

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 9, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT None.

STAFF PRESENT City Manager Geyer, Deputy City Manager Loveland, 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.

**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.

Tom Lampo, 3951 Jackson Way, Thornton, prayed for the City of Northglenn, the military, and their families.

Melissa Ryan, Ward 3, urged support for HB26-1285 and encouraged residents to contact House committee members to advance the bill addressing the placement of Mental Health Transitional Living (MHTL) facilities near schools and other sensitive locations. She also expressed concern that a previously discussed town hall had not yet been scheduled and asked the City to take additional action on the issue.

Tim Long, 10661 Utrillo Lane, Ward 4, complimented information in the Northglenn Connection from Council member Sievers, urged the City to take stronger action regarding MHTL facilities, and raised concerns about the City's population trends and financial accountability, to include Council spending.

Rebekah Robinson-Eudis, Ward 2, spoke in support of HB26-1285, expressing concern about the placement of MHTL facilities near schools and criticizing the state for mixing criminal offenders with civil mental health patients.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Brain Injury Awareness
Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming March 2026 as Brain Injury Awareness Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Council member Madison Leighty and Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board Chair Ryan Easterling-Babin.

Women's History Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming March 2026 as Women's History Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board members Ryan Easterling-Babin and Celeste Jackson.

PRESENTATION:

Youth Commission
2025 Annual Update

Youth Commission member Brandon Martin presented the Commission's 2025 annual report to City Council. Member Martin provided information on the Board's activities and highlighted the following topics: board membership and recruiting, outreach efforts, progress on 2025 priority projects, the board's participation in training and a Legislative Under the Dome event, and 2026 priority project development.

City Council thanked the Youth Commission for their work.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns thanked residents for speaking in support of the City's legislative bill regarding MHTL facilities and noted that Council member Sievers would provide an update from the Legislative Policy Committee. She expressed sympathy for families affected by the conflict in the Middle East, acknowledged International Women's Day and Women's History Month, and highlighted Brain Injury Awareness Month, briefly sharing her personal experience with a traumatic brain injury.

Council member Leighty highlighted the importance of Brain Injury Awareness Month, sharing that her own traumatic brain injury has significantly shaped her perspective. She also described a recent tour of the Aurora Regional Navigation Campus, noting she was impressed by the range of services and resources available there and encouraged Council to be aware of the program.

Council member Sievers provided a brief update from the Legislative Policy Committee, to include announcing upcoming consideration of HB26-1285 on March 18th. He also noted the City's opposition to several housing-related bills affecting local control.

Council member Sievers reported on his recent activities, including attending a Congressional District 8 Candidate Forum, a community input session on the 104th Avenue area, the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership (AC-REP) State of the Region event, and Coffee with the Mayor. He encouraged civic engagement and voting. Council member Sievers concluded with recognition for a fallen service member from Fort Carson and shared concerns about escalating conflict in the Middle East.

Council member Kondo announced an upcoming North Metro Fire Rescue District tour on April 30th with Broomfield officials and encouraged Council participation. He also shared insights from the AC-REP State of the Region event, highlighting challenges related to workforce retention due to housing and childcare costs. He concluded by recognizing a resident who volunteers to pick up trash along the Greenway Trail and thanked community members who contribute to keeping the city clean.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa thanked Council members Leighty and Burns for sharing their experiences related to Brain Injury Awareness Month. She provided updates on ongoing outreach and planning for the Family Justice Center, including community engagement, trauma-informed training, and survivor input. She reported that she attended tours of the Aurora Regional Navigation Campus, the Good Shepherd Food Pantry, and a Rotary Club meeting featuring the North Metro Fire Chief. She concluded with a discussion regarding legislative issues, emphasizing the importance of local control in housing policy and clarifying that the City has been actively working for two years on legislation related to the MHTL facility.

Council member Goff acknowledged Women's History Month, encouraging residents to reflect on and celebrate women's contributions and progress. She also invited residents to attend the upcoming Ward 3 meeting on Saturday, March 14th at 10 a.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Leighty reported attending a Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation board meeting, touring the Aurora Regional Navigation Campus, and participating in a ribbon cutting for the Big Blue Swim School at the Northglenn Marketplace. She thanked Tom Lampo for regularly attending meetings to offer prayers. Mayor

Leighty concluded by addressing public comments regarding the MHTL facilities, emphasizing that the City has been actively working with legislators for two years to advance HB26-1285 and remains committed to securing its passage while continuing to advocate for improved oversight of the facilities.

Staff

City Manager Geyer announced an upcoming candidate meet-and-greet for the Communications, Marketing, and Engagement Director position on March 12th and provided an update on the Family Justice Center, noting recent trauma-informed training for the steering committee, ongoing recruitment for an executive director, and projected opening of the temporary facility later this year.

City Attorney Hoffmann noted that Northglenn and the Colorado Municipal League are partnering with the Colorado Association of School Boards in support of the pending legislation regarding MHTL facilities, reflecting its statewide implications. He also discussed the likelihood of a cease-and-desist order against the state facility being unsuccessful under existing Colorado law.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Burns to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Meredith Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Sievers, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-56 – Planning Commission Appointment – Cassie Chaparro

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-46 – Communications
& Marketing Assessment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Burns to approve CR-46.

City Manager Heather Geyer provided a summary of CR-46.

Joy Riot Co-Founder and Chief Creative Officer John Armstrong introduced the team in attendance.

MOTION TO AMEND

Council member Nowicki **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Sievers to amend the scope of work for CR-46 to

include the optional add-on for translation of the community survey.

**MOTION
WITHDRAWN**

There was discussion and the motion to amend CR-46 was withdrawn.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Meredith Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Sievers,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CR-54 – 2026
Agricultural Lease
Agreement

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve CR-54.

Director of Public Works Sarah Borgers provided a summary of CR-54.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Meredith Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Sievers,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CR-55 – Danahy Park
Renovation Contract

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Nowicki to approve CR-55.

Recreation Projects Manager Jesse Mestrovic provided a summary of CR-55

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Meredith Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Sievers,
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CR-57 – Partners in
Energy – Beneficial
Electrification Phase
2 MOU

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Nowicki **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-57.

Sustainability Coordinator Mara Owen provided a summary of CR-57.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Meredith Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Sievers, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CR-58 – Affirming
City’s Commitment to
Compliance with Federal
Antidiscrimination Laws

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Nowicki **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Sievers to approve CR-58.

City Attorney Corey Hoffmann provided a summary of CR-58.

Note:

Council member Leighty left the meeting during the consideration of CR-58.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Meredith Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Sievers, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Madison Leighty.

CR-59 – Appointment
of Independent Hearing
Officer for Ethics
Complaints

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-59.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided a summary of CR-59.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Meredith Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Sievers, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**Verra Mobility Automated
Speed Traffic Enforcement
Cameras**

Deputy Chief of Police Peter Rice presented information on the use of automated speed traffic enforcement cameras and Verra Mobility's enforcement camera system to improve traffic safety and reduce speeding. Deputy Chief Rice explained that an RFP process resulted in selecting Verra Mobility, which would provide an all-inclusive service managing installation, processing citations, and court coordination with minimal upfront cost to the City.

The program would begin with three fixed cameras in high-traffic corridors: two on 104th Avenue (eastbound and westbound) and one on 112th Avenue (eastbound), identified through traffic studies and crash data. The cameras would issue citations only for vehicles traveling 10 miles per hour or more over the speed limit, operate 24/7, and are intended to reduce accidents and free officers to focus on school zones and other safety priorities. A mobile camera unit could be added later to rotate through neighborhoods with speeding complaints.

Council discussion focused on costs, potential revenue, staffing workload, privacy and data retention, public communication, and pending state legislation affecting automated enforcement. Several members requested additional financial details, a communications plan, and clarification on policy options such as citywide versus corridor designations.

Council expressed general support for the concept and the three proposed locations, but a majority favored waiting until the state legislative session concludes and returning with a draft ordinance, contract details, and communications strategy before moving forward.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council.

Rebekah Robinson-Eudis, Ward 2, thanked Council for explaining the work done over the past two years regarding the MHTL facility issue and expressed appreciation for the police presentation on automated speed enforcement. She noted ongoing concerns about speeding in the community and voiced support for implementing the camera program while acknowledging the balance between safety and privacy.

ADJOURNMENT

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

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor