

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 23, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11701 Community Center Drive, Northglenn.

**ROLL CALL** Present were: Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Willford, Council members Witkovich, Downing, Brown, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Lukeman-Hiromasa.

**ABSENT** Council member Peterson.

**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:**

Public Meetings

Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, provided information to Council about meetings of public interest. Ms. Venkatesh stated BerryDunn will share information with the community at an in-person meeting in Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to help inform the Police Department's internal strategic planning process. She stated the Homelessness Community Task Force will lead a discussion on challenges and concerns related to homelessness on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church located at 10785 Melody Drive. Ms. Venkatesh addressed questions from Council regarding the in-person format for the meeting tomorrow evening versus a hybrid or virtual format to allow more participation. City Manager Geyer stated she would check with the IT Department about virtual meeting capabilities.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS  
AND DELETIONS:**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Neighborhood Beautification  
Awards and Most  
Magnificent Tree Award

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

August.

The residents recognized were: the Allbrook Family, Henry and Beverly Biela, Dan and Jeri Burgett, Pam and David Capshaw, Tom and Marie Cardenas, Deanna Cervantez, Jerry and Andrea Downs, Florence and Jerry Downs, Tim and Debbie Eckhart, Shirley Erickson and Sheila Shaklee, Ronald Humphreys, Ken and Diane Mahoney, Maria Morfin, Ruth and Donald Powers, Sharon Tillery, Denise and Steve Reyes, and Daniel Sanchez.

Magnificent Tree Award

Ms. Murphy announced that Robert Gurule and Anthony Nuanes were the winners of the 2021 Magnificent Tree Award for the blue spruce located in their yard at 10704 Downing Street. Mayor and Council also recognized Rachel and Steve Hudson with a special award for the most heartfelt nomination for the ash tree in their backyard at 10552 Brewer Drive.

**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 two voice mail messages from Mark Bromley regarding fences, weeds, a request to re-open Melody Drive on the north side of 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the new Recreation Center facility, American Rescue Plan Act funding, city hall tours, and CR-81 – CDOT IGA – Connect Northglenn Multimodal Improvements.

Ruth Powers, 10883 Northglenn Drive, spoke to Council about traffic in her neighborhood. Ms. Powers expressed concern about speeding and a lack of four-way stops in the area, and stated she is proposing that speed humps are installed. Mayor Leighty asked staff to provide information about the No Need for Speed program to Ms. Powers.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**  
Council

Council member Witkovich thanked the Police Department for the shred event this past Saturday at the Marketplace. She reported on the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on August 10 and provided an update on the Deza Estates project. Council member Witkovich reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. She stated the Board received suggestions for other names for the Justice Center West Park and is working to make their policies and other documents gender neutral. Council member Witkovich reported on the North Metro Fire Rescue District Board and stated promotees were recognized at the last meeting.

Council member Duran Mullica announced that she and Council member Goff will host a Ward 3 meeting on August 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe and invited all to attend.

Council member Goff reported she attended a Town Hall meeting at Adams County on August 11 with District Attorney Phil Weiser regarding opioid settlement funds. Council member Goff reported Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) hosted a meeting on August 12 with Congressman Ed Perlmutter to discuss climate legislation. Council member Goff reported she attended the August 17 meeting of the Diversity, Inclusivity and Social Equity Board and noted they are beginning to plan a presentation to City Council to occur in November or December.

Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education meeting she attended on August 18. She stated masks in schools was a topic as well as the disproportionate number of Hispanic students that are attending school remotely this year. She noted the Board was very thankful for the City's support during the summer months. Council member Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on the Northglenn Senior Organization meeting and stated she enjoyed meeting all of the seniors.

Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported on the CC4CA meeting and discussion regarding an upcoming infrastructure bill in front of Congress. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported she provided public comment regarding haze and developing rules to improve air quality at the Air Quality Control Commission. She reported she provided public comment at a Colorado Department of Transportation meeting on rulemaking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation projects. Mayor Pro Tem Willford encouraged everyone to attend the homelessness meeting this Thursday at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported the Metro Denver North Islamic Center is collecting donations for refugees from Afghanistan on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and provided a list of the items in need.

Mayor Leighty spoke about the Federal Drug Administration's approval of the Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19 and encouraged all to get vaccinated. Mayor Leighty emphasized the need for safety in school zones as students head back to school and reported she is looking forward to Pirate Fest in mid-September.

Staff

City Manager Geyer reported she is in communication with Ihsan at the Mosque regarding providing assistance to refugees relocating to Northglenn and noted she will share information with Council as it becomes available.

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, reported on the events planned for the grand opening of the new Recreation Center facility.

City Attorney Hoffmann reported he is working on an ordinance to make the language in the Municipal Code gender neutral.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**MOTION TO PASS**

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

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Downing, Brown,  
Goff, Duran Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Peterson.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- August 9, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- August 16, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-72 – School Resource Officer IGA
- CR-84 – United States Forest Service Wildfire Mitigation Agreement
- CR-90 – 2021-2022 High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement Grant Acceptance

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**  
CB-1975 – Unified  
Development Ordinance  
Amendments

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-1975 and called for any person wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-1975. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –**  
**SECOND READING:**  
CB-1975 – Unified  
Development Ordinance  
Amendments

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve CB-1975 on second reading.

Eric Ensey, Senior Planner, provided a summary of CB-1975.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Downing, Brown,  
Goff, Duran Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Peterson.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-74 – Deputy Municipal  
Judge Appointments

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Council member Brown to approve CR-74.

Municipal Judge Amanda Bailhache provided a summary of CR-74.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

Note:

Council member Brown left the meeting prior to the vote on CR-74  
and returned prior to the vote on CR-80.

CR-80 – Laboratory  
Service Fee Adjustments

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve CR-80.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of  
CR-80.

**MOTION PASSED**

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.  
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Willford, Witkovich, Downing, Brown,  
Goff, Duran Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Peterson.

CR-81 – CDOT IGA –  
Connect Northglenn  
Multimodal Improvements

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by  
Mayor Pro Tem Willford to approve CR-81.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of  
CR-81.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Peterson.

CR-83 – Heavy Truck  
Permit Fee

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-83.

Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of  
CR-83.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Peterson.

CR-91 – Intergovernmental  
Agreement for Judicial  
and Legal Services

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-91.

City Attorney Corey Hoffmann provided a summary of CR-91.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Peterson.

RECESS

The City Council meeting recessed to a meeting of the Marijuana  
Licensing Authority at 8:02 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

NGCC Phase 1  
Implementation  
August Update

Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture,  
reported the current Recreation Center will close on Sunday,  
September 26, 2021 to allow staff to move final items and receive

training in the new recreation facility. Ms. Peterson stated the ribbon cutting is by invitation only and asked Council to RSVP for the event. She stated friends and family events are scheduled for October 7 and 8 prior to the public grand opening on Saturday, October 9. Ms. Peterson stated staff is anticipating a contract addendum with Cumming Management Group for professional services related to the new Recreation Center facility project.

City Hall Tours

Eric Ensey, Senior Planner, asked for Council feedback regarding scheduling tours of other city hall facilities in the metro area as part of the design planning process for the new City Hall project.

It was the consensus of Council to proceed with Option A to schedule tours of other facilities to occur on Saturday, September 11, 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.

Executive Session  
**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Willford to adjourn to Executive Session 1) pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding potential litigation; 2) pursuant to Section 4.5(e) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter regarding litigation; and 3) 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, Downing, Brown,  
Goff, Duran Mullica, Lukeman-Hiromasa.  
OPPOSED - None.  
ABSENT - Peterson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor