

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 28, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, June 28, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Willford, Council members Witkovich, Peterson, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Lukeman-Hiromasa.

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:
July 4th Fireworks Enforcement
Police Chief May provided information about fireworks enforcement for the July 4th Independence Day holiday.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:
June Neighborhood Beautification Awards
Jenni Murphy, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided information about the Northglenn Neighborhood Beautification Program and stated the awards being presented are for the Yard of the Month and Water Wise Yard of the Month categories. Mayor and Council congratulated those receiving awards for the month of June.

The residents recognized were: Alex Barkov, Elena Foster, and Azzedine Abderrahmane, Rhonda Baker and Jeff Mattivi, the Bradfords, Tony Conca and Ramona Carbubajal, Nick Garcia, Julia Gessner, Don and Pat Hutcherson, Martina and Robert Juszynski, TJ Moore and James Kelley, Staci and Paul Mefford, Toni Moruzzi, Jerry Nichols, Erin Oney, Tom Robbennolt, Justin Spanier, and Greg Wilson.

Cultural Transformation Initiative Launch
Members of the City’s internal Cultural Design Team presented the new vision, mission, and core organizational values to City Council.

The members provided information about the initiative and process used by the employee-led team and presented the employee kick-off event and next steps for implementing the values in internal processes.

Introduction of Deputy
Police Chief Darlin

Police Chief May introduced Deputy Police Chief Randall Darlin, who joined the Police Department on June 1, 2021.

Deputy Police Chief Darlin provided information about himself and his experience with the Chicago Police Department, and stated he looks forward to serving the City of Northglenn.

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 read an email from Christina Sharkady asking City Council to allow Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa to continue serving as the Ward 4 resident member of the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board.

City Clerk Small read an email from Terri Thompson asking City Council to allow Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa to continue serving as the Ward 4 resident member of the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Council

Council member Brown reported she attended Northglenn Pride Night and thanked the Youth Commission for their work at the event. Council member Brown recognized Deja Moore and other members of the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity Board for their work to coordinate the inaugural Pride Night and stated she enjoyed the event.

Council member Goff reported on the virtual Pride Panel on June 16 focused on gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation and thanked all of the individuals who participated on the panel. Council member Goff thanked the volunteers who helped at Pride Night and stated she was very encouraged to see all of the individuals enjoying the event.

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she attended the swearing-in ceremony for three new police officers and stated she is looking forward to the Ward 4 meeting next week.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford introduced her new daughter, Caroline Mae Willford, who was born on May 19, 2021, and thanked everyone for their kindness while she was absent from Council meetings following her daughter's birth. Mayor Pro Tem Willford encouraged everyone to attend the in-person Ward 4 meeting on Thursday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Danahy Park. She stated the agenda will include an introduction to Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa, an update on the new Recreation Center facility, drought and water conservation, and the Comprehensive Plan update process.

Mayor Leighty reported she attended the Colorado Municipal League annual business meeting and stated information about the Executive Board elections can be found online. Mayor Leighty reported she attended Pride Night and had an opportunity to talk with many residents who were very thankful for the event. Mayor Leighty reminded everyone that fireworks are illegal in the City and encouraged residents to attend the different City events planned throughout the day on July 4th.

Staff

City Manager Geyer reported that she and Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, attended the Colorado City and County Managers Association conference last week in Glenwood Springs and stated many of her colleagues commented on Northglenn's initiatives.

Mayor Leighty reported that Adams County sponsored the silent disco at Pride Night and thanked Adams County Commissioner Lynn Baca for attending the event.

Council member Brown inquired about Northglenn Pride shirts for City Council members who were unable to attend Pride Night.

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, Willford, Witkovich, Peterson, Downing,
Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

The following item was approved on the consent agenda:
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ORDINANCES –
FIRST READING:
CB-1972 – Supplemental
Appropriation

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Brown to approve CB-1972 on first reading.

Jason Loveland, Director of Finance, provided a summary of CB-1972.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CB-1973 – Create of a Religious Buffer Zone

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Downing to approve CB-1973 on first reading.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided a summary of CB-1973.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CB-1974 – Cold Weather Care Building Code Amendment

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Downing to approve CB-1974 on first reading.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of CB-1974.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-65 – 112th Avenue & Irma Drive Drainage Improvements Project

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve CR-65.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-65.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

NGCC Phase 1
Implementation June
Update

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services, provided an update on the implementation of Phase 1 of the Civic Center Project. She updated Council on the work being done to the preschool playground and pool area and provided photos of the progress. Ms. Peterson stated a grand opening celebration with the community has been planned for Saturday, October 9.

2021 Legislative
Session Recap

City Lobbyists Jennifer Cassell and Ed Bowditch, Bowditch & Cassell Public Affairs, provided a recap of the 2021 State legislative session, which included a review of major policy bills, the State budget, and issues of interest to Northglenn.

COVID-19 Update &
Resuming In-Person
City Council Meetings

City Manager Geyer presented options for resuming in-person City Council meetings and terminating the City's local disaster emergency declaration for the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was discussion and it was the consensus of Council to resume in-person meetings with a phased approach beginning on July 26, 2021. Council directed staff to bring back the Electronic Participation Policy at a future meeting to discuss options to increase electronic participation for City Council members in non-emergency situations.

Community Co-
Production Policing
Advisory Board Ward 4
Member Vacancy

Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, presented options for filling the Ward 4 resident member position on the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board that became vacant when Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa took office on City Council.

There was discussion about the intent of the ordinance that created the resident Board and it was the consensus of Council to use Option 1A, which includes Mayor Pro Tem Willford and Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa interviewing individuals who previously applied for the Ward 4 position in early 2021, and appointing a new member to the Board on July 19, 2021.

**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 11:00 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor