

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Esquibel called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Esquibel, Mayor Pro Tem Leighty, Council members Sauers, Rodriguez, Downing, Brown, Whitman, Duran Mullica, and Willford.

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 CITIZEN INQUIRY:

None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

None.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2020 Census Complete Count Campaign

Mayor Esquibel read the proclamation supporting the 2020 Census Complete Count Campaign and presented the proclamation to Mr. Paolo Diaz, Adams County Poverty Reduction and Neighborhood Outreach Manager, and Ms. Crystal Elliott, Adams County Census Liaison.

St. Stephen's Church
Historic Designation

Council member Downing read the proclamation honoring the listing of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on the National Register of Historic Places. Members of the St. Stephen's Lutheran Church congregation, Joel and John Haertling, sons of architect Charles A. Haertling, and Ron Sladek, President of Tatanka Historic Associates were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS:

Red and Blue BBQ
Donation to Colorado
C.O.P.S. and Professional
Firefighters Foundation

Police Chief Jim May spoke about the Red and Blue BBQ that was held with the North Metro Fire Rescue District (NMFDRD) to raise funds for local charities. Chief May presented a check in the amount of \$9,004.82 to Ms. Sharon Byrne, President of the Colorado Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.). Ms. Byrne provided information about the C.O.P.S. organization and the services they provide to the survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Economic Development
Q2 Report

Ms. Debbie Tuttle, Economic Development Manager, provided an update on economic development projects and activities for the second quarter of 2019. Ms. Tuttle reported the Huron Center Project received a 2019 honorable mention for the Governor's Excellence Awards from Downtown Colorado, Inc. and noted the Northglenn businesses and facilities recognized as the Colorado Community Media's "Best of the Best." Ms. Tuttle reported on business events, new businesses, the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority, and economic development statistics.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

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

Ms. Mary Ulibarri spoke to Council about gun control. Ms. Ulibarri spoke about gun legislation and shared statistics about the number of deaths due to gun violence. Ms. Ulibarri asked Council to consider banning assault-style weapons in the City of Northglenn.

Mr. Bob Montoya spoke about traffic concerns in his neighborhood. Mr. Montoya stated he recently requested a speed hump to be installed on Carroll Lane and feels the traffic calming study was not conducted properly. Mr. Montoya stated there is increased traffic from the Walmart development and asked Council to consider installing a speed hump to reduce speeding.

A resident spoke about traffic concerns in the same neighborhood as Mr. Montoya. He stated the roadway is used as a thoroughfare, which creates a dangerous environment for children playing in the neighborhood.

There was discussion about the traffic issue and Council member

Whitman stated she will follow-up with Mr. Montoya.

**LEGISLATIVE POLICY
COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Council member Willford reported the Legislative Policy Committee has been reviewing proposals for a new City lobbyist. She stated the Committee will conduct interviews with the top three respondents on August 20, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. and encouraged Council to attend the interviews.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

June 2019 Update

Mr. Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending June 30, 2019. Mr. 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. Mr. Loveland also reported on the City's cash reserves and sales tax revenue by geo-code.

**CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Sauers **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Willford to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Sauers, Rodriguez, Downing, Brown, Whitman, Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the July 22, 2019 Regular Meeting
- CR-90 – 2019 Water Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement
- CR-91 – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Appointment – Mary Mondragon
- CR-98 – Northglenn Community Foundation Fee Waiver

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CB-1931 – Amendment to the City Code Adding a Communications Department

City Clerk Small read the title.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CB-1931.

Mayor Esquibel opened the public hearing on CB-1931 and called for any person wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1931 to come forward. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –
Second Reading:

CB-1931 – Amendment
to the City Code Adding
a Communications
Department

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Sauers to approve CB-1931 on second reading.

City Manager Geyer provided additional information about CB-1931.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Sauers, Rodriguez, Downing,
Brown, Whitman, Duran Mullica, Willford.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-92 – November 5,
2019 Ballot Question –
Gender Neutral City
Charter Language

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Willford to approve CR-92.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-92.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Sauers, Rodriguez, Downing,
Brown, Whitman, Duran Mullica, Willford.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

CR-93 – Private Activity
Bonds 2019 Assignment
to CHFA

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Sauers to approve CR-93.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-93.

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Sauers, Rodriguez, Downing,
Brown, Whitman, Duran Mullica, Willford.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

CR-94 – 2019
Concrete Trails Program

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Sauers to approve CR-94.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-94.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Sauers, Rodriguez, Downing,
Brown, Whitman, Duran Mullica, Willford.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

CR-95 – Water
Treatment Plant
Master Plan Update

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Sauers to approve CR-95.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-95.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Sauers, Rodriguez, Downing,
Brown, Whitman, Duran Mullica, Willford.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

CR-96 – NURA
Cooperation Agreement –
Future Urban Renewal
Project Financing

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Sauers to approve CR-96.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-96.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Sauers, Rodriguez, Downing,
Brown, Whitman, Duran Mullica, Willford.

OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

CR-97 – Adams County
Census Liaison Position IGA City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Willford to approve CR-97.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-97.

MOTION PASSED There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Esquibel, Leighty, Sauers, Rodriguez, Downing, Brown, Whitman, Duran Mullica, Willford.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Comprehensive Plan
Update Project Approach
and Scope

Mr. Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, presented information to Council on the Comprehensive Plan Update Project. Mr. Svoboda stated staff is seeking Council feedback on the type of project approach and public engagement for the Comprehensive Plan update process.

Ms. Becky Smith, Planning Manager, presented options for different levels of engagement, and stated staff recommends utilizing a task force as well as holding public workshops, focus group meetings, and open houses throughout the process.

There was discussion about the project approach and it was the consensus of Council to utilize a task force comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders, and for staff to provide check-ins with City Council during the process.

Shopping Cart
Enforcement

Mr. Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided information about current efforts to manage off-premise shopping carts which have been abandoned in the City.

There was discussion about the potential to partner with neighboring cities to address the shopping cart issue, the frequency and location of abandoned carts, and the City's ability to impose penalties on businesses whose carts are abandoned in Northglenn.

Council member Whitman provided a handout containing pictures of abandoned shopping carts at multiple locations in residential areas and stated shopping carts are abandoned frequently in Ward 3. Council member Whitman stated she does not believe staff should be required to collect and return the carts to the stores, and stated stronger enforcement and penalties for abandoned carts should be considered. Council member Whitman spoke about additional ways to address the issue and provided examples of other communities' ordinances regarding abandoned shopping carts.

There was discussion about tracking the occurrences related to abandoned carts to determine if the issue is limited to certain locations or a regional problem. There was discussion about approaching the local business community to discuss solutions and addressing the issue at the corporate level.

City Manager Geyer stated staff will consider the feedback provided and will develop options to address abandoned shopping carts, to include holding the businesses accountable based on it being a priority for City Council. She stated staff will begin tracking and collecting data to identify where the majority of carts are coming from, and stated the item will be brought back to a study session.

4th of July Weekend After-Action Report

Chief of Police Jim May provided a review of the Police Department's enforcement efforts related to the 4th of July. Chief May presented information about staffing and enforcement at the 4th of July Festival, citywide traffic control, calls for service, and additional efforts regarding fireworks enforcement. Chief May presented staff recommendations to improve operations on the 4th of July and fireworks enforcement, which include additional deployment efforts and the adoption of a fireworks ordinance with a minimum fine.

There was discussion about fireworks enforcement, the number of citations issued, and issues related to officers observing the illegal activity. Additional enforcement options were discussed, which include making the owner of record responsible for fireworks that leave their property, creating mandatory minimum penalties, and incentivizing people to report illegal fireworks.

There was discussion about developing a communications plan to educate residents about fireworks enforcement. Council offered several suggestions for increased enforcement and communication including citywide mailers, billboard signage, creating an illegal fireworks campaign similar to other cities, and utilizing drones to identify the location of fireworks.

There was discussion about measuring the success of enforcement, partnering with homeowners associations to utilize members who are willing to report illegal fireworks, additional resources needed for increased enforcement, and developing a plan to address fireworks.

Northglenn Police
Department – Second
Quarter Update

Chief of Police Jim May provided an update on the Northglenn Police Department for the second quarter of 2019. Chief May presented information on staffing, school safety traffic plans, training, community outreach, communication efforts, and social media activity.

City Manager Geyer provided a breakdown of the 2019 sworn 70 FTE in the Police Department, which include: 1 chief, 4 commanders, 9 sergeants, and 56 officers.

There was discussion about police personnel in the 2020 budget and current officer vacancies. Council member Brown asked staff to consider the importance of the candlelight vigil during National Law Enforcement Week when downsizing the event for 2020. Council member Leighty spoke about partnering with schools to provide information regarding carpool/drop-off safety or pedestrian safety based on whether they are a magnet or neighborhood school.

Kiwanis Pool Update

Ms. Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services, provided an update on the Kiwanis Pool Bath House Replacement and Splash Pad Addition Project. Ms. Peterson reported the site elevation concerns have been resolved, work is consistently occurring on the site, and the subcontractor responsible for the splash pad installation has made significant progress. She stated the electrical service has been redesigned to meet the original three-phase electrical service specified, and stated staff will continue to actively manage the status of the project.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Willford reported a Ward 4 meeting will be held on August 29, 2019 and will include an introduction of Council member Lauren Rodriguez, information on the Croke Reservoir Subcommittee, and an economic development update. She stated a fall Ward 4 meeting has been scheduled for October 3rd and stated the meeting will include a presentation from the Adams County Complete Count Committee regarding the 2020 Census and a candidate meet and greet for Ward 4 Council member and mayoral candidates. Council member Willford reported on the Croke Reservoir Subcommittee and stated they will be meeting this Thursday. Council member Willford reported she attended the

graduation event at Purple Moon Early Learning Center and stated the childcare and preschool center is a special space in the community. She reported she visited nine parties during National Night Out and thanked the residents who hosted neighborhood parties. Council member Willford spoke about the recent greenhouse gas inventory that was completed and asked that Council receive an update on the Sustainability Plan. It was the consensus of Council to schedule the item for a study session. Council member Willford spoke about gun violence and safety and asked Council to have a conversation about what is being done in Northglenn and regionally to prevent gun violence and increase safety in the community. It was the consensus of Council to schedule the item for a study session.

Council member Duran Mullica reported she participated in National Night Out. Council member Duran Mullica reported she attended the initial Adams County Tobacco Retail License Task Force meeting on August 1st, which included elected officials, city staff, community groups, and other public health departments to begin discussing how to address the issue of teen vaping. Council member Duran Mullica thanked Tri-County Health Department for leading the task force and spoke about the outreach she has done on the issue.

Council member Whitman reported she attended National Night Out and thanked Police Officer Schwartz for hosting her ride-along. She reported residents enjoyed receiving the Xcel Energy kits from the City during National Night Out and thanked Xcel for providing the kits.

Mayor Pro Tem Leighty reported she attended the graduation event at Purple Moon Early Learning Center, and recognized Debbie Tuttle, Economic Development Manager, for her efforts to build relationships with small businesses in the City. Mayor Pro Tem Leighty reported she attended the North Metro Fire Rescue District's strategic planning session on July 30th and National Night Out on August 6th. Mayor Pro Tem Leighty spoke about an email she received from Adams 12 Five Star Schools regarding safety improvements at schools, and spoke about practicing safety drills to prepare for emergencies.

Mayor Esquibel reported he participated in National Night Out and attended the graduation event at Purple Moon Early Learning Center. Mayor Esquibel stated he considers it an honor and privilege to get out in the community and interact with residents, and thanked Council for allowing him to serve as Mayor.

Council member Brown reported on the Northglenn Community Foundation's Paddle and Run event and the "Fill-A-Backpack"

school supply drive. Council member Brown reported on the Outside Agency Funding Committee meeting. She stated the Committee approved a sponsorship for the Anythink Library's Sparkopolis event and asked Council to contact Ms. Susan Baca, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, if they are interested in attending.

Council member Downing congratulated St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Council member Downing provided information about the iconic architecture film screening honoring architect Charles Haertling to be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on August 24th, and stated the Historic Preservation Commission is looking for homes to participate in a home tour in October.

Council member Rodriguez reported she participated in National Night Out with Mayor Esquibel and Council member Willford. Council member Rodriguez stated she is passionate about gun control and reported she is looking forward to the Ward 4 meeting on August 29, 2019.

Staff

City Clerk Small reported nomination petitions for individuals desiring to be a candidate in the November 5, 2019 Election are currently available in the City Clerk's Office.

City Manager Geyer stated the third City Council strategic planning session will be held on August 28, 2019 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. City Manager Geyer thanked Northglenn High School Principal Sharee Blunt and Adams 12 Five Star Schools Chief Operating Officer Pat Hamilton for their partnership to address parking issues around Northglenn High School.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Esquibel invited any member of the public wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council to come forward. There was no response.

Executive Session

The Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice was postponed to August 19, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

ANTONIO B. ESQUIBEL
Mayor