

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 8, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, June 8, 2020 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, Goff, Duran Mullica, and Esquibel.

ABSENT

Council member Brown.

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Geyer, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In Memory of George Floyd

Mayor Leighty read a statement about the death of Mr. George Floyd and honoring basic values related to justice, racism, prejudice, and unlawful behaviors. A moment of silence was observed in honor of the memory of Mr. Floyd.

RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY:

None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

None.

INTERVIEW:

Leslie Carrico

Ms. Leslie Carrico was interviewed for a Commissioner position on the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA). Ms. Carrico provided information about her background and her interest in serving on the Authority.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Pride Month

Mayor Leighty read a proclamation proclaiming June 2020 as Pride Month in the City of Northglenn in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

PRESENTATIONS:

2019 Audit

Mr. Brian Smith, RSM US, presented information about the 2019 audit of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to Council. Mr. Smith spoke about the audit process and summarized

the City's financial performance for the year ending December 31, 2019.

Police Department
Assessment Project
Status & Police Officer
Training Overview

Police Chief Jim May presented an update on the Police Department Staffing and Operations Assessment Project and provided an overview of training required for Northglenn police officers. Chief May addressed the Department's hiring process, various levels of training, policies and laws related to the use of force, and how complaints are received and handled by the Department.

Council acknowledged the efforts of the Police Department related to community policing and volunteer outreach programs.

Council member Duran Mullica suggested creating a committee consisting of Council members, staff, and the community to review the Police Department Assessment Project report.

Chief May addressed questions from Council about attendance at the community meetings for the Assessment Project, the frequency of reviewing policies related to the use of force, profiling policies, the public's access to the Police Department's policies, the timing of the Assessment Project's final report, and opportunities for the public to provide input on the final report. There were also questions regarding the cost of the assessment, the assessment firm, utilizing the final report as a foundation for other levels of review, the Police Department's policies regarding specific use of force actions, officer training, and recommendations from the assessment related to domestic violence incidents.

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 to speak.

Ms. Tran Wills inquired if a breakdown of the total number of training hours for police officers is available to the public. Chief May stated he will provide this information to Ms. Wills. Ms. Wills stated the Police Department does a great job, and stated she is interested in learning about what the Department is doing related to accountability and how budget funds are utilized in the community.

Mr. Bryan Weatherly inquired about the implementation of the use of force tracking software. Mr. Weatherly asked if there are any external accountability measures planned for the Police Department and stated

he supports Council's suggestion to create an external review committee.

Mayor Leighty reminded everyone about the Telephone Town Hall meeting that will be held on June 17, 2020 regarding the Police Department.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Mayor Pro Tem Willford provided a Legislative Policy Committee update and shared information about the state legislative session. She stated that a bill regarding the Senior Homestead Exemption has not been introduced yet, and they will continue to monitor activity related to the issue. She reported the Committee is supporting the following bills: SB20-216 – Workers Compensation for COVID-19; and HB20-1415 – Whistleblower Protection during Public Health Emergencies. She stated the Committee will continue to monitor SB20-217 – Enhance Law Enforcement Integrity, and stated the next report will be an overview of the legislative session. Mayor Pro Tem Willford reported on the Colorado Communities for Climate Action Board meeting and noted their retreat is scheduled for June 19, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Willford acknowledged that conversations regarding policing and racism are uncomfortable and are necessary to work towards a better Northglenn. Mayor Pro Tem Willford read statements about how public safety could look differently in the community.

Council member Goff reported she attended a virtual Anythink Library meeting and stated the Library District decided to not submit a ballot issue for the election in November. Council member Goff reported the library is offering curbside services and many online programs. She spoke about the Colorado Communities for Climate Action meeting and the Regional Transportation District (RTD) meeting regarding creating a taskforce to address concerns about homeless individuals. Council member Goff encouraged everyone to be patient with each other and themselves when talking about race and diversity.

Council member Duran Mullica reported on the North Area Transportation Alliance meeting and stated the Colorado Department of Transportation has released a statewide transportation plan for public comment. She announced that tolls on Segment 3 of I-25 will be imposed beginning June 10, provided an update on the RTD N Line project, and reported on plans for a committee regarding RTD accountability and oversight. Council member Duran Mullica spoke about racism and suggested that City Council receive implicit bias training.

Council member Witkovich reported she attended the North Metro Fire Rescue District Board meeting on May 19 and the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board meeting on May 20. She reported the VALE Board will not be accepting grant applications for 2021 due to funding levels. Council member Witkovich reported on the Elevate Small Business Grant Taskforce meetings and stated applications for rent and mortgage assistance will be accepted from small businesses through the end of June.

Council member Peterson reported he and Council member Witkovich will hold a virtual Ward 1 meeting on Saturday, June 20. Council member Peterson thanked Chief May for his efforts during the last few weeks and also thanked him for providing information to the Legislative Policy Committee regarding his objection to Senate Bill 20-217 – Enhance Law Enforcement Integrity.

Mayor Leighty congratulated Bob Lehr, Director of Information Technology, for 30 years of service to the City of Northglenn. Mayor Leighty spoke about the pledge she took that is available at a link on www.obama.org. She stated the My Brother's Keeper Alliance called on mayors to take the pledge and spoke about racism being a nonpartisan issue. Mayor Leighty reminded everyone that a Telephone Town Hall meeting for the community will be held with City Manager Geyer, Police Chief May, and herself on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., and reported the Metro Mayors Caucus is partnering with the City of Denver to hold a regional public safety summit on June 16. Mayor Leighty spoke about comments from the community online and acknowledged the Police Department for their efforts to make real change.

Staff

City Clerk Small announced the 24-hour ballot drop-off box at City Hall is now open for the June 30, 2020 Primary Election. She reported on information from the Adams County Election Department regarding voter service and polling center locations that will accommodate social distancing and provided information about voting opportunities for those who are currently 17 years old and will be turning 18 years old by or on November 3, 2020.

City Manager Geyer reported on the reopening of playgrounds, basketball courts and other facilities. City Manager Geyer reported that she participated in an International City Management Association (ICMA) Executive Board meeting where the issue of systemic racism was discussed, and stated that, as a city manager, she is committed to moving this conversation forward.

Council member Duran Mullica inquired about scheduling implicit bias training for City Council within the next 90 days. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with scheduling the training.

Mayor Leighty stated a resident had suggested the City follow Washington D.C.'s lead by painting "Black Lives Matter" on a roadway and stated she would like to have a discussion about ideas Council may have related to the suggestion.

There was discussion about actions the City could take to send a positive message to the community in support of Black Lives Matter. City Manager Geyer stated staff will bring information on light pole banners back to Council at the June 15, 2020 study session.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

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

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- May 18, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- June 1, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-82 – Acceptance of Bureau of Justice Grant – Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program
- CR-96 – Acceptance of the Audit of the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

ORDINANCES –

First Reading:

CB-1945 – Adoption
of 2020 Model Traffic
Code

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Peterson to CB-1945 on first reading.

Police Chief May provided a summary of CB-1945.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-97 – 2020 Speed
Table Construction

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Downing **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Peterson to CR-97.

Mr. Kent Kisselman, Director of Public Works, provided a summary of CR-97.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Brown.

**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.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor