He also noted that proposed ordinances often originate from resident suggestions; he cited the example of CB-2019, Unified Development Ordinance Amendment, which provides additional solicitation rules that stemmed from a resident-initiated proposal. Council member Walker encouraged residents to reach out to Council as members are elected to serve the community.

Council member Jaramillo reported on his attendance at the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) meeting, which highlighted plans for I-25, RTD's fare reduction, and encouraged the increased use of public transportation. He will be attending the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) Subregional Transportation Forum meeting on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Council member Jaramillo expressed gratitude for resident participation in meetings, petitioning, and peacefully protesting the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility.

Council member Walker requested Council consensus to address parking concerns at the Northglenn Recreation Center, Senior Center, and Parsons Theatre.

City Manager Geyer reported that a parking study is currently being conducted regarding Civic Center Campus. Once the evaluation is complete, it will come to Council for consideration.

Council member Nowicki reiterated the importance of the recent community meeting, expressing appreciation for the participation of elected officials, State representatives, and over 400 residents.

He also reported on his attendance at the Finance Committee meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>, where the Comprehensive Financial Policy was reviewed with no amendments suggested. Additionally, as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, Council member Nowicki reported that he had a one-on-one meeting with the Deputy City Manager Jason Loveland to receive an overview of the City's budget and fiscal health.

Council member Kondo expressed gratitude for the large turnout at the community meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and commended the courage of those who spoke. He thanked staff and highlighted the unprecedented level of participation at the meeting. He also expressed gratitude for District Attorney Brian Mason's gesture of concern and professionalism toward him after the meeting. Council member Kondo provided updates from the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council and North Metro Fire Rescue District meetings, noting that updates will be forthcoming regarding a potential merger between North Metro and Adams County Fire Rescue Districts.

Council member Goff reported on the monthly meeting of the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) board on March 26<sup>th</sup>, where the Board discussed autism certification for the City and elected new officers. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, Council member Goff attended the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership (AC-REP) meeting, where Senator Kyle Mullica spoke about policy and advocacy, specifically addressing Senate Bill 24-106, Right to Remedy Construction Defects. She also expressed gratitude to those who participated in the April 3<sup>rd</sup> community meeting and acknowledged the importance of hearing residents' voices. She urged continued advocacy and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Council member Roper thanked everyone who spoke tonight and at the community meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reiterated that any updates regarding the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility will be posted at [www.northglenn.org/mthllhome](http://www.northglenn.org/mthllhome). She reported that she recently testified before the Colorado General Assembly regarding House Bill HB24-1372 – Regulating Law Enforcement Use of Prone Restraint. She also reported that she was honored to be appointed by Congresswoman Yadira Caraveo to the inaugural Latino Advisory Council, where she is excited to focus on increasing youth engagement. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa wished Council member Burns a happy birthday.

Staff

City Manager Geyer reported that Northglenn Arts will host its first performance in Parsons Theatre Studio featuring singer-

songwriter Abigail Osborne on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Center will host the Garden Tea Party with guest speaker Rosie Garner on the same date. City Manager Geyer announced the completion of the citywide fence maintenance project, including the replacement of wood and chain-link fencing. Lastly, she reported that the Northglenn Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 23 has expressed interest in a collective bargaining agreement; Council consensus was received to schedule the matter for a future study session.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

February 2024 Update

Deputy City Manager Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending February 29, 2024. Deputy City Manager 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, and reported on the City's cash reserves and sales tax revenue.

Deputy City Manager Loveland addressed questions from Council regarding the line item for a one-time pre-paid insurance premium to CIRSA which increased over last year and where the City budget can be viewed by residents.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION TO PASS**

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- March 18, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- March 25, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-88 – Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority Reappointment – Chris DeMay
- CR-89 – Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority Reappointment – Jerry Gavette

**ORDINANCES –**

**EMERGENCY:**

CB-2022 – Amending Prohibited Sex Offender Residency

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Nowicki to approve CB-2022 on first and final reading.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided a summary of CB-2022.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty.

**ORDINANCES –**  
**FIRST READING:**

CB-2019 – Unified  
Development Ordinance  
Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Nowicki **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Council member Walker to approve CB-2019 on first reading.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided a summary of CB-2019.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty.

CB-2020 – Executive  
Session Process

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Nowicki **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Council member Kondo to approve CB-2020 on first reading.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided a summary of CB-2020.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty.

CB-2021 – Supplemental  
Appropriation & CIP  
Carry Over

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Burns **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Council member Kondo to approve CB-2021 on first reading.

Deputy City Manager Loveland provided a summary of CB-2021.



**MOTION PASSED**

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-90 – Revised Electronic  
Participation Policy

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Nowicki **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Council member Burns to approve CR-90.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CR-90.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo, Kondo,  
Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Leighty.

CR-91 – Northglenn  
Climate & Resilience  
Plan Consultant Contract

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Burns **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Council member Goff to approve CR-91.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CR-91.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo, Kondo,  
Roper, Goff, Nowicki.  
OPPOSED - Walker.  
ABSENT - Leighty.

CR-93 – Opposing a  
Mental Health Transitional  
Living Home at 11255 &  
11275 Grant Drive

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Council member Jaramillo to approve CR-93.

Council member Nowicki disclosed that he had previously applied  
for a director position at the State of Colorado division responsible  
for the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility and

reported that he is able to render an impartial decision on CR-93.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-93.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Leighty.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

New City Hall Conference  
Room Naming

City Manager Geyer and Director of Planning & Development Svoboda led a discussion regarding the naming of conference rooms in the new City Hall facility. The naming process involved staff feedback and leadership team consensus. The proposed names tie into themes of flora, fauna, and seasons, which represent respect for life and nature as an homage to the Indigenous Peoples that were the first inhabitants and stewards of the lands now known as Northglenn. Consideration was also given to cohesion with building design and a featured art piece that will adorn a large portion of the building. The themes also align with the CORE Net-Zero certification of the facility as it relates to sustainability and conservation efforts. Council expressed support for the proposed room names and reached consensus to further discuss the possibility of naming the Executive Session room after former mayor Joyce Downing.

**PUBLIC INVITED  
TO BE HEARD**

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

Tim Long, 10661 Utrillo Lane in Ward 4, expressed concerns about the City budget and the strategic planning process, emphasizing the need for transparency.

Representative Jenny Willford, Northglenn resident, expressed pride in the progress the City has made and trust in the Council's vision and responsiveness to residents. Representative Willford commended Council for their efforts regarding the planned Mental Health Transitional Living facility. Representative Willford will provide copies of CB-2022 – Amending Prohibited Sex Offender Residency and CR-93 – Opposing a Mental Health Transitional Living Home at 11255 & 11275 Grant Drive to the Governor's Chief of Staff on behalf of the City.

Northglenn City Council  
April 8, 2024

Linda Sneed, Ward 4, expressed gratitude to Council, particularly Mayor Leighty, for listening to residents' concerns and conveying them to State officials.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, MMC  
City Clerk

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SHANNON LUKEMAN-HIROMASA  
Mayor Pro Tem