

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 27, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, July 27, 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 (joined at 6:04 p.m.) Roper, Goff, and Leighty.

ABSENT Council member Nowicki.

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:** Mayor Leighty announced the following deletion:

- 7B. Youth Commission Update – will be rescheduled.

**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.

The following individuals spoke about the Northglenn Fusion Swim Team, which is planned for elimination due to budget constraints, and urged City Council to continue the program:

- Michael McGuire, 3623 E. 133rd Court, Thornton
- Alek McGuire, 3623 E. 133rd Court , Thornton
- Alexa Dicken, 13031 Trenton Place, Thornton
- Tenzin Khangsar, 11123 Columbine Court, Northglenn
- Delilah Viano, 5863 E. 123rd Drive, Thornton
- Heather Buckley, 443 W. 128th Place, Westminster
- Nate Hill, 1905 E. 167th Lane, Thornton
- Lauren Weaver, 1017 Savona Avenue, Fort Lupton
- Curtis Dicken, 13031 Trenton Place, Thornton
- Stacey Dicken, 13031 Trenton Place, Thornton
- Santiago Buitrago, 11949 Sylvia Drive, Northglenn

- Theresa Wilson, 13480 Williams Street, Thornton
- Sheena Martin, 1692 E. 131st Circle, Thornton
- Baileigh Martin, 1692 E. 131st Circle, Thornton
- Zander Rey, 1777 E. 99th Avenue, Thornton
- Emily (last name not provided), 123rd Drive

Mayor Leighty asked the Fusion Swim Team coaches to come forward and introduce themselves.

Head Coach Jim Sharp introduced coaches Bailey Peterson and Gu Gu Thein. Coach Sharp described the role of head coach and provided information about the budget meeting during which he was informed that the swim team would be eliminated. Head Coach Sharp asked Council to reconsider eliminating the program and expressed optimism that alternative funding could be identified to make the program sustainable.

Mayor Leighty thanked everyone who spoke about the Fusion Swim Team and stated that the next discussion regarding the City's 2027 budget would be held on August 17, 2026.

Chris Porter, 11731 Lincoln Street, spoke about construction of a new building at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and the resulting impacts on his property. He raised concerns regarding an excavation and exposed electrical infrastructure in his backyard, drainage from the construction area, early-morning construction activity, noxious weeds, and the responsiveness of City staff. He requested immediate corrective action and concluded by expressing support for continued funding for the Fusion Swim Team.

PRESENTATIONS:

July 2026 Waterwise
Yard Awards

Community Outreach Coordinator Jenna Gragg provided an overview of the Northglenn Neighborhood Beautification Program, noting it was established in 1998 to recognize residents for outstanding home and yard maintenance. She explained that, due to current drought conditions, the 2026 program will focus on the Waterwise Yard category, which recognizes landscaping that emphasizes water conservation through drought-tolerant plants, reduced turf areas, and alternative landscaping materials. The July 2026 award recipients are Tanner Lutz, Ernest and Peggy Rivera, the Ortiz family, James and Nancy Falk, Kevin and Kathy Flynn, Autumn Romero and John Perez, and Angelo and Susan Jardina.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns congratulated the Water Wise Yard Award recipients and thanked staff for organizing Mini City, the City Clerk's passport event, and the Ward 1 Neighborhood Nights event.

Council member Burns also reported on attending the quarterly Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) dinner, which provided an opportunity to connect with regional partners and discuss municipal successes and challenges.

Council member Leighty thanked community members, particularly the young speakers, for addressing Council. She also reported on the Ward 1 Neighborhood Nights Event and the ADCOG dinner, highlighting opportunities to connect with residents and regional partners.

Council member Sievers reported on attending the ADCOG dinner and invited residents to the upcoming Ward 2 Neighborhood Nights event on July 30th at Wyco Park. Council member Sievers also promoted the August 1st Sesquicentennial Celebration at Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park, featuring the City's time capsule, the Northglenn High School band, food, activities, and the unveiling of conceptual plans for future park renovations.

Council member Kondo thanked staff and participants involved with the Ward 3 Neighborhood Nights event and acknowledged the weather-related cancellation of the movie. Council member Kondo also thanked the Fusion Swim Team supporters, emphasized the program's value in developing sportsmanship and character, and expressed empathy and support for continued discussion regarding the program's future.

Council member Goff thanked everyone who addressed Council earlier in the meeting and those that attended the Ward 3 Neighborhood Nights event the week prior. Council member Goff also recognized staff for organizing successful community events and shared positive feedback about Northglenn received from event attendees.

Council member Roper thanked the speakers and recognized the adults for encouraging young people to make their voices heard. Council member Roper also emphasized the importance of swimming and physical activity for youth and expressed support for continued discussion regarding the Fusion Swim Team.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa thanked the Fusion Swim Team supporters and praised the young speakers for sharing their experiences. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa also reported that construction of the Family Justice Center has begun and Amy Russell has been selected as executive director, and reported she attended the Colorado Municipal League Executive Board retreat, which included a housing tour of Golden.

Mayor Leighty reported on attending Littleton's Illuminate Sesquicentennial Celebration and highlighted the value of supporting and learning from other communities. Mayor Leighty also invited residents to Northglenn's Sesquicentennial Celebration at Eleanor M. Wyatt Centennial Park on August 1st.

Staff

City Manager Geyer apologized for the perception of not being attentive earlier in the meeting and clarified that the phone activity was work-related, involving communications regarding the Water Wise Yard Award recipients and follow-up on a resident's property concern. City Manager Geyer stated that staff would address the property owner's concerns regarding construction at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Sievers **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, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Sievers, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Madison Leighty.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-95 – 2026 Acceptance of Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (LEAF) Grant
- CR-96 – Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Acceptance
- CR-97 – School Resource Officer IGA for 2026-2027 School Year
- CR-98 – 2026 The Adams County Youth Resource and Assessment Center IGA
- CR-100 – Acceptance of 2027 High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement Grant

PUBLIC HEARING:

CB-2040 – Eliminate the One Percent Vendor Fee

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2040 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2040. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –
SECOND READING:

CB-2040 – Eliminate the One Percent Vendor Fee

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Sievers **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve CB-2040 on second reading.

Deputy City Manager Jason Loveland provided a summary of CB-2040.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki.

**ORDINANCES –
FIRST READING:**

CB-2037 – Automated

Speed Enforcement

Cameras & Speed Corridors City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Roper to approve CB-2037 on first reading.

Chief of Police Jim May and Deputy Police Chief Peter Rice provided a presentation on CB-2037.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-61 – Verra Mobility

Automated Speed

Enforcement Program

Agreement

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Sievers to approve CR-61.

Deputy Chief of Police Peter Rice provided a summary of CR-61.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki.

CR-101 – Annual
Concrete Improvements
Contract

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Madison Leighty to approve CR-101.

Director of Public Works Sarah Borgers provided a summary of CR-101.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki.

CR-102 – Lift Station
Condition Assessment
Contract Addendum #1

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-102.

Director of Public Works Sarah Borgers provided a summary of CR-102.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2027 Riverdale Animal
Shelter/Adoption Center
Services

Adams County Deputy Manager Alisha Reis, Riverdale Animal Shelter Executive Director Stephanie Wilde, and Administrative Coordinator Mara Vogel were present to discuss the proposed 2027 Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Adams County Board of County Commissioners for animal shelter and adoption center services. Director Wilde presented information regarding shelter services, rising animal intakes and operating costs, and a proposed cost-sharing formula based on each jurisdiction's three-year average of animal-control intakes. Under the proposal, Northglenn's annual fee would increase from \$40,350 to \$82,184 in 2027. Representatives also outlined efforts to control costs and increase revenue through volunteers, foster care, grants, donations, partnerships, and a proposed nonprofit foundation.

City Council Quarterly
Agenda Planning

City Manager Geyer reviewed agenda items for City Council meetings through October 26, 2026. There was discussion about impacts to the schedule due to CML's deadline for potential legislation.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council. There was no response.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Council

Mayor Leighty stated that she will attend the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce Leadership Exchange in September and use funds from Council member Goff's Council travel budget to cover a portion of the cost.

Executive Session
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Sievers **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to adjourn to Executive Sessions 1) pursuant to Section 4.5(e) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter regarding pending litigation, specifically (A) Baca, et al v. City of Northglenn, et al, and (B) Cities of Northglenn and Thornton v. State of Colorado, et al; and 2) pursuant to Section 4.5(a) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for personnel matters regarding the City Manager's employment.

MOTION PASSED

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

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor