

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 9, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Willford, Council members Witkovich, Peterson, Brown, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

ABSENT

Council members Downing and Goff.

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:

CRM Usage

Ms. Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, presented information on the usage of the citizen relationship management (CRM) system for February 2020.

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 to come forward.

Mr. Jeremy Rodriguez, Congressman Perlmutter's Office, provided information about upcoming events including a Telephone Town Hall on March 24, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and a U.S. Military Academy Service Day on April 18, 2020. Mr. Rodriguez thanked City staff for organizing a time for Congressman Perlmutter to visit Northglenn in the coming weeks.

Mr. John Alge provided information about the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club food drive. Mr. Alge thanked Mayor Leighty and City Manager Geyer for speaking at the last Rotary Club meeting, and thanked Mr. Graydon Washington and the BGood business for helping the Rotary Club with the food drive.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Witkovich reported she attended the Legislative Day under the Dome event with other members of the Council and stated they were able to meet with Senator Winter and Representative Mullica in addition to touring the Capitol.

Council member Peterson reported he attended the Ralston House Dinner, and spoke about the numerous civic engagement activities available through Anythink Library. Council member Peterson reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting and the Legislative Day under the Dome event. He provided summaries of the following bills considered by the Committee earlier today: HB20-1349 – Colorado Affordable Health Care Option; HB20-1351 – Local Government Authority Promote Affordable Housing Units (support); HB20-1335 – Colorado Homeless Project Contribution Tax Credit (monitor); SB20-189 – Local Government Pesticide No Preemption (monitor); HB20-1355 – Secure Storage of Firearms (support); HB20-1356 – Lost or Stolen Firearms (support). Council member Peterson reported he will be attending the School District’s safe communities seminar addressing the issue of youth suicide on Wednesday.

Council member Brown reported on the Youth Commission meeting that was held last week. Council member Brown thanked everyone for the thoughtful cards and messages she received while she was out of state.

Council member Duran Mullica reported on the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) Transportation meeting and stated she was elected to serve as Vice-Chair of the group. Council member Duran Mullica shared information they received on the Regional Transportation District’s N Line project, and stated the project is still slated to open in 2020.

Council member Esquibel welcomed Council member Brown back, and reminded residents of the Ward 4 meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford provided information about the Ward 4 meeting at Westview Elementary School on March 19, noting the meet and greet will begin at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Willford stated they are asking residents to bring non-perishable food to the ward meeting to be donated to the Rotary Club’s food drive. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported on the Croke Reservoir Subcommittee meeting. She stated the Committee is reviewing recommendations to improve Croke Reservoir and Danahy Park and will be submitting recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board soon.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she also attended the Ralston House Dinner and the Legislative Day event, and thanked Thornton Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Sandgren for joining the Council for the event at the Capitol. Mayor Pro Tem Willford spoke about CR-59 – Charge Ahead Colorado Grant Acceptance, stating the grant is a great opportunity for the community that will provide a Level 2 charging station for electric vehicles at the City’s Maintenance and Operations Facility.

Mayor Leighty reported she participated in Read Across America Day at Leroy Drive Elementary School and The Studio School. Mayor Leighty reported she attended the Legislative Day event and the Ralston House Dinner. She reminded everyone that the Farmers Highline Canal Cleanup will be held on Saturday, March 14, followed by a Mingle with the Mayor event after lunch. Mayor Leighty reported she will be attending the Five Star Education Foundation fundraising event on Saturday.

Staff

City Manager Geyer announced the City was the first place recipient of the National League of Cities (NLC) 2020 City Cultural Diversity Awards for the Northglenn Arts program. City Manager Geyer reported on concrete work at Kiwanis Pool and reported on the Homelessness Community Task Force. City Manager Geyer provided information about traffic unit motorcycles and challenges with utilizing electric motorcycles for traffic enforcement. She reminded Council that the study session on March 16, 2020 has been canceled to allow attendance at the special event to recognize youth nominated for the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards at the D.L. Parsons Theatre.

Ms. Rupa Venkatesh provided an update on COVID-19 and steps the City is taking to provide education to the public and mitigate issues related to the coronavirus health crisis.

City Attorney Hoffmann reported the City Council’s Electronic Participation Policy is being circulated among other cities as an example of a good policy to utilize in emergency situations.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Duran Mullica to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Brown,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Downing, Goff.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- February 24, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-58 – Youth Commission Reappointment – Jacob Tow
- CR-59 – Charge Ahead Colorado Grant Acceptance

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CB-1942 – Amendment
To the City Code Adding
A Human Resources
Department

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing and asked anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1942 to come forward. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –
Second Reading:**

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

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Duran Mullica to approve CB-1942 on second reading.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CB-1942.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Brown,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Downing, Goff.

**ORDINANCES –
First Reading:**

CB-1943 – Abatement
Procedure for Recurring
& Significant Nuisances

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Duran Mullica **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Witkovich to approve CB-1943 on first reading.

Mr. Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CB-1943.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-57 – Community
Center Drive Bridge
Rehabilitation
Addendum #1

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-57.

Mr. Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary
of CR-57.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

CR-60 – Traffic Calming
Policy Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-60.

Mr. Kisselman provided a summary of CR-60.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

CR-61 – Delegating
Underground Damage
Prevention Authority to
Colorado Department of
Labor and Employment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-61.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided a summary of CR-61.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Brown,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Downing, Goff.

CR-62 – 120th Avenue
Improvements Design
Contract

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-62.

Mr. Kisselman provided a summary of CR-62.

MOTION PASSED

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

CR-63 – Setting Public
Hearing on CB-1943

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-63.

MOTION PASSED

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

CR-64 – 2020 Pay Plan
and Personnel Summary
Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-64.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-64.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Brown,
Duran Mullica, Esquibel.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - Downing, Goff.

**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, introduced himself to Council member Brown and invited her to tour the BGood facility. Mr. Washington invited members of the Council to attend the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club meetings, and stated he will be participating in the Farmers Highline Canal Cleanup event on Saturday. Mr. Washington inquired if other wards hold neighborhood meetings, and stated he would like to participate in the events.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor