

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 13, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL** Present were Mayor Leighty, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa, Council members Burns, Jaramillo, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, 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:**

112<sup>th</sup> Ditch & Roadway  
Project

City Manager Geyer provided an update on the 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ditch and Roadway Project, highlighting progress on the curb extension and rain gauge installation.

Elevate Group Home City Manager Geyer stated that staff will be meeting with the Chief Operating Officer of the Elevate Recovery Home this week to address concerns raised by residents about noise, parking violations, and other issues related to the group home.

Mental Health Transitional Living Home City Manager Geyer reported that, for privacy reasons, a roster of residents will not be provided to the City. The first set of residents have been screened and approved for move-in at the end of May. Individuals charged with sexual offenses that have not been adjudicated will not be housed at the facility. Related to neighborhood safety, Adams 12 Five Star Schools is planning a “walking school bus” program for students of Stukeley Elementary; the program will either start at the end of this school year or at the beginning of the fall semester.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS  
AND DELETIONS:**

None.

**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.

Tom Lampo, 3951 Jackson Way, Thornton, came forward to pray for the community.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Public Works Week

Mayor Meredith Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 19-25, 2024 as Public Works Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Environmental Manager Tami Moon, accepting on behalf of the Public Works Department.

National Police Week &  
E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial  
Day

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming May 12-18, 2024 as National Law Enforcement Memorial Week, May 15, 2024 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and May 30, 2024 as E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Day in the City of Northglenn. Mayor Leighty presented the proclamation to the widow of E.B. Rains, Jr., Vickie Blesch, and their children, Bridgette and Brandon.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council

Council member Burns wished everyone a belated Happy Mother's Day, provided updates from her attendance at the Legislative Policy Committee and Youth Commission meetings, and inquired about a provision in the City Charter which requires the Director of Public Works to be a licensed professional engineer, noting that it potentially limits the applicant pool. City Attorney Hoffmann advised that a change to the Charter provision would require a vote of the residents of the City.

Council member Walker expressed gratitude to the family of E.B. Rains, Jr. and thanked Tom Lampo for his encouraging words. He also invited everyone to attend a joint meeting of Wards 1 & 2 on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Council member Walker reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting, noting that over 500 bills were introduced during the 2024 Legislative Session, with over 300 passing. He discussed how some tax bills, specifically those lowering commercial taxes through 2027, may impact the City. He mentioned that the proposed legacy clause for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) did not pass, which may necessitate ordinance amendments. He highlighted the passage of House Bill 24-1107, Judicial Review of Local Land Use Decisions, which requires those who file frivolous lawsuits against land use decisions to pay attorney fees.

Council member Jaramillo wished everyone a belated Happy Mother's Day and reported on the Outside Agency Funding

Committee meeting, noting sponsorship approvals for the Rocky Mountain Partnership's State of the Partnership event and Ralston House's first annual pickleball tournament.

Council member Kondo reported on his attendance at the Adams County Open Space Grant Breakfast, the Almost Home Spring Out of Homelessness Benefit, the Ward 3 meeting, and the Live Goat Encounter at Northwest Open Space.

Council member Goff reported that she enjoyed a tour of the new City Hall facility on May 6<sup>th</sup>. She also invited everyone to attend the open house at the Water Treatment Facility on May 21<sup>st</sup> and the Food Truck Carnival May 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>; the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board will have a booth at the carnival, so she encouraged everyone to stop by and visit.

Council member Roper reported on her attendance at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting and noted that she also enjoyed the Live Goat Encounter event.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa provided updates from the Business Retention Committee meeting, the Police Pension Board meeting, and the Northglenn Urban Renewal Authority (NURA) meeting, where two Business Improvement Grant (BIG) applications were approved for the Body Refining Pilates Studio and the Micro Suites project.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa provided updates from the Legislative Policy Committee. She highlighted U.S. House of Representatives Bill 3372, to amend Title 23, United States Code, to establish a safety data collection program for certain 6 axle vehicles, and for other purposes. The bill, if passed, would increase the length of trucks that are allowed on highways. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa stated the Colorado Municipal League (CML) and Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) are looking into the ramifications of the bill, while National League of Cities (NLC) and other cities have already expressed opposition. City Manager Geyer will prepare a draft letter of opposition for discussion at the next regular Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa also reported the passage of Senate Bill 24-1372 – Regulating Law Enforcement Use of Prone Restraint, noting implications to police department policy due to changes in civil liability.

Mayor Leighty reported that she was honored to speak at Stukey Elementary School for Career Day, conducting four sessions and interacting with students alongside police officers. She discussed the walking school bus initiative and other engagement strategies with

the school's principal. Mayor Leighty also participated in a panel at the Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) conference, focusing on advancing the arts through advocacy and legislative priorities. Mayor Leighty highlighted the contributions of Michael Stricker and the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF). She also attended the North Metro Mayor's Breakfast where shared concerns and initiatives were discussed with other regional mayors. Mayor Leighty invited everyone to enjoy the Food Truck Carnival this coming weekend and expressed anticipation for Council's strategic planning session on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Staff

City Clerk Small reported that the Clerk's Office is conducting a donation drive for toiletries and household cleaning products to support Odin's Outpost, the resource room at Northglenn High School. As an incentive, donors will receive a free passport photo. The drive has seen significant contributions from both City staff and residents, many of whom learned about the drive through an article in the Northglenn Connection. While the official donation period ends on May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Clerk's Office will continue to accept and deliver donations to the school through the end of May.

City Manager Geyer reported on the Fox Run Playgrounds Project, noting that demolition at Central Park is complete, with installation of new equipment and safety surfacing underway. The project will progress to other playgrounds, with work expected to be completed across three sites by mid to late June. City Manager Geyer also reported that Northglenn Arts hosted the *Heart of Afghanistan* concert on May 11<sup>th</sup>, featuring four Afghan musicians, including a famous Afghan TV star unable to perform in Afghanistan due to a ban on music by the Taliban. The event was significant as nearly 100 Afghan refugees and immigrants were able to attend, making it a particularly moving experience.

Deputy Police Chief Randall Darlin reported that by July, the department aims to be fully staffed, including two additional over hires, filling 79 budgeted positions for the year. He also discussed training cycles, the expansion of the traffic unit, the filling of one supervisor position in the internal affairs unit, and recruitment efforts.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

March 2024 Update

Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending March 31, 2024. Deputy City Manager 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. Deputy City Manager Loveland also reported on the City's cash reserves and sales tax revenue.

Deputy City Manager Loveland addressed questions regarding expenditures outpacing revenues and a statistical decrease in home-based business tax revenue.

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

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

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,  
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- May 1, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- May 6, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- CR-99 – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Reappointment – Mary Peery
- CR-100 – Youth Commission Appointment – Akaam Sandhu
- CR-104 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Removal, Hauling & Disposal

**RESOLUTIONS:**

CR-101 – Lucille  
Ruibal Rivera Gallery  
Naming Proposal  
Recommendation

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Jaramillo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-101.

Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture Amanda Peterson provided a summary of CR-101.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,  
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CR-102 – North Metro  
Fire Rescue District  
IGA for Sanitary Sewer  
Service

Council member Kondo disclosed that he is a member of the North Metro Fire Rescue District Board of Directors. Council member Kondo reported that the relationship does not constitute a conflict of

interest and stated he is able to render an impartial decision on CR-102.

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-102.

Environmental Manager Tami Moon provided a summary of CR-102.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,  
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

CR-105 – 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
West of Sylvia Drive &  
Northwest Open Space  
Road Paving

City Clerk Small read the title.

**MOTION TO PASS**

Council member Jaramillo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Nowicki to approve CR-105.

Environmental Manager Tami Moon provided a summary of CR-105.

**MOTION PASSED**

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

IN FAVOR - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Jaramillo,  
Kondo, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

**RECESSED**

The City Council meeting recessed to a meeting of the Marijuana Licensing Authority at 7:13 p.m.

**RECONVENED**

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

Land Acknowledgment  
Statement

Senior Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Human Resources Business Partner Alexis Perry-Scott presented a proposed land acknowledgment statement and asked for Council consensus to move toward formally adopting the statement. The land acknowledgment aims to recognize the connection of Indigenous people to the land and to promote cultural sensitivity and inclusion within the community. It also aligns with the City's commitment to

diversity, equity, and inclusion. The statement will be represented on a plaque in the new City Hall and is also proposed to be used universally in city communications and documents. There was discussion regarding operational considerations such as the frequency and venues for using the statement, emphasizing a desire to ensure it remains meaningful and not performative. Council consensus was for staff to provide clarification on the proposed use of the land acknowledgement statement. City Manager Geyer stated staff will provide a recommendation on the appropriate use of the statement when it is presented to Council for formal adoption.

**Civic Campus Parking  
Study**

Director of Planning and Development Brook Svoboda introduced Deputy Director Mark De La Torre of MIG Consulting to present the findings of a Civic Campus parking study. The study focused on the challenges of parking availability at the Civic Center, prompted by concerns from residents about the difficulty of finding parking, especially during high-traffic events. Deputy Director De La Torre noted that, while the current parking meets code, there is still an issue with availability during peak times. The findings report suggests a few interim and long-term solutions to address the parking shortage, including reconfiguring existing spaces and potentially increasing parking capacity through new constructions or structural modifications. The report also touched on the possibility of reconsidering parts of the Civic Center Master Plan to accommodate more parking while balancing it with other community needs like housing.

Council discussed the implications of various parking solutions and express concerns about changing the Civic Center Master Plan solely to increase parking. Creative solutions were discussed, like designated senior parking during peak times and shuttle services. Council expressed consensus to schedule a more comprehensive discussion of the Civic Center Master Plan to address the parking issues in the context of broader community planning and development.

**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 8:52 p.m.

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JOHANNA SMALL, MMC  
City Clerk

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor