

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
June 14, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 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, Council members Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica. Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa joined Council after the passage of CR-60 and subsequent oath of office.

**ABSENT** Mayor Pro Tem Willford.

**STAFF PRESENT** City Manager Geyer, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**RESOLUTIONS:**  
CR-60 – Ward 4 City Council Member Appointment – Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa  
City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS** Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CR-60.

**MOTION PASSED** There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Willford.

Oath of Office Municipal Judge Amanda Bailhache administered the oath of office to Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa.

**RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY:**  
Diversity Events  
City Manager Geyer announced the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board will host a virtual Pride Panel on June 16, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and stated more information is available on the City’s website. City Manager Geyer announced Pride Night will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS  
AND DELETIONS:**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

National Gun Violence  
Awareness Day

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming June 4, 2021 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Northglenn. Kathy Kelly, Moms Demand Action, accepted the proclamation and thanked City Council for bringing awareness to the number of people impacted by gun violence each year.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to members of the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board. DISE Board members Deja Moore, Chase Janis, and Celeste Jackson accepted the proclamation, and provided information about the Pride Panel on June 16, 2021.

Small Cities Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming June 2021 as Small Cities Month in the City of Northglenn. Council member Downing accepted the proclamation and provided information about the National League of Cities' Small Cities Council.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

2020 Audit

Robert Kreiser, RSM US, presented information about the audit of the 2020 Annual Financial Report to City Council. Mr. Kreiser spoke about the audit process and summarized the City's financial performance for the year ending December 31, 2020.

**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.

City Clerk Small played a voicemail from Mark Bromley. Mr. Bromley thanked Council for recognizing LGBTQ+ Pride Month, requested the City's Fourth of July fireworks show to be reinstated, and requested the City recognize June 14<sup>th</sup> as Flag Day.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council

Council member Goff reported on the Legislative Policy Committee and provided information about the State's legislative session, which included several bills related to law enforcement, the environment, and transportation. Council member Goff reported that Governor Polis signed HB21-1265 – Qualified Retailer Retain Sales Tax for Assistance into law at The Glenn Bar & Grille in Northglenn earlier today. Council member Goff stated the Legislative Policy Committee will next meet in August.

Council member Witkovich reported on the Historic Preservation Commission meeting and stated the Commission approved their Strategic Plan. She reported she attended the Five Star Education Foundation's fundraising event at Top Golf on June 10<sup>th</sup> and stated the Foundation was very appreciative of the City's support during the pandemic. Council member Witkovich reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and stated the hybrid style meeting worked well. She stated the DISE Board presented a request to name the Justice Center West Park in honor of former Mayor Odell Barry and announced the Parks Board currently has a vacancy for a Ward 3 representative.

Council member Brown inquired about the park naming request and the process for approval. Council member Brown reported she attended the Food Truck Grab 'n Go event at Wyco Park and stated she is looking forward to the next event.

Council member Downing reported she attended the Sustainability Committee retreat and thanked City staff for supporting the Committee's efforts, which will be presented to Council soon. Council member Downing announced the Modern Musical Studio will hold its first annual concert on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Stonehocker Farmhouse.

Council member Duran Mullica reported on the Adams County Vaccine Equity Roundtable she attended and stated the group is focused on increasing vaccination rates in communities of color.

Council member Goff reported she attended several Colorado Communities for Climate Action meetings and noted the group is working to finalize their policy agenda. Council member Goff reported she attended the Summer Concert Series in E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and the Food Truck Grab 'n Go event at Danahy Park and encouraged residents to take advantage of the events being offered this summer.

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa stated she is humbled and honored to represent the residents of Ward 4 on City Council. Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she attended the mini-Citizens Police Academy and the Hate Crimes Forum as a member of the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board. She reported she attended the Food Truck Grab 'n Go event at Alvin Thomas Park, and announced that she and Mayor Pro Tem Willford will host an in-person Ward 4 meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2021.

Mayor Leighty reported she also attended the Five Star Education Foundation's fundraiser at Top Golf on June 10. Mayor Leighty

reported she attended the swearing-in ceremony for Deputy Police Chief Randall Darlin and welcomed Deputy Chief Darlin to the City. Mayor Leighty reported she participated in the use of force training simulator and encouraged all Council members to take part in the training. Mayor Leighty reported she attended the Hate Crimes Forum and thanked everyone involved in the collaborative effort. Mayor Leighty stated it was great to see Governor Polis at The Glenn and noted the Governor received a Northglenn Pride yard sign.

Staff

City Manager Geyer announced a swearing-in ceremony for new Police Officers Adam Schroeder, Jeffrey Reisner, and Angelina Valenzuela will be held tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Justice Center.

City Clerk Small announced that candidate information for the November 2, 2021 Election, including a copy of the 2021 Candidate Guide, is now available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

April 2021 Update

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a financial report for the period ending April 30, 2021. 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. There was discussion about the City's fund balance and future discussions about the use of American Rescue Plan funding. Mr. Loveland recognized his staff, specifically Accounting Manager JoAnn Koenig, for their work on the City's 2020 Audit.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION TO PASS**

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

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-61 – Public Right-of-Way Standards and Specifications
- CR-62 – 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Audit Acceptance
- CR-63 – Special Event Permit Fee Waivers

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

CB-1971 – Authorizing  
Marijuana Delivery

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1971 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1971.

City Clerk Small played a voice mail from Mark Bromley. Mr. Bromley spoke against CB-1971 and expressed concern about the regulation of marijuana delivery and deliveries from outside the City of Northglenn.

David Michel, General Counsel for IgadI, Ltd., spoke in favor of CB-1971 and suggested amendments to the ordinance to clarify language in Sections 18-14-45(b) and 18-16-42(b), and limit retail marijuana stores from delivering no more than 50% of its gross annual revenues from the sales of marijuana and marijuana infused products.

Mayor Leighty called for any other person wishing to speak about CB-1971. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –**

**SECOND READING:**

CB-1971 – Authorizing  
Marijuana Delivery

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Downing to approve CB-1971 on second reading.

City Clerk Small provided a summary of CB-1971.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Willford.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-64 – Adams County  
Community Development  
Block Grant IGA Renewal

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Duran Mullica to approve CR-64.

Sara Dusenberry, Senior Planner, provided a summary of CR-64.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Brown,  
Goff, Duran Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Willford.

**PUBLIC INVITED  
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council. There was no response.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor