

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 24, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:07 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

ROLL CALL Present were: Mayor Leighty, Council members Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

ABSENT Mayor Pro Tem Willford and Council member Brown.

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.

PROCLAMATIONS:
League of Women Voters 100th Anniversary Mayor Leighty read a proclamation honoring the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters. Accepting the proclamation were the following members of the Adams County League of Women Voters: Pat Lewis, Shirley Mrochek, Mary Vierra, Cathy Melvin, Judy Nicholaisen, and Shirley Smith.

PRESENTATIONS:
Youth Commission Annual Report Youth Commission members Jacob Tow and Abhiyan Barailee presented the Commission's 2019 Annual Report to City Council. The report highlighted the Commission's activities, which included team building and community engagement projects such as participating in the Adams County Youth Initiative's youth vaping study, collaborating with the Denver Regional Council of Governments Youth Advisory Panel, and continuing the Little Libraries project. The report also included the Commission's volunteer efforts with the Veteran's Memorial Flowerbed, National Night Out, Derby Day, Safe Street Halloween, Noel Northglenn, and the 50 Years of Photos Open House. The members addressed questions from Council regarding recruitment and promoting

membership opportunities.

Q/4 2019 & Year-End
Economic Development
Report

Ms. Debbie Tuttle, Economic Development Director, provided fourth quarter and year-end review for economic development activities in 2019. Ms. Tuttle spoke about new development projects, 2019 project highlights, economic indicators, business expansion and retention efforts, commercial building permits issued in 2019, and general economic development statistics. Ms. Tuttle provided information on new businesses, business anniversaries, commercial real estate, social media and website statistics, and activities of the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority.

Ms. Tuttle addressed questions from Council regarding the Harkins Theatre project and development preferences.

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 to come forward.

Mr. Sidney Lopatin, owner of Sid's Fine Auto & RV Upholstery, spoke about issues he is experiencing related to an individual living on the commercial property near his business. Mr. Lopatin stated an individual in the area is contributing to concerns about garbage, rodents, and safety. Mr. Lopatin stated he is worried about retaliation from the individual, and expressed concern that the issues have not improved since he spoke to Council last year.

Mr. Ethan (last name unknown), representing Dent Masters, expressed concern about the same individual as Mr. Lopatin. Ethan stated they cannot access the property where the individual is staying and stated he believes the property should be condemned in its current condition.

An individual spoke about the same property and individual in question. She stated the individual has a verbal agreement with the property owner to access the property, and provided examples of the individual's actions making the property unsafe. She stated the individual has threatened her, and asked for the City's help with the situation.

Mr. Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided information about challenges related to the property. Police Chief May asked those involved to continue to call the Police Department when they feel threatened by the individual.

Mr. Graydon Washington, BGood Community Relations Director, spoke about the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club's food drive, and noted Northglenn has a slight lead at the moment. Mr. Washington thanked Council member Peterson for touring the BGood facility.

Mr. Michael Ayers stated he lives on Downing Drive and is in attendance with his wife Robin and neighbor Frankie Dean. Mr. Ayers expressed concern about two properties on the corner of Clarkson Street and Malley Drive that have numerous vehicles parked at the residences and appear to be performing auto body repairs. He also expressed concern that he was required to testify in court about the neighbors and provide photographs concerning the properties.

Ms. Robin Ayers spoke about the properties on the corner of Clarkson Street and Malley Drive, and also inquired about parking at City Hall to access City Council meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Witkovich reported on the Historic Preservation Commission meeting she attended on February 11 and a meeting of the North Metro Fire Rescue District (NMFRD) on February 18, which included an oath of office for Captain Mark Daugherty and a reception for a collective bargaining item. Council member Witkovich reported on the recent Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board meeting and stated she attended the ribbon cutting event at The Courts. Council member Witkovich announced the NMFRD Citizens Academy will begin on April 2, and stated applications for the academy are due by March 2. She stated the District will be holding an election for Board of Directors on May 5, 2020, and announced the City's Farmers Highline Canal Cleanup will be held on March 14.

Council member Peterson reported he attended the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Legislative Workshop, and received information on the importance of transportation in the region and the need for statewide financing solutions for transportation projects. Council member Peterson thanked BGood for hosting him on a tour of their facility last Saturday, and stated he was able to learn about the company's operations and involvement in the community.

Council member Downing reported on the Historic Preservation Commission meeting. She stated the Commission is working on several projects, which include a grant application for a Deza Estates survey project. Council member Downing reported she attended a meeting of the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation and reported the group considered 51 pieces of artwork for selection for

the Art on Parade program. Council member Downing reported she attended the ribbon cutting event at The Courts.

Council member Goff reported she also attended the CML Legislative Workshop, and provided information about proposed legislation regarding local transportation districts. Council member Goff reported she attended a Teacher Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Church of the Latter Day Saints in coordination with Adams 12 Five Star Schools on February 19. Ms. Goff reported on the Rangeview Library District Board meeting and noted the District will have a display at Denver International Airport (DIA). She stated the District recently hosted a town hall meeting at the Huron Branch involving State Representative Kyle Mullica and Senator Faith Winter, and provided information about a screening of American Creed that will be offered through Anythink Libraries. Council member Goff reported she attended The Courts ribbon cutting event.

Council member Duran Mullica reported she attended a Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) meeting. She stated the group discussed House Bill 20-1151 – Expanding Authority of Regional Transportation Improvements and provided information about the proposed legislation. Council member Duran Mullica reported the Regional Transportation District (RTD) hosted elected officials on a tour of the progress of the N Line project, and spoke about several issues that were identified. Council member Duran Mullica announced that Paul Ballard will be the Interim General Manager for RTD, and thanked Adams County Commissioner O’Dorisio for his work on the I-270 widening project.

Council member Esquibel thanked the Presidents for a day off on Monday and noted his third great-grandson will arrive in June. Council member Esquibel reported he attended the ribbon cutting event at The Courts and the Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO) meeting. He reported the NSO members are excited about Census 2020 activities, the City being a finalist for the National League of Cities Diversity Award, and getting involved in food banks to benefit students.

Mayor Leighty thanked Ms. Susan Baca, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, for the treats in honor of tortilla chip day, and asked Council to bring their materials to continue the Council protocol discussion at the meeting on March 2. Mayor Leighty announced a Mingle with the Mayor will be held following the Farmers Highline Canal Cleanup event on March 14 and invited all to attend. Mayor Leighty reported she presented information about the state of the City at the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club meeting on February 11, and reminded everyone to donate to the Rotary Club’s food drive. Mayor

Leighty extended condolences to Council member Brown on the recent passing of her father.

Staff

City Clerk Small reported the Voter Service and Polling Center locations for the March 3, 2020 Primary Election opened today, and asked anyone interested in attending the Ralston House Dinner at 240 Union on March 8, 2020 to contact Ms. Susan Baca, Executive Assistant to the City Manager.

City Manager Geyer reported the City is a finalist for the National League of Cities (NLC) Cultural Diversity Award, and stated a representative must be designated to accept the award at a breakfast on March 9 during the NLC Conference. It was the consensus of Council to designate Council member Downing as the City's representative for the event. City Manager Geyer stated a dinner with the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education is being planned for April 28 and asked for direction from Council on the issues they would like to discuss at the dinner. Suggestions included: school safety, mental health, data on student vaping to include discipline, food and security data, student homelessness, and data on suspension and expulsion as it relates to ethnicity. City Manager Geyer reminded Council that Rupa Venkatesh will join the City on February 27 as the new Assistant to the City Manager.

City Attorney Hoffmann spoke about a memorandum he provided to Council via email regarding types of alternative voting methods. Mr. Hoffmann stated that a Charter amendment would be necessary if Council desires to change the method of voting for the City. City Attorney Hoffmann reported staff is ready to bring forward an ordinance regarding recurring and significant nuisances, which may address some of the concerns expressed by the public earlier in the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-51 – Citizens' Affairs Board Appointment – Brian Waselko
- CR-52 – Adams County Sheriff's Office Terminal Guard IGA

- CR-53 – Creating the Homelessness Community Task Force
- CR-55 – NGCC – Amendment #2 to the FCI Constructors Contract

Legislative Policy
Committee Update

Council member Duran Mullica reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting and stated the Committee decided to monitor the following legislation: SB20-151 – Administration of the Regional Transportation District; HB20-1319 – Prohibit Sale of Flavored Nicotine Products; and HB20-1233 – Basic Life Functions in Public Spaces. Council member Duran Mullica reported the group decided to oppose HB20-1287 – Colorado Rights Act.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
Karl’s Farm Filing No. 1,
Amd. No. 1 Subdivision
Preliminary & Final Plat

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on Karl’s Farm Filing No. 1, Amd. No 1 Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat.

Mr. Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, and Mr. Eric Ensey, Senior Planner, provided information about the Karl’s Farm Filing No. 1, Amd. No. 1 Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat.

Ms. Diana Rael, Norris Design, provided information about the proposed development at Karl’s Farm.

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak either “for” or “against” Karl’s Farm Filing No. 1, Amd. No. 1 Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plat to come forward.

Ms. Karen Swaithe spoke in favor of the proposed Karl’s Farm development project.

Mayor Leighty called for any other person wishing to speak. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –

First Reading:

CB-1942 – Amendment
to the City Code Adding
a Human Resources
Department

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Duran Mullica to approve CB-1942 on first reading.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CB-1942.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-45 – Karl’s Farm
Filing No. 1, Amd. No.1
Preliminary & Final Plat

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-45.

Mr. Brook Svoboda provided a summary of CR-45.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

CR-46 – Karl’s Farm
Trunk Infrastructure
Development Agreement

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-46.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-46.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

CR-47 – Karl’s Farm
Phase 1 Subdivision
Improvement Agreement

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-47.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-47.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

CR-48 – Karl’s Farm
120th Avenue Cost
Share Agreement

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-48.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-48.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

CR-49 – 120th Avenue
Improvements – CDOT
IGA

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-49.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-49.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

CR-54 – Approving the
2020 Legislative Issues
Guide

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Duran Mullica **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED**
by Council member Witkovich to approve CR-54.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-54.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

CR-56 – Setting Public
Hearing on CB-1942

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-56.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Goff,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Willford, Brown.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Funding Request for
Executive Recruiter
Services

City Manager Geyer presented information about the recruitment for
a new Director of Human Resources, and requested that funding of
\$35,000 initially budgeted for the evaluation of the City’s
performance appraisal system be reallocated to use for executive
recruiter services for the position.

There was consensus among Council to move forward with utilizing
the budget for executive recruiter services for the Director of Human
Resources position.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty invited any member of the public wishing to speak on
items previously addressed by Council to come forward.

Mr. Graydon Washington, BGood, spoke about mental health. Event
on March 5.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor