

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 12, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, October 12, 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, and Goff.

ABSENT Council members Nowicki and Leighty.

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 2, expressed excitement about the Good Neighbor Award recipient she nominated and urged Council to support the proposed e-bike and scooter ordinance to address safety concerns. She opposed a potential data center in Section 36, citing drought restrictions, rising utility costs, and conflicts with the City's environmental goals. She thanked the Mayor for seeking clear Council positions and urged Council to address budget challenges by attracting businesses and families rather than pursuing a data center.

Chaseton Palmer, 11512 Community Center Drive, urged Council to continue the Northglenn Pirate Festival and read a vendor's letter highlighting the event's growing popularity, out-of-state visitors, and benefits to local businesses. The letter suggested increased vendor fees and additional volunteers to help offset costs. Chaseton

also offered volunteer support from the 350-member Crimson Mark pirate group to help sustain the event.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Italian Heritage Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming October 2026 as Italian Heritage Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Northglenn resident Bob Badovinac.

National Arts &
Humanities Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming October 2026 as National Arts & Humanities Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation members Jill Parsons, Joyce Downing, Rosie Garner, and Jenna Gragg.

PRESENTATIONS:

Good Neighbor Awards

Mayor Leighty and City Council joined Community Outreach Coordinator Jenna Gragg to present the Good Neighbor Awards to the following honorees: Lisa and Mark Buchna, Larry Freng, and Kate Bitzko. Each were nominated by current or former residents for their positive impact on the community.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns congratulated the Good Neighbor Award recipients and thanked public speakers and City staff. She praised the Northglenn Arts Theater Camp, which her son enjoys, and reported attending the Mayor's community meeting on automated license plate reader cameras and related communications, as well as the Legislative Policy Committee meeting.

Council member Sievers reported attending communications director presentations, Ballots and Beers, the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, Thornton Harvest Fest, a Congressional District 8 debate, and the Mayor's community meeting. He also spoke with the city manager recruitment agency, encouraged voting, and promoted Safe Street Halloween on October 17. He thanked event staff and volunteers, congratulated the Good Neighbor Award recipients, and emphasized communication and assuming good intentions among neighbors.

Council member Goff reported attending the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, communications director candidate presentations, and a city manager recruitment interview. She highlighted the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's presentation on prairie dog management, noting that approaches vary by location. She thanked meeting participants, read the City's land acknowledgment in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day, and expressed pride in Northglenn's inclusive and welcoming community.

Council member Kondo praised the Governor's efforts to encourage youth civic engagement. He reported visiting Riverdale Animal Shelter, highlighting its capacity challenges, low-cost vaccinations, and pet food assistance. He also commended the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board's process for distributing funds to victim advocacy organizations and thanked staff for organizing the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and providing free access to screenings.

Council member Roper thanked public speakers and congratulated the Good Neighbor Award recipients. She reported attending the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, noting that 28 free breast cancer screenings had been provided. She also mentioned the Youth Commission's recent movie night and an upcoming Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on Legislative Policy Committee recommendations to pursue rulemaking for mental health transitional living facility distance limitations, explore legislation preventing restrictive grocery and pharmacy deed restrictions, and hold a legislative dinner. It was the consensus of Council to host a legislative dinner on January 4, 2027 in place of the study session.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa also reported participating in communications director introductions, city manager recruitment input, and the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. She reported on VALE grants to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Ralston House, Project Safeguard, and Assistance League of Denver, and noted an upcoming Council interview with a VALE Board applicant. She also attended events supporting Latina college scholarships and recognizing women in business, and completed Municipal Leadership Academy training on communications and crisis press conferences.

Mayor Leighty thanked Council member Goff for reading the City's land acknowledgment. She reported attending Castle Rock's State of the Town event, the Five Star Foundation fundraiser, and a Metro Mayors Caucus discussion on public safety and automated license plate readers. She highlighted resident questions about new speed cameras at her community meeting, attended Coffee with the Chief and an Adams County mayors meeting with RTD, and hosted a City Hall tour and lunch for a local family through a school PTA fundraiser.

Staff

City Clerk Small provided information about the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board's third annual Cute &

Creepy Porch & Patio decorations contest and stated entries can be submitted at www.northglenn.org/ccpp through Sunday, October 18, 2026.

City Attorney Hoffmann reported attending the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Municipal Attorneys Conference in Snowmass, where Northglenn's commercial drone delivery ordinance was discussed during a presentation on airspace regulation and emerging unmanned aircraft technology. He noted appreciation for the City's proactive efforts to address drone delivery regulations.

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2026 Update

Acting City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending August 31, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA **MOTION TO PASS**

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

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- September 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-124 – Liquor Licensing Authority Appointment – Theresa Mayer
- CR-125 – Planning Commission Appointment – Gabriele Fabian

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2027 Annual Operating & Capital Improvement Budget

Acting City Manager Jason Loveland provided a summary on the proposed 2027 Annual Operation & Capital Improvement Budget.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on the proposed 2027 Annual Operating & Capital Improvement Budget and called for anyone wishing to speak either "for" or "against" the proposed budget. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

CB-2042 – Diversity,
Inclusivity, & Social
Equity Board Quorum
Requirement

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2042 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2042. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –
SECOND READING:

CB-2042 – Diversity,
Inclusivity, & Social
Equity Board Quorum
Requirement

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Burns to approve CB-2042 on second reading.

City Clerk Johanna Small provided a summary of CB-2042.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

ORDINANCES –
FIRST READING:

CB-2043 – Commercial
Drone Delivery Hubs

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Sievers **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve CB-2043 on first reading.

Director of Planning & Development Becky Smith provided a summary of CB-2043.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

CB-2044 – Electrical
Assisted Bicycles
(E-Bikes) Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Burns **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve CB-2044 on first reading.

Police Chief Jim May provided a summary of CB-2044.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

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

Melissa Ryan, Ward 2, thanked the City for replacing sidewalks around E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and reported that one new slab was already badly cracked. She asked the City to have the contractor repair it.

Executive Session
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to meet in Executive Sessions 1) pursuant to Section 4.5(e) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for pending litigation regarding the Justice Center; and 2) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding the City Manager hiring process.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki, Madison Leighty.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor