

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 27, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00 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 Peterson, Downing, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

**ABSENT** Council members Witkovich and 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:**  
National Radon Action Month  
Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming January 2020 as National Radon Action Month in the City of Northglenn.

**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. John Alge, Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club member, spoke to City Council about the Rotary Club's food drive, which runs through March 28, 2020. Mr. Alge stated the food drive is a friendly competition between the cities of Northglenn and Thornton and stated donations will benefit the following agencies: Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Bank, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Food for Hope, and the Thornton Community Food Bank. Mr. Alge stated Mayor Leighty will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club's meeting on February 11, 2020 at Red Lobster and invited all to attend.

Mr. Graydon Washington stated he is a representative of the BGood marijuana store in Northglenn and invited Council and City officials

to tour the BGood facility.

**LEGISLATIVE POLICY  
COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Council member Duran Mullica reported the Legislative Policy Committee met earlier and is supporting the following legislation: HB20-1009 – Suppressing Court Records of Eviction Proceedings; HB20-1121 – Retaliation against an Elected Official; HB20-1151 – Expand Authority for Regional Transportation Improvements; HB20-1155 – Higher Efficiency New Construction Residence; HB20-1162 – Prohibit Food Establishments’ Use of Polystyrene (Styrofoam); HB20-1163 – Management of Single-use Products; and SB20-023 – Colorado Working Group on School Safety.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION TO PASS**

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

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich, Brown.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- December 9, 2019 Organizational Meeting Minutes
- December 16, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- January 6, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-31 – Leighty: Victim Assistance & Law Enforcement Board Appointment – Stephen Blackburn
- CR-32 – Leighty: Youth Commission Appointment – Abhiyan Barailee
- CR-33 – Leighty: Youth Commission Appointment – Kiera Carillo
- CR-34 – Leighty: Youth Commission Appointment – Carlos Solis Manriquez
- CR-35 – Leighty: Youth Commission Appointment – Zen Kretsinger
- CR-37 – Leighty: 2020 Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Removal, Hauling & Disposal
- CR-38 – Leighty: Standley Lake Pipeline Joint Operating Committee Escrow Account Contribution

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

CB-1941 – Marijuana  
License Requirements

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1941 and invited anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1941 to come forward. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –  
SECOND READING:**

CB-1941 – Marijuana  
License Requirements

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Duran Mullica **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CB-1941 on second reading.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided a summary of CB-1941.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-36 – 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-36.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-36.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

CR-40 – NGCC Phase 1  
Fitness Equipment Contract

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-40.

Ms. Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, provided a summary of CR-40.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Witkovich, Brown.

Recess:

Mayor Leighty recessed the City Council meeting at 7:23 p.m. to convene a meeting of the Marijuana Licensing Authority.

Reconvene:

The City Council meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Northglenn Civic  
Center Project Phase 1  
Implementation January  
Update

Ms. Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, provided an update on the Northglenn Civic Center Project. She stated significant progress has been made on the site infrastructure and provided information about the construction documents and the process of determining the final guaranteed maximum price for the project. Ms. Peterson spoke about upcoming project milestones, presented a visual timeline document that has been created for the project, and provided information about the Northglenn Arts and Humanities' call for artists for a theatre lobby sculpture in the new facility.

Ms. Peterson addressed questions and suggestions from Council about the status of the survey regarding themes for indoor playground equipment, the anticipated completion of the facility, highlighting the timeline of now to completion in more detail, and providing the visual timeline document in an interactive format online.

Proposed Homelessness  
Community Task Force  
Next Steps

City Manager Geyer presented information to Council regarding the creation of a Homelessness Community Task Force. There was discussion about the overall purpose of the task force, the role of a homelessness navigator, the task force membership, partnering with neighboring cities, data collection to guide the task force, determining a timeline, staff participation, defining who will facilitate the group's work, and limitations on membership.

City Manager Geyer addressed Council's questions and stated the intent of the task force is more short-term than other City boards or committees. She spoke about providing a more structured format for the task force, utilizing a more formal process for the creation of the task force, and the anticipated membership and size of the task force.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with utilizing the task force application and advertising the opportunity to apply to serve on the task force from January 29 to February 21, 2020.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Council**

Council member Peterson reported he attended Civic Saturday at Anythink Library Wright Farms and stated the event was very inspiring. Council member Peterson stated he is looking forward to supporting the Police Department this Friday at the Police Ball.

Council member Downing thanked staff for their work to review the applications for the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation's call for an artist for the theatre lobby sculpture. Council member Downing stated the project required many hours to review nearly 100 applications and she is very appreciative of staff's work.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she attended a Problem Based Learning (PBL) event at Northglenn High School and stated students presented information on products created to generate power. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she attended the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) dinner in Broomfield where regional priorities were discussed, and the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) retreat, which left her with a renewed sense of needing to utilize other methods of transportation. Mayor Pro Tem Willford stated she and her family biked through Northwest Open Space recently and appreciated all of the improvements made to the area.

Council member Goff reported she attended the Rangeview Library District's Board meeting on January 15, 2020 and received a warm welcome to the meeting. Council member Goff reported she attended Civic Saturday at Anythink Library Wright Farms and stated it was very enlightening. She reported the event included a reading by Council member Peterson, information to encourage everyone to participate in the 2020 Census, and recruitment for election workers for the Adams County Election Department. Council member Goff reminded everyone to register to vote and vote in the upcoming elections.

Council member Duran Mullica reported a Northglenn Legislative Day will be held on Thursday, March 5 at the State Capitol and encouraged Council to attend the event. She reported she attended Mingle with the Mayor and the NATA retreat to orient new members to the organization. Council member Duran Mullica announced she has been selected to serve as the Chair of NATA for 2020, and reported she will be reading a position statement at the Regional Transportation District (RTD) meeting tomorrow, which outlines

important transportation priorities for the region. Council member Duran Mullica spoke about the recent email from the Adams 12 Five Star Schools District regarding youth suicides, and stated she is committed to reaching out to the Superintendent and to Tri-County Health Department to determine how she can help address the issue.

Council member Esquibel stated he agrees with Council member Duran Mullica's statements regarding the youth suicides in Adams 12. Council member Esquibel commended Mayor Leighty and staff for a great Council retreat on January 18, and acknowledged Communications Director Diana Wilson for the improved City Manager Report. Council member Esquibel reported he also participated in the Problem Based Learning event at Northglenn High School, and requested a copy of the diversity awards application that was submitted to the National League of Cities.

Mayor Leighty reported she attended the Denver Business Journal State of the Cities event and the State of the State address in Adams County featuring Governor Polis. Mayor Leighty reported she attended the ADCOG dinner and thanked staff for their efforts with the Mingle with the Mayor event. She stated the event was well-attended and the residents asked great questions. Mayor Leighty spoke about the ceremony she attended at North Metro Fire Rescue District Station 62 to retire a fire truck and welcome a new state-of-the-art fire truck. Mayor Leighty reported the Council retreat and teambuilding day on January 18, 2020 was a great event, and provided information about Adams 12 Five Star Schools' efforts to invest more funding to increase mental health services for students.

#### Staff

City Clerk Small thanked everyone for the donations to the recent sock drive and stated the donations will benefit homeless individuals in the community. City Clerk Small reported the Outside Agency Funding Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

City Manager Geyer announced that Ms. Paula Jensen, Director of Management Services, will be retiring on February 7, 2020 and acknowledged Ms. Jensen for her service to the City. City Manager Geyer announced that Ms. Rupa Venkatesh will be joining the City as the Assistant to the City Manager on February 27, 2020. City Manager Geyer reported she has reached out to Adams 12 Superintendent Chris Gdowski and Chief Operating Officer Pat Hamilton in response to the recent youth suicides in the District.

**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.

Ms. Beth McIlree spoke about the manager registration application that was considering during the Marijuana Licensing Authority meeting, and inquired about improving the application process. Ms. McIlree inquired about accessing information on the City's website regarding the new Recreation Center facility survey and other volunteer opportunities with the City.

Mr. Ken Lassiter spoke about the Homelessness Community Task Force discussion, and stated that action also creates data.

Executive Session  
**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Esquibel to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 9:36 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor