

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 10, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, August 10, 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, and Leighty.

ABSENT Council member Nowicki.

STAFF PRESENT Acting 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.

Melissa Ryan, Ward 3, urged Council members to treat public speakers respectfully by maintaining eye contact and avoiding dismissive behavior. She requested greater transparency regarding former City Manager Heather Geyer's abrupt resignation, questioned whether Neighborhood Services targeted her for enforcement regarding gravel delivered for a xeriscaping project, and raised safety concerns about the lack of a curb and parking barriers in the renovated east parking lot at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.

Tim Long, 10661 Utrillo Lane, Ward 4, expressed concern about the financial status of the City. He criticized Council's spending priorities and leadership turnover, called for greater transparency, and urged officials to protect reserve funds, avoid additional debt, and prioritize essential services such as water treatment and road

repairs.

Jim Lynch, Ward 1, urged Council to maintain staffing at the Northglenn Senior Center, emphasizing that its already-lean staff provides vital programs, personal support, and social connection for older residents. He cautioned that eliminating even one position would significantly affect services and asked the City to demonstrate its commitment to seniors by protecting the center's staffing.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Back-to-School
Safety Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming August 2026 as Back-to-School Safety Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to members of the Northglenn Police Department.

PRESENTATIONS:

Northglenn Police
Department Pro Patria
Award

Colorado Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) State Chair Alison Patton presented the City of Northglenn and the Northglenn Police Department with the Pro Patria Award, the state committee's highest honor, after former detective and Air National Guard Tech Sergeant Skyla Richardson nominated the department for its exceptional support of her military service. Mayor Leighty also signed a statement pledging continued support for Guard members, reservists, veterans, and their families.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns thanked those who spoke and congratulated the Police Department for the Pro Patria Award. She also highlighted Adams 12 Five Star School District returning to school and recent community activities, including Neighborhood Nights Events and recreation center programs.

Council member Leighty praised the success of National Night Out, thanked the Police Department for engaging with children, and acknowledged residents' concerns about the curb at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park. She also wished students and educators well as they return to school.

Council member Sievers thanked public speakers, congratulated the Police Department on its Pro Patria Award, and emphasized supporting Guard and Reserve members. He highlighted National Night Out, school-safety coordination with Adams 12, his fiancée's Court Appointed Special Advocates of Adams and Broomfield

Counties (CASA) appointment, upcoming board and regional meetings, and Thornton's new Anythink Nature Library.

Council member Goff thanked residents for respectfully sharing their concerns and said Council considers public input while balancing community needs. She also discussed opposing an Xcel Energy rate increase, recognized the Sesquicentennial event, and congratulated the Police Department on the Pro Patria award.

Council member Kondo recognized staff and the Sustainability Committee for organizing the first neighborhood cleanup and praised the Police Department's community-policing efforts during National Night Out. He also discussed participating in a municipal leadership academy and invited Council members to tour Adams County's election facility to learn about ballot security and build confidence in the election system.

Council member Roper highlighted the Sesquicentennial event, the Adams 12 Principals Breakfast, National Night Out, and the community wiffle ball tournament. She praised staff and police for strengthening community partnerships and urged drivers to use extra caution around students and school construction as classes resume.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa highlighted legislative policy discussions, National Night Out, and the Adams 12 Principals Breakfast. She also recognized a new CASA volunteer, provided an update on naming and opening the Family Justice Center, and noted her participation in the Municipal Leadership Academy.

Mayor Leighty clarified, in response to a recent media report, that the Metro Mayors Caucus is a collaborative group that meets regularly to address regional issues. She praised National Night Out for connecting City officials and police with residents throughout the community and encouraged greater participation in future years. Mayor Leighty congratulated Recreation Manager Michael Stricker on accepting a position with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. She also addressed recent public comments about the City budget, stating that Council members are professionals working carefully to manage the City's finances and respectful public feedback is welcome.

Mayor Leighty led a discussion on Fire & Police Pension Association (FPPA) retirement benefits. Council supports enhanced benefits but recommended revisiting FPPA in early 2027 to develop a financially sustainable plan for potential implementation in 2028, while prioritizing employee raises in the 2027 budget.

Mayor Leighty concluded by announcing that she was gifted with 200 soccer balls from the US Conference of Mayors; they are available for free at the recreation center, while supplies last.

Staff

Acting City Manager Loveland reported on an HVAC issue at City Hall, affecting the temperature in Council Chambers. Repair should be completed within a week.

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2026 Update

Acting City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending June 30, 2026. Director Loveland spoke about revenue and expenditures in the General Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund, Sanitation Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, and Capital Projects Fund. Director Loveland also reported on the City's sales tax revenue and sales tax activity by geographic location.

Council member Kondo asked for the current principal balance owed for the Justice Center and Recreation Center, noting the City's interest payment and public concerns about debt. As the exact figure was not readily available, Acting City Manager Loveland stated the balance information will be provided to Council via e-mail.

CONSENT AGENDA **MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Kondo **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 27, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- August 3, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-99 – 2027 Riverdale Animal Shelter/Adoption Center Services IGA
- CR-104 – Acting City Manager Appointment

PUBLIC HEARING:

CB-2037 – Automated
Speed Enforcement
Cameras & Speed
Corridors

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2037 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2037.

Riley Winfred, 117 Teal Street, spoke against CB-2037, stating that flat-rate fines and automated traffic cameras disproportionately burden low-income families and people of color. They urged Council to pursue more equitable alternatives, including physical traffic-calming measures, income-based fines, safety courses, community service, and an education-first approach, rather than contracting enforcement to a private vendor.

Mayor Leighty called for anyone else wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2037. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –
SECOND READING:

CB-2037 – Automated
Speed Enforcement
Cameras & Speed
Corridors

MOTION TO PASS

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

Deputy Chief of Police Peter Rice provided a summary of 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-103 – Nov. 3,
2026 Coordinated
Election IGAs

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Leighty to approve CR-103.

City Clerk Johanna Small provided a summary of CR-103.

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.

PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD

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

Riley Winfred, 117 Teal Street, spoke again about CB-2037 – Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras & Speed Corridors, urging Council to consider implementing a community service option instead of a fee for violations.

Tim Long, 10661 Utrillo Lane, expressed support for CB-2037 – Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras & Speed Corridors, citing safety concerns near 104th Avenue. He criticized the lack of public communication regarding the appointment of Jason Loveland as the Acting City Manager and questioned Council's financial oversight, noting incentives provided to Prost Brewing.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor