

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 12, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Downing called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Downing, Council members Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Clyne, Carrico, Dodge, and Wieneke.

ABSENT

No one.

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Simmons, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS
AND DELETIONS:**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS:

Recognition from the
2010 Census

Mr. Larry Mugler, Denver Regional Census Center, thanked the City for its participation in the 2010 Census. Mr. Mugler provided information about the statistics gathered from the community and the process used for the Census project. Mr. Mugler spoke about the data that would be provided to the City and presented the Mayor with a certificate of appreciation.

Economic Development
Update

Mr. Jim Hayes, Planning & Development Director, provided an economic development update. Mr. Hayes reported on action taken by the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) on a business incentive for the Marketplace, and provided an update on the following businesses in the Marketplace: K&G Fashion Superstore, Q Table BBQ Buffet, and Toys R Us. Mr. Hayes also spoke about a meeting that was held with business owners regarding the 104th Avenue Bridge Project and the Huron Street Reconstruction Project, new business licenses issued, and economic development events.

There were questions from Council regarding new businesses and advertising opportunities for the Toys R Us store.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Downing called for any person wishing to address City Council on matters of community interest related to City business, which are not set for public hearing to come forward.

Mr. Steve Richards, Mile High Outdoor Signs, stated he was present to address questions regarding agenda item 15A. – Mile High Outdoor Sign Proposal.

Mr. Bill Brown, Young Electric Sign Company, stated he was also present to provide information about agenda item 15A. – Mile High Outdoor Sign Proposal.

Dr. Sean Reif, Ward I, spoke about the cost of running businesses, reducing expenses, and making organizational changes. Dr. Reif also spoke about reducing budget strain, imposing discipline on local government, and public engagement.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

June 2010 Update

Mr. Shawn Cordsen, Finance Director, provided a financial report for the period ending June 30, 2010. Mr. Cordsen spoke about revenue and expenditures for the General Fund, Water and Wastewater Fund, Stormwater Fund, and Sanitation Fund. Mr. Cordsen also reported on cash reserves and the City's investment portfolio.

**CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Clyne, Carrico, Dodge, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.

ABSENT - No one.

The following item was approved on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the July 22, 2010 Regular Meeting

ORDINANCES:

First Reading

CB-1726 – Medical
Marijuana Ordinance
Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Wieneke to approve CB-1726 on first reading.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Clyne,
Carrico, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.

ABSENT - No one.

ABSTAIN - Dodge.

Note:

City Clerk Small stated for the record that the public hearing on CB-1726 would be held on August 26, 2010 in City Hall Council Chambers.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-114 – November
2, 2010 Coordinated
Election IGAs

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Clyne **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Dodge to approve CR-114.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Clyne,
Carrico, Dodge, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.

ABSENT - No one.

CR-115 – Support of
DRCOG’s Regional
Planning Grant Application

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Clyne to approve CR-115.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Clyne,
Carrico, Dodge, Wieneke.

OPPOSED - No one.

ABSENT - No one.

Action Item: Request
For Exception to
Resolution 08-156

City Manager Simmons provided information about the request to hire one full-time Municipal Services Worker I position. City Manager Simmons stated the vacancy was a result of a staff resignation, and spoke about the duties and personnel costs associated with the position.

There were questions from Council about the salary and benefit costs for the position and staffing levels in the Public Works Department.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Clyne **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Carrico to approve the hiring exception for one full-time Municipal Services Worker I position.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Downing, Snetzinger, Paiz, Brown, Baker, Clyne, Carrico, Dodge.

OPPOSED - Wieneke.

ABSENT - No one.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mile High Outdoor
Sign Proposal

Mr. Jim Hayes, Planning & Development Director, provided information on the Mile High Outdoor Sign proposal for an LED digital sign at I-25 and approximately 114th Avenue. Mr. Hayes spoke about the City's allowed use of the sign, the annual permit fee the City would receive, and the Planning Commission's consideration of the proposal. Mr. Hayes reviewed the next steps if Council desires to proceed with the proposal, and provided information about the size of the proposed sign.

There was discussion about the size of the proposed sign, legislative actions that would be required, civic use and branding of the sign, and the timeline for construction of the proposed monopole sign.

Mr. Steve Richards, Mile High Outdoor Signs, distributed information on the sign proposal and spoke about the proposed height and size of the sign, municipal uses, and advertising opportunities for local businesses. Mr. Richards addressed traffic safety concerns and stated the sign conforms to the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) standards.

Mr. Bill Brown, Young Electric Sign Company, provided information about his company and other sign projects he has been involved with. Mr. Brown spoke about light-emitting diode (LED) technology and the increased quality of electronic billboards. Mr. Brown answered questions about the life of LED technology and the number of kilowatt hours the sign would be operated.

City Manager Simmons spoke about the Marketplace sign and its ability to fulfill the advertising and civic needs in the area. City Manager Simmons questioned the benefit of the proposed sign and use of the sign by local businesses.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided information about the issue of restricting content displayed on the sign by certain businesses.

There was discussion and it was the consensus of Council to move forward with the sign proposal.

Proposed November
2010 Ballot Questions –
Sales Tax Extension

City Manager Simmons spoke about the two ballot questions that had been drafted regarding the extension of the existing one-half percent sales and use tax attributable to non-food and food items.

There was discussion among Council about placing one or both questions on the November 2, 2010 ballot. There was discussion about the proposed use of revenue from the sales and use tax attributable to food sales for economic development.

City Attorney Hoffmann stated that Council could define terms of the use in an ordinance if desired. There was also discussion about including language in the question to extend the sales and use tax on non-food items regarding the expiration of the one-half percent sales tax attributable to food purchases.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the question to extend the existing one-half percent sales and use tax on non-food items, and to let the one-half percent sales and use tax on food expire at the end of 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Snetzinger reported that she had participated in the Paint-A-Thon event with Brothers Redevelopment, and thanked the following staff members who participated: Shelley Stanley, Jesse Trujillo, Jeannette Sanchez, Joliette Woodsen, Paula Jensen, Russ VanHouten, and Jenni Murphy. Council member Snetzinger stated that Jim Lynch had been appointed as the NURA Vice Chairman, and reported that NURA had approved a business incentive for a Marketplace sign. She also noted that an interim executive committee had been appointed due to Pat Breitenstein's retirement as the Executive Director of NURA. Council member Snetzinger reported on the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) and the Northglenn's Got Talent event, and reminded everyone to be cautious of children due to school starting next week.

Council member Paiz reported on a meeting she attended with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the issue of dam breaching in the Rocky Flats area. Council member Paiz stated the DOE is moving forward

with the proposed changes, and provided information about the timeline of the project.

Council member Baker reported that he and Council member Clyne would be hosting a Ward III meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2010 at the Recreation Center.

Mayor Downing reported that the Colorado Municipal League (CML) had asked for appointments to be made to the Policy Committee. It was decided that Council members Dodge and Snetzinger would serve as the Policy Committee representatives. Mayor Downing spoke about a resident's comments regarding the positive appearance of the parks in the City and reported on events she had attended including the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) meeting, the 50th Anniversary of the First Southern Baptist Church of Northglenn, and National Night Out.

Council member Clyne reported that the Historic Preservation Commission would be holding their annual garage sale on August 27th and 28th at the Stonehocker Farmhouse. Council member Clyne reported on the Finance Committee meeting, and stated that after reviewing the Audit RFPs, they had selected the firm of Johnson Holscher to provide audit services to the City. Council member Clyne also reported that she had participated in National Night Out.

Council member Carrico reported on the North Metro Fire Rescue District and the food, backpack, and school supply drives being held at the District locations. Council member Carrico thanked homeowners for their hospitality on National Night Out and also thanked the Police Department for coordinating the event. Council member Carrico apologized for missing the last study session, and noted it was due to the birth of her first granddaughter.

Council member Dodge reported that she had participated in National Night Out, and noted that the Youth Commission members had also participated in the event. Council member Dodge reported that she had attended the Metro North Chamber of Commerce's 5K Run and reported that a Northglenn business, Fit Soldiers, had taken first place in the event.

Council member Wieneke reported that he has received many comments regarding the Police Department's enforcement of the left-hand turn on Huron Street and Kennedy Drive.

Staff

City Manager Simmons introduced Mr. Ryan Stachelski, Economic Development Manager, to Council. City Manager Simmons reviewed the agenda items for the August 19, 2010 study session.

City Attorney Hoffmann spoke about the ballot question that had been drafted regarding the Citizens' Affairs Board. City Attorney Hoffmann stated the question addresses ambiguous items regarding membership, districts, and functions of the Board, and suggested that, at a minimum, the language regarding membership and wards be placed on the November ballot. It was stated that this item would be added to the August 19, 2010 study session for discussion.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Downing invited any member of the public wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council to come forward.

Dr. Sean Reif, Ward I, spoke about the proposed sales tax extension on food items, public comment limitations, and citizen engagement.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

JOYCE DOWNING
Mayor