

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, June 10, 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, Roper, and Nowicki.

ABSENT Council members Kondo, Goff, and Walker (arrived at 6:39 p.m.).

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:**
Mental Health Transitional
Living Facility Update

City Manager Geyer provided an update on the Mental Health Transitional Living Facility. The State and Northglenn Police Commander Rice inspected the facility. Residents were scheduled to start moving in at the beginning of June. There was additional discussion about increasing the height of the rear fence. Further clarification has been requested from a neighboring resident, but a response has not been received yet. Updates will be provided.

Elevate Recovery Home
Meeting

City Manager Geyer provided an update on Elevate Recovery Home. A meeting was held with 11 neighboring residents and the Chief Executive Officer of Elevate, the organization managing the recovery home. City Manager Geyer will have a follow-up meeting with Elevate staff in two weeks regarding resident concerns raised during the meeting.

**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.

Tim Long, 10661 Utrillo Lane, asked if the audit report is for the general public and stated the report is hard to understand. Tim also inquired about \$4.5 million in the General Fund reserves. He

emphasized Council’s fiduciary duty and urged more clarity on the general fund and reserves.

Rick Lindsey and Jack White, Northglenn Ambulance, spoke about the land use restriction on the deed of their property at 10655 Washington Street. Executive Director Lindsey provided information about the sale of Northglenn Ambulance to Healthcare Incorporated and asked Council to approve CR-107 – Northglenn Ambulance Termination of Land Use Restriction Agreement.

Tom Lampo, 3951 Jackson Way, Thornton, prayed for the City of Northglenn.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Juneteenth

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming June 19, 2024 as Juneteenth in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board member Shannon McDougald. DISE Board member McDougald thanked City Council for the proclamation.

Pollinator’s Week

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming June 17-23, 2024 as Pollinator’s Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Kate Stander and Leslie Gwynn, Colorado Monarch Ambassadors. Ambassadors Stander and Gwynn thanked City Council for the proclamation.

Pride Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming June 2024 as Pride Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Diversity, Inclusivity and Social Equity (DISE) Board Chairperson Chris Cimino. Chairperson Cimino thanked Council, highlighting the importance of such proclamations, especially in the current political climate. Chairperson Cimino also condemned a recent communication from the Colorado GOP, which contained perceived hate speech against Pride supporters, and called for Council to formally denounce the GOP Chairman's statements and request his resignation.

PRESENTATIONS:

2023 Audit

Senior Director Kristen Hughes, RSM US, LLP, presented information about the audit of the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to City Council. Senior Director Hughes spoke about the audit process and summarized the City’s financial performance for the year ending December 31, 2023.

Hidden Disabilities
Sunflower Program

Recreation Manager and Northglenn Next Committee member Justin Perdue provided a presentation on the Northglenn Next Committee and the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program.

Committee member Perdue stated the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program is an initiative to provide a discreet but visual cue that someone may be dealing with a hidden disability. He provided examples of hidden disabilities, the ways the City can provide support to individuals and staff, and how the program benefits the City.

City Manager Geyer addressed questions from Council regarding why the program did not come through the Outside Agency Funding Committee, how people should interact with individuals wearing a lanyard, and data to support the program.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns reported that the Legislative Policy Committee and the Youth Commission are currently in recess and the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for June 11th. Council member Burns commented that the combined Ward 1 & 2 meeting had a great turnout that resulted in productive discussions on strategic planning and resident issues. Council member Burns stated she also enjoyed the Pride event over the weekend.

Council member Walker asked for Council consensus to review the timeframe for staff response in the Access Northglenn system. He also shared a resident's concern about public urination during the Thornton Fireworks Festival at Margaret Carpenter Park, which heavily impacts Fox Run. Council member Walker proposed collaborating with Thornton to provide portable toilets at North and Central Parks during the event to alleviate the issue. Lastly, Council member Walker expressed gratitude to residents who attended the combined Ward 1 & 2 meeting and provided feedback on the Strategic Plan.

City Manager Geyer stated she will look at shortening the deadline for staff response in Access Northglenn to ensure staff is meeting Council's expectations regarding customer service. She will also be meeting with Thornton Interim City Manager Brett Henry to discuss the impact of Thornton's Fireworks Festival on Northglenn and will further consider ways to mitigate those specific problems in the Fox Run parks.

Council member Jaramillo reported that there was great resident turnout and input on strategic planning at the combined Ward 1 & 2 meeting. He stated he also attended the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) meeting which featured discussions on RTD's extension of the zero-fare program for youth 19 and younger and corridor improvements on I-270 to alleviate traffic congestion. Council member Jaramillo stated that he enjoyed the Five Star Golf

Classic benefiting the Adams 12 Five Star School District and the Pride event, which was great despite inclement weather. He reported that the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) meeting is scheduled for June 11th, where a vote on the final placement of Metamorphosis will take place. Council member Jaramillo reminded everyone that the 2024 Summer Concert Series will begin on Wednesday evening at Festival Lawn. He also noted that he will be attending the Adams County Sub-Regional Transportation Forum on June 11th and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Council member Nowicki reported that he attended the Northglenn Senior Organization meeting where upcoming summer events were discussed. The Organization will also be voting on a new logo. He reported on his attendance at the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) Dinner, which featured a presentation by the Adams County Health Department on the County's behavioral health needs assessment. He reported on the Finance Committee meeting, where the purchasing policy was discussed. Council member Nowicki also reported that \$2.9 million was added to reserves, above the \$1.9 million projection, due to one-time revenue from the Alexan Development, higher-than-expected investment earnings, increased sales tax, and personnel savings from unfilled positions. He also emphasized that a forensic audit, typically useful for investigating fraud, is unnecessary based on the current audit findings. Lastly, Council member Nowicki stated he enjoyed the joint Ward 1 & 2 meeting, the Five Star Education Foundation Golf Classic, and the Pride event.

Council member Roper reported on the release of the Elevate Plan for Adams 12 Five Star Schools, which focuses on an initiative for a mill levy override and bond to support the School District. Council member Roper emphasized the importance of studying the document ahead of the November 2024 Election. She also reported that she attended the Pride event and expressed gratitude to city staff and the Police Department for creating an inclusive environment where people can be their authentic selves; it was great to see many children, teens, and families enjoying the event that fostered a sense of belonging in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa echoed statements regarding voters educating themselves on the Elevate Plan for Adams 12 Five Star Schools before the November election. She reported that the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board grant application process will open in August, with funds available for new projects and programs, such as youth assistance. She reported on her attendance at the Ralston House Executive Board meeting where funding cuts and funding replacement options were

discussed, to include a potential firearms tax initiative intended to benefit such programs. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa stated she also attended the dedication of a new pavilion at Rotary Park. She attended the State of the Region and Legislative Recap Luncheon where she gained insights into legislation affecting local businesses and an overview of Adams County's economy. She also noted the opening of a new recycling center by Waste Connections in a repurposed brownfield location in Commerce City. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on a Business Retention and Expansion Walk in Northgate where she engaged with business owners about their experiences and challenges; the overall sentiment was positive about the City's support of local businesses.

Mayor Leighty reported on the combined Ward 1 & 2 meeting and expressed gratitude to Council members for their excellent engagement and handling of resident feedback and questions during the meeting. She reported that the Five Star Classic was enjoyable and highlighted the event's importance in supporting the Five Star Education Foundation, which benefits students across the district, including many Northglenn residents. Mayor Leighty also enjoyed the Pride event and highlighted the sensory bus as a significant addition, helping attendees with sensory needs feel seen and comfortable; she expressed appreciation for the overall joyful atmosphere of the event. Mayor Leighty echoed that the new Rotary Park pavilion is a great additional amenity for the community. She reported on her attendance at the Metro Mayor's Caucus meeting, where legislative recaps were discussed. She reported that many members of Council will be attending the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Annual Conference, emphasizing its importance of regional collaboration, discussions, and networking. Lastly, Mayor Leighty expressed excitement for the ongoing strategic planning process, with the third strategic planning session coming up on June 17th.

Staff

City Manager Geyer reported that itinerary for the CML Annual Conference is now available for those planning to attend. She reported that she attended the International City Management Association (ICMA) Conference on Artificial Intelligence and provided feedback on key takeaways and the status of the City's use of AI. City Manager Geyer also reported that The Church of God recently conducted a cleanup day at Jaycee Park and Alvin B. Thomas Park, which included replacing old mulch, cleaning up litter, and other maintenance tasks. The event was featured on Channel 7 News.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

April 2024 Update

Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending April 30, 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 reductions in sales tax revenue and the implementation of a bag fee.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Nowicki **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Lukeman-Hiromasa to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Kondo, Goff.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-106 – ADCOM Interagency Data Sharing Agreement
- CR-111 – 2023 Annual Comprehensive Report Audit Acceptance

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Headwaters Independent
Living Easement
Vacation Request

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on the request to vacate a drainage easement at the Headwaters Northglenn Independent Living development at 10691 Melody Drive and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” the request. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

Murphy Express Easement
Vacation Request

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on the request to vacate public easements for the Murphy Express development at 11870 Washington Street and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” the request. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –
FIRST READING:**

CB-2023 – Deza
Estates Local Historic
District Boundary
Modification

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Burns to approve CB-2023 on first reading.

Director of Planning & Development Brook Svoboda provided a summary of CB-2023.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Kondo, Goff.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-95 – Headwaters
Independent Living
Easement Vacation
Request

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Burns to approve CR-95.

Director of Planning & Development Brook Svoboda provided a summary of CR-95.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Kondo, Goff.

CR-96 – Murphy Express
Easement Vacation Request

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Burns to approve CR-96.

Director of Planning & Development Brook Svoboda provided a summary of CR-96.

MOTION PASSED

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

CR-107 – Northglenn
Ambulance Termination
of Land Use Restriction
Agreement

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Walker to approve CR-107.

Director of Planning & Development Brook Svoboda provided a summary of CR-107.

MOTION PASSED

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

CR-110 – US Conference
of Mayors Support for
Summer Meals Program

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Jaramillo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Burns to approve CR-110.

City Manager Geyer provided a summary of CR-110.

MOTION PASSED

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

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 Burns **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa that the City hold an executive session to consider legal consultation and advice pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter regarding potential legislation applicable to City Department Directors.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Kondo, Goff.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at
8:00 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor