

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 12, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held remotely with electronic participation by all members of the City Council.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Willford, Council members Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

ABSENT

None.

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Geyer, 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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Matt Chan Day

Mayor Leighty read a proclamation proclaiming October 12, 2020 as Matt Chan Day in the City of Northglenn, and congratulated Mr. Chan, a firefighter with North Metro Fire Rescue District, on his recent accomplishment of becoming the Titan Games Champion.

National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

Mayor Leighty read a proclamation proclaiming October 2020 as National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month in the City of Northglenn. Council member Witkovich showed a picture of her adopted shelter dog, Bayley, and spoke about the importance of adopting and fostering shelter dogs.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Leighty read a proclamation proclaiming October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Northglenn. Vida Herrera, Northglenn Victim Services Advocate, introduced the victim services team members on the call and thanked City Council for bringing awareness to the issue of domestic violence.

PRESENTATIONS:

COVID-19 Update

Ray Gonzales, Adams County Manager, and Dr. John Douglas, Tri-County Health Department Executive Director, provided a COVID-19 update to City Council. Mr. Gonzales shared information about the County's testing services and COVID-19 mitigation plan to decrease the number of positive coronavirus cases throughout the County. Dr. Douglas provided COVID-19 exposure data for Adams County and the City of Northglenn. There was discussion about the City's communications and public service announcements to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the levels within the Stay at Home, Safer at Home, and Protect Our Neighbors phases, how schools and businesses may be impacted, and how testing data is used.

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. There was no response.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Esquibel commended the City's Communications Department staff for their work on the COVID-19 messaging. Council member Esquibel reported on the Northglenn Senior Organization's Veterans Day program to recognize veterans in the community with special yard signs. He stated residents may share veterans' names by email to seniorcenter@northglenn.org or by calling 303-450-8801 by November 5, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported the Chair of the Croke Reservoir Subcommittee, who is also an instructor with Regis University, will be asking her students to evaluate issues identified at Croke Reservoir similar to a Problem Based Learning module. She stated the first meeting with students will be held on October 21 at 6:00 p.m. with final presentations on November 18, and asked anyone interested in attending the meetings to contact her. Mayor Pro Tem Willford thanked the Mayor and Council members who signed the Xcel Energy letter regarding prioritizing clean, renewable and safe energy for customers in their next energy plan. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she will be providing public comment at the Public Utilities Commission tomorrow on behalf of Colorado Communities for Climate Action regarding policy issues in the Clean Energy Plan.

Council member Goff spoke about the Homelessness 101 presentation she viewed, and reported the Homelessness Community Task Force met last week. Council member Goff reported she recently attended a tour of the Northglenn Civic Center construction site with other officials.

Council member Duran Mullica reported on the Colorado Department of Transportation I-270 working group that has been formed to study improvements to I-270. Council member Duran Mullica reported on the Regional Transportation District Accountability/Governance Committee meeting.

Council member Brown reported she attended the Youth Commission meeting and also attended National Night Out. Council member Brown stated she was very happy to see the new Honey Bear statue has been installed.

Council member Downing reported on the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation meeting and a discussion regarding a concerning amount of graffiti on the mural in the tunnel under I-25. Council member Downing reminded everyone that the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club's Duck Derby event is approaching.

Council member Witkovich reported she and several residents are very excited about the new Honey Bear sculpture that has been installed and thanked Northglenn Arts for replacing the sculpture.

Council member Peterson reported on the Council Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Council member Peterson reported ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election have been mailed out, and spoke about how the election will affect the State's legislative session. Council member Peterson provided information for voters who may be concerned about returning their mail ballots. Council member Peterson also reported the Committee is working to finalize a legislative dinner event on December 7 and is wrapping up work on the Legislative Guide document.

Mayor Leighty reported she recently attended ribbon cutting events for Local Choice Heating and Air Conditioning and Dutch Bros., and stated they were great events. Mayor Leighty reported she participated in National Night Out and stated it was a great, socially-distant event.

Staff

City Manager Geyer reported on the recruitment for a Director of Human Resources and stated more information about a community meet and greet event will be shared with Council soon. City Manager Geyer thanked Jason Loveland for his work as the Acting Director of Human Resources.

City Attorney Hoffmann reported he has been attending the Colorado Municipal League's virtual conference for attorneys, which has included information related to campaign finance and sales tax.

City Clerk Small provided information about the November 3, 2020 General Election and stated voters can access information online and at City Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Willford **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 - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- September 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-135 – Amendment 2 to the Adams 12 Five Star Schools MOU for Use of Undeveloped Property West of Justice Center
- CR-136 – Planning Commission Reappointment – Jodie Schenck
- CR-137 – Adams 12 CARES Act Funding IGA
- CR-138 – Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County CARES Act Funding Subrecipient Agreement

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Proposed 2021 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on the Proposed 2021 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a brief presentation of the Proposed 2021 Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

Mayor Leighty called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” the Proposed 2021 Budget and Capital Improvement Program. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –

First Reading:

CB-1954 – Amending the Municipal Code Regarding Contractor Licenses

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Peterson to approve CB-1954 on first reading.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development provided a

summary of CB-1954.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing,
Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-134 – IGA with
Thornton Regarding
the Design of East
120th Avenue Roadway
Improvements

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Mullica to approve CR-134.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing,
Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CR-139 – Support for Adams
County Ballot Issue 1A

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Brown to approve CR-139.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing,
Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica.

OPPOSED - Esquibel.

ABSENT - None.

CR-140 – Support for Adams
County Ballot Issue 1B

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Brown to approve CR-140.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing,
Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica.

OPPOSED - Esquibel.

ABSENT - None.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any member of the public wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council. There was no response.

Executive Session
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(a) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for personnel matters regarding Council appointee evaluations.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing,
Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Esquibel.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor