

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 24, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present were Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, Council members Long, Jaramillo, Kondo, Burns, Goff, Brown, and Walker.

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: None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

Council member Brown requested the following agenda additions:

- 15. Discussion Items: D. Communication
- State of the City Event – Council member Brown will address this item under Council Communications

INTERVIEW:
Zachary Dimond

Zachary Dimond provided information about his background and desire to serve as a member of the Citizens’ Affairs Board (CAB). There was discussion regarding the function of the CAB and Council thanked Zachary for applying to serve on the Board.

PRESENTATIONS:
Good Neighbor Awards

David Mullen, Public Communications Specialist, provided information about the Good Neighbor Awards Program, which recognizes residents nominated for being good neighbors. The July 2023 award recipients were: Nick and Nicole Cobb, Steve Meyer, Mike O’Dwyer, Grace Smith, Jay and Ashley Travers, and Brian Waselko.

July Neighborhood
Beautification Awards

Jenni Murphy, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided information about the Northglenn Neighborhood Beautification Program and stated the awards being presented were for the Yard of the Month and Water Wise Yard of the Month categories. The July

2023 award recipients were: Kent and Sue Albright, The Boslough Family, The Britton Family, Sonia Di Carlo and Rafael Castro, Steve and Bonny Flanagan, Lara and Aaron Hanson, Larry and Vivian Harvey, Judy Leach and Larry Manzo, and Mark and Becky Musgrove.

United Power Update

Key Account Advisor Brian Blehm, Board of Directors member Ursula Morgan, and President and Chief Executive Officer Mark Gabriel were present on behalf of United Power to provide information regarding the cooperative's capital credit refund program. In 2023, United Power refunded \$4.5 million to members. The City of Northglenn received \$4,864.70.

**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.

Celeste Jackson, member of the Diversity, Inclusivity and Social Equity (DISE) Board, expressed her support for the censure of Council members Long and Walker.

Tom Lampo, 3951 Jackson Way, came forward to pray for the City of Northglenn.

Christina Cimino, member of the DISE Board, thanked Council for considering a censure of Council members Long and Walker as it sends a message that Northglenn is a community for all.

Chase Janis, member of the DISE Board, submitted an e-mail which was read aloud by City Clerk Small. Chase thanked Council for considering the concerns voiced by the DISE Board and members of the community in recent weeks. Chase expressed hope that Council members Long and Walker move forward in positive ways for the residents of Northglenn and themselves.

Brett Margheim, 3427 E. 107th Court, called in to speak to Council about LGBTQ+ issues, patriotism, and the role of City Council. Brett asked for Council members Long and Walker to resign their positions on Council due to actions taken during the June 5th presentation of the Pride Month proclamation.

Lauren Rodriguez, 409 Belford Drive, called in to express support for the censure of Council members Long and Walker.

Melissa Ryan, 11661 Lincoln Street, expressed concerns regarding safety issues at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park. Melissa asked for additional police and park ranger presence and suggested more

programs for older youth to keep them positively engaged and away from criminal activity at the park.

Casey Goddard, 10735 Tancred Street, reaffirmed his support for the censure of Council members Long and Walker. Casey also spoke about speeding issues on Ura Lane and suggested road narrowing improvements like those implemented on Quivas Street and Varese Lane. Casey stated lane narrowing seems to have significantly reduced speeding in those areas.

Jaqueline Newman, 1528 Truda Drive, spoke regarding LGBTQ+ issues and asked Council members Long and Walker how they want to be remembered.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns thanked those who came forward to address Council and congratulated those that received Good Neighbor and Neighborhood Beautification awards earlier in the evening. She reported she attended the Historic Preservation Commission meeting where the Deza Estates project is on-going. She also attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, where the Northglenn Playbook project continues. Council member Burns reminded everyone to take advantage of RTD's Zero Fare for Better Air program through August. She thanked everyone for the State of the City event and concluded by saying that diversity and inclusivity makes Northglenn an amazing community.

Council member Walker thanked City employee Nestor Pino for his assistance during a recent rainstorm and acknowledged Parks and Recreation Division staff for their efforts to quickly clean up vandalism at Central Park in Fox Run. Council member Walker inquired about radar speed detection signs. City Manager Geyer stated radar speed detection signs have been turned off while school is not in session; some are dual use school zone and radar speed detection signs. Council provided consensus to turn back on the radar speed detection signs that are not dual school zone signs; the single purpose radar speed detection signs should be operated year-round. Council member Walker reported he is researching a resident request for a stop sign to be installed at 105th Avenue and Grant Street and he may bring it back for future consideration. He spoke about communications he has received recently which seem to represent a double standard regarding diversity and inclusivity. Council member Walker stated he will not be bullied or intimidated, and he will continue to fight to have all residents heard.

Council member Brown reported on complaints she has received regarding T-Mobile, and stated T-Mobile has agreed to provide door-hanger notices within 72 hours of beginning work in a

neighborhood. She reported she attended two Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) meetings and provided updates on the properties at 112th Avenue and Irma Drive, Northglenn Microsuites, the relocation of Mercedes Mexican Restaurant, Cakes by Karen, and European Market. Council member Brown reported she enjoyed State of the City but hopes the layout of the event can be improved in the future.

Council member Jaramillo thanked those that spoke to Council this evening. He stated he enjoyed State of the City; it was a great way to connect residents with City services. He reported he met with the owner of Washington East Shopping Center to do a walk-through; it was a great experience and he encouraged everyone to support Northglenn businesses. Council member Jaramillo reminded everyone to mark their calendar for Festival Latino on October 1st to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month. Council member Jaramillo suggested the No Need for Speed program as a potential solution for speeding issues on Ura Lane.

Council member Goff stated she attended State of the City, which was a big success. She thanked Public Communications Specialist David Mullen for his continuing work on a video presentation for Ward 3. She reported she met with a representative from Colorado Public Interest Research Group (CoPIRG) regarding the future of the electric lawnmower rebate program. Council member Goff reiterated gratitude to the community for their public engagement and expressed hope that everyone can move forward from here and be Northglenn proud.

Council member Kondo reported on his attendance at the North Metro Fire Rescue District (NMFRD) and Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) meetings. He thanked staff, Council member Walker, and former Council member Witkovich for their efforts to add tiles at the Northglenn Veterans Memorial. Council member Kondo commented that it is sad to see Universal Music closing after decades of service to the community. He stated he has recently been grieving the loss of his dog Victor (“Vic”) and thanked staff for their outpouring of support. He stated the City of Northglenn is special and Council should strive, as leadership, to support the culture of authentic caring that staff members have created over the years.

Council member Long stated there is a silent majority that feel he has been bullied, thanked them for their support, and spoke regarding the 1st Amendment right to freedom of expression. Council member Long stated he stands by his decision to silently express concern for taxpayer money.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa encouraged residents to continue to express their concerns to Council. She reported she attended the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Executive Board retreat and noted the League President's initiative this year is civility. She announced she will serve on the CML Budget, Audit, and Management (BAM) Committee and the Housing Subcommittee. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported she met with the High Action High Alignment Sisterhood to discuss a leadership event they will be hosting in Northglenn. She stated she enjoyed being a judge at the Guns and Hoses BBQ at State of the City; it was a great event. She also reported on her attendance at the Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO) meeting where topics of conversation included issues with shopping carts at Safeway, safety concerns at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park, and parking accessibility.

Mayor Leighty provided an update on the Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board (CCPP); they have elected officers and are working on their participation in National Night Out. She thanked American Legion Post 22, Prost Brewing Company, staff, and volunteers for State of the City, which was a great event. Mayor Leighty inquired about the T-Mobile fiberoptic project. City Manager Geyer provided information about the work being conducted and stated she will follow up with Director of Public Works Kent Kisselman regarding increasing communications about the project. Mayor Leighty inquired about potentially hosting a Ward 4 community meeting about the condition of a ditch near Northglenn High School. Ward 4 Council members agreed that a community meeting would be beneficial. Mayor Leighty also addressed flooding issues on East 111th Place and stated Mile High Flood District is working with staff on the issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa followed up on the speeding issues on Ura Lane and encouraged residents to sign up for the No Need for Speed program. She also reported that Ura Lane is scheduled to be repaved as part of the residential street program.

Staff

City Clerk Small announced that nomination petitions for the November election may be picked up in the City Clerk's Office on Monday, August 7th. She stated the first day petitions can be circulated is Tuesday, August 8th and encouraged all to contact the City Clerk's Office with questions about the upcoming election.

City Manager Geyer announced that Northglenn Youth Theatre will be presenting Game of Tiaras on August 4th and tickets are on sale now. Northglenn Senior Center is hosting Summer Salad Days on August 1st; the potluck is free to attend, just bring a salad or dessert to share. Mudapalooza 2023 was a success with 47 teams

participating in the 15th annual mud volleyball tournament. City Manager Geyer provided an update on work being conducted with Mile High Flood District regarding ditch maintenance as a potential mitigation strategy to reduce flooding near East 111th Place.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

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

MOTION PASSED

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Long, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Burns, Goff, Brown, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- July 17, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-98 – School Resource Officer IGA for 2023-2024 School Year
- CR-101 – National Insurance Crime Bureau MOU
- CR-102 – Colorado Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force MOU

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

CB-2007 – Rezone of
10691 Melody Drive to
Multifamily (RM-2)

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2007 and read an opening statement regarding the hearing on the rezoning application for the property at 10691 Melody Drive.

There were no objections to the jurisdiction of the City Council or to the form or substance of the proceedings.

Council member Goff participated in the meeting electronically and was therefore prohibited by policy from participating in the public hearing or voting on CB-2007 on second reading following the hearing.

Ashley McFarland, City Planner, presented information about the rezoning request for the property at 10691 Melody Drive. Planner McFarland spoke about the development and proposed use of the property, the zoning analysis and approval criteria, and stated the Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning request at their meeting on May 16, 2023.

Planner McFarland addressed questions from Council regarding whether the City has adequate water supply and wastewater services for a high density development and stated the applicant has gone through the major site plan process. Director of Planning and Development Brook Svoboda provided information about the rezoning request, land use applications and future entitlement processes.

Jeff Hoffman, applicant, provided sworn testimony in support of the request to rezone the property at 10691 Melody Drive to RM-2 Multifamily. Applicant Hoffman provided information about the Headwaters Group, a developer of age-restricted senior housing, the demand for their product, the average age of their residents, amenities offered at the developments, and how they provide senior housing communities at attainable prices for the majority of residents. The applicant provided renderings of the proposed development and stated the rezoning request is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan update.

Applicant Hoffman addressed questions from Council regarding other projects being developed by the Headwaters Group, the average price of monthly rent, other costs for amenities, and electric vehicle charging stations.

Director Svoboda addressed a question from Council regarding the classification of the Regional Transportation District system near the proposed development.

Mayor Leighty called for anyone else wishing to speak in favor of the rezoning application. There was no response.

Mayor Leighty called for anyone wishing to speak against the rezoning application. There was no response.

Mayor Leighty closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES –
Second Reading:

CB-2007 – Rezone of
10691 Melody Drive to
Multifamily (RM-2)

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CB-2007 on second reading.

MOTION PASSED

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Long, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Burns, Brown, Walker.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.
ABSTAIN - Goff.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-103 – City Hall
Furniture Vendor
Authorization

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve CR-103.

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided a
summary of CR-103.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Long, Jaramillo,
Kondo, Burns, Goff, Brown, Walker.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.

CR-104 – Censure of
Council members
Long and Walker

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Brown **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by
Council member Burns to approve CR-104.

City Attorney Hoffmann provided information about the process for
discussing and voting on CR-104.

MOTION PASSED

There was discussion and the motion **PASSED**.
IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Jaramillo, Kondo,
Burns, Goff, Brown.
OPPOSED - None.
ABSENT - None.
ABSTAIN - Long, Walker.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

City Hall Construction
Update – July 2023

Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning and Development, provided
an update on the City Hall construction project, stating the project
is on schedule. In June, site grading and utility work was completed.
Drilling and pouring of foundation caissons and installation of the
storage tanks are being completed in July.

Engagement Plan for
Washington Point
Shopping Center

Allison Moeding, Director of Economic Development, advised Council that Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) will be working with a consultant over an eight-week period to facilitate outreach and engagement with stakeholders to evaluate issues including ongoing property maintenance needs and safety at Washington Point Shopping Center in a cooperative way to develop a plan to address those issues as they are identified. There was Council consensus to support the engagement plan as presented.

Safety at E.B. Rains,
Jr. Memorial Park

Council member Brown stated she has received several complaints about safety issues at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park and a dialogue needs to occur regarding what is happening at the park.

City Manager Geyer asked what Council would like to see regarding solutions for the park. She stated park rangers and police officers will continue to be budgeted for to increase security at the park. City Manager Geyer will work with staff to identify and develop other strategies for presentation to Council at a future meeting, but the information will likely not be ready in time for the proposed 2024 budget presentations on August 7th.

Chief May discussed staffing and scheduling issues related to enforcement at the park. He stated the strategy is to have more police presence to show those individuals who have taken over the park that their behavior is not acceptable as it is a park for the entire community to enjoy.

There was discussion about the skate park area and the possibility of installing fencing around the skate park.

Chief May will be working with City Attorney Hoffmann and the Municipal Court to address problems by issuing citations for trespassing or other criminal activities.

There was discussion regarding increasing programs for teens to channel their energy in positive directions, having increased police officer presence in the park, hiring private security, trimming back trees and shrubs to increase visibility, increasing camera surveillance, and potentially closing park access from the area behind the Washington Point Shopping Center.

There was Council consensus to schedule the item for a future study session.

Communications

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed to a future study session. City Manager Geyer and Council member Brown will discuss the item and scheduling the follow-up discussion.

**PUBLIC INVITED
TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Leighty called for any person wishing to speak on items previously addressed by Council.

Adam Nowicki, 11404 Claude Court, spoke about democracy and stated he appreciates hearing everyone's comments.

Casey Goddard, 10735 Tancred Street, stated he feels Council members Long and Walker, as public officials, are being criticized and not bullied and spoke about making progress by accepting criticism.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor