

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 24, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, August 24, 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 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.

Chris Baum, Ward 4, expressed concern about a proposed \$123 million bond issue, noting that interest could increase the total cost to approximately \$265 million. He urged Council to consider the full financial impact on residents, who he believes are already heavily taxed.

Tim Long, 10661 Utrillo Lane, Ward 4, raised concerns about the proposed budget, including increased taxes and debt, leadership turnover, budget cuts, and deferred infrastructure maintenance. He criticized spending on other initiatives while essential repairs remain unfunded, questioned the City's revenue projections, and urged Council and residents to closely examine the proposed \$23 million revenue bond and its underwriting and rating requirements.

Beth Vierra, Ura Lane, Ward 4, thanked the City for removing fallen branches near the Niver Ditch but expressed concern that remaining dead branches and leaves pose a fire hazard. She urged the City to take additional action to reduce combustible vegetation and mitigate fire risk.

PRESENTATIONS:

August 2026 Waterwise
Yard and Magnificent
Tree 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 August 2026 award recipients are: Lynn and Rob Schurr, Jeff and Peggy Bolduc, Ashley Seaward and Eric Fischer, Desiree Sutter, Ron and Sherry Zanganeh, Katie Disser, and Steve and Skeeter Finger. Residents Jim Dawson and John and Tammy Wollbrinck were recognized as recipients of the Magnificent Tree Award for the adjacent Linden tree at 10978 Patterson Court and Ash tree at 10988 Patterson Court.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns congratulated the Water Wise Yard winners and praised residents' efforts during the drought. She also thanked police officers for enforcing speed limits near neighborhood schools and reminded drivers to use caution in school zones.

Council member Leighty shared that she attended Sabor, celebrating Colorado's Hispanic culture, businesses, and leaders. She also attended Dancing with the Denver Stars in support of Xcel Energy Area Manager Andrew Holder, noting that the event benefited Cleo Parker Robinson Dance and showcased its community impact.

Council member Sievers praised the Police Department's response to recent incidents at Irma Drive and E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and thanked Thornton and the Adams County District Attorney's Office for their assistance.

Council member Goff shared updates on upcoming Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board events, the Recreation Center's annual closure for cleaning, and Senior Center activities, including the September 23rd Senior Resource Fair. She also reported testifying against Xcel Energy's proposed 11% rate

increase, which the Public Utilities Commission reduced to approximately 5%.

Council member Kondo spoke about a police ride-along with Officer Atkins, praising her professionalism and drug-recognition expertise. He also attended the Peoples Powwow, a community event at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, toured the Adams County Clerk and Recorder's Office where he observed the Election Division, attended the Adams County Council of Governments Subregional Transportation Forum, the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board (CCPP) meeting, and a Municipal Leaders Academy workshop where he learned about severe drought and irrigation challenges in the San Luis Valley.

Council member Roper reported that the Historic Preservation Commission held a hearing concerning proposed restoration of a Deza Estates property to its original condition. She also shared that the Youth Commission is planning a community movie night for October 9th.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on a fundraiser for Ralston House and thanked the Police Department and North Metro Fire Rescue District for participating in the event.

Mayor Leighty reported attending regional meetings with the Mile High Flood District, Adams County Mayors, and the Regional Transportation District (RTD). She also attended the Dancing with the Denver Stars event and highlighted Cleo Parker Robinson Dance's arts and education programs and connections to the Northglenn community.

Staff

Acting City Manager Loveland clarified that the City is considering a \$23 million, not \$123 million, revenue bond for wastewater facility upgrades in 2027.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo 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, Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-105 – Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board

Community Safety Member Appointment – Mike DiGiovanni

- CR-106 – Justice Assistance Grant Acceptance
- CR-107 – Correction to Private Activity Bonds 2026 Assignment to CHFA
- CR-108 – Community Development Block Grant Subgrantee Agreement

**ORDINANCES –
FIRST READING:**

CB-2041 – Organized
Community Event Permits

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 CB-2041 on first reading.

Director of Parks, Recreation, and Culture Amanda Peterson provided a summary of CB-2041.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-109 – Diversity,
Inclusivity, and Social
Equity Board Ward 2
Member Appointment –
Jonathan Hicks

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Nowicki to approve CR-109.

**MOTION
WITHDRAWN**

The motion was withdrawn due to the applicant not being present.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Communications and
Marketing Assessment
Update #3

Joy Riot co-founders Jessica McCarthy, President, and John Armstrong, Chief Creative Officer, along with Rick Ammirato, Principal of Civic Consulting Group (CCG), presented the Communications and Marketing Assessment to Council.

The assessment concluded that the City's newsletters, printed materials, website, accessibility efforts, and community engagement

were strengths, while its overall communications strategy, processes, branding, video content, and social media presence would benefit from greater consistency and coordination.

Recommendations included establishing a formal citywide communications strategy and hub-and-spoke organizational model, consolidating social media accounts, improving staff training and tools, creating a more balanced approach to police communications, and developing comprehensive brand guidelines. The proposed brand framework emphasized Northglenn as a welcoming community where residents, businesses, and visitors could grow and pursue new opportunities.

Council asked about staffing levels, hiring priorities, implementation timelines, performance measures, opportunities for resident input, the distinctiveness of the proposed key message, the hub-and-spoke model, and the availability of brand templates.

Council members generally expressed appreciation for the assessment, noting that it is a practical roadmap for the incoming communications director and will provide a strong foundation for the City's future communications efforts.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

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

Tim Long, Ward 4, raised concerns about the City's financial condition, public trust, resident engagement, and the cost and implementation of the Communications and Marketing Assessment. He urged Council to remain actively involved in carrying out the assessment's recommendations, review its identified risks, and carefully consider the proposed \$23 million wastewater revenue bond.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor