

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 8, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, July 8, 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, Goff, and Nowicki.

ABSENT Council members Roper and Walker (arrived at approximately 6:50 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: None.

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 City of Northglenn.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Council
Council member Burns reported that she will be attending the next Community Co-Production Policing Advisory Board (CCPP) meeting and noted that the Youth Commission is still on summer break. She shared an experience from her recent travels where she saw a sunflower symbol representing the Hidden Disabilities program at an airport and stated that she is happy the City has also implemented the program. Lastly, she reported that she participated in the Public Works director meet-the-candidates event, noting the high quality of the finalists.

Council member Jaramillo reported that he enjoyed judging the Fourth of July Festival Car Show and watching fireworks with his family. He noted that he will miss the next Council meeting to attend

his grandfather David Roger Lontine's funeral; among other memorable attributes, Mr. Lontine was a veteran and former investigator with the Adams County Sheriff's Office.

Council member Nowicki reported on his attendance at a two-day strategic planning session for the formation of a Family Justice Center in Adams County. He reported that he also enjoyed the Fourth of July Festival, expressing gratitude to City staff, Police Department, community groups, and residents for making the festival a great success and for cleaning up the park the following day.

Council member Goff reported that the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board recently met with City Attorney Hoffmann and City Manager Geyer regarding the Colorado Open Meetings Law. Interviews for the at-large youth member position will be scheduled soon. Council member Goff thanked all who attended the June 26th Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and acknowledged the importance of volunteerism. She expressed appreciation for the the Fourth of July fireworks show, noting a friendly rivalry with a friend from Thornton. Lastly, Council member Goff advised residents, especially seniors, about temporary parking limitations at the Recreation Center due to fence repairs at the facility.

Council member Kondo provided an update from the North Metro Fire Rescue District (NMFRD) related to fireworks activity and acknowledged their response to a ground fire at the Stonehocker Farm property on July 4th. Council member Kondo emphasized NMFRD's prompt responses, professionalism, and the importance of discussing the dangers of fireworks.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa expressed gratitude to the Police Department and NMFRD for their hard work during the Fourth of July festivities. She also reported on her attendance at the Family Justice Center strategic planning session which focused on defining the Center's structure and stakeholder involvement. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa highlighted the swearing-in ceremony for nine new police officers, one animal control officer, two records specialists, and two victim advocates. She also reported on her attendance at NMFRD Deputy Chief Bybee's retirement ceremony, commending him for nearly 40 years of service. Additionally, she reported on her participation in the meet-the-candidates event for the Public Works director position, noting the excellent qualifications of the finalists.

Mayor Leighty reported on her attendance at a retirement celebration for Vice President of United Power Troy Whitmore, the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, and the Fourth of July Festival, which was amazing. She thanked American Legion Post 22 for their participation at the Fourth of July event and recognized the hard work of the Police Department and City staff in making the event successful. Mayor Leighty thanked Council member Kondo for reporting fire statistics and highlighted the danger posed by recent fires in Fox Run and at the Stonehocker property. She urged residents to refrain from using fireworks due to elevated fire risks. Mayor Leighty concluded by inviting everyone to Festival Lawn on Thursday, July 11th for the Mayor's Neighborhood Nights event, featuring food trucks, music, a community art project, and a special monarch butterfly theme.

Staff

City Manager Geyer reported that 15,400 people attended the Fourth of July Festival, which is an increase from 2023, and thanked staff for their efforts to make the event successful.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

May 2024 Update

Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending May 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. There were questions and discussion regarding rising insurance premiums, subscription fees for Axon cameras, and debt service payments in the Wastewater Fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO PASS

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

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Roper, Walker.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- June 24, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-103 – Revised Council Protocol – Urgent Information Communication to City Council

PUBLIC HEARING:

CB-2023 – Deza
Estates Local Historic
District Boundary
Modification

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2023 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2023. There was no response and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCES –

SECOND 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 second reading.

Director of Planning & Development Brook Svoboda stated the applicant, Temur Tsitsishvili, was present to provide testimony on the matter. City Attorney Hoffmann advised that testimony may only be taken during a public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

REOPENED:

CB-2023 – Deza
Estates Local Historic
District Boundary
Modification

Mayor Leighty reopened the public hearing on CB-2023 and called for anyone wishing to speak on CB-2023.

Temur Tsitsishvili stated he is the owner of the property at 9821 Lunceford Lane and provided testimony in favor of removing his property from the Deza Estates Local Historic District due to factors related to architectural design inconsistency, property rights and market value, potential additional financial burdens, precedence, and lack of owner consent for the inclusion of a property in a historical district.

Director of Planning and Development Brook Svoboda provided a presentation on the request to remove the property at 9821 Lunceford Lane from the Deza Estates Local Historic District. Director Svoboda reported that the Historic Preservation

Commission and City staff recommend denial of CB-2023 as the subject property, though modified, is still considered a contributing structure to the Deza Estates Local Historic District as it is in substantial alignment with the overall architectural character and integrity of the area.

Director Svoboda addressed questions from Council related to the timeline and public participation in the process of designating the Deza Estates Local Historic District, noting the homeowner's initial expression of concern but absence from key public hearings. There was also discussion regarding the potential benefits of living in a historic district, such as increased property values and tax credits for exterior renovations, while recognizing the additional processes involved.

Council member Kondo attended the meeting remotely; therefore, he was prohibited from participating in the quasi-judicial hearing. Council member Kondo abstained from the vote.

Council member Walker arrived during the public hearing and stated he would abstain from the vote as he was not present for the applicant's testimony.

Mayor Leighty closed the public hearing.

MOTION FAILED

There was discussion and the motion to approve CB-2023 on second reading **FAILED**.

IN FAVOR - Jaramillo.

OPPOSED - Leighty, Lukeman-Hiromasa, Burns, Goff, Nowicki.

ABSENT - Roper.

ABSTAIN - Kondo, Walker.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-118 – 2024 Utility

Emergency Response

Contract Change Order #1

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-118.

Senior Engineer Daniel Martinez provided a summary of CR-118.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Roper.

CR-119 – Wastewater
Treatment Plant Odor
Mitigation Consultant
Addendum #2

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Nowicki to approve CR-119.

Senior Engineer Eric Czaikowski provided a summary of CR-119.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Roper.

CR-120 – Wastewater
Treatment Plant Odor
Mitigation Contractor
Addendum #1

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Jaramillo to approve CR-120.

Senior Engineer Daniel Martinez provided a summary of CR-120.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Roper.

CR-121 – 2024 Residential
Street Program

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-121.

Senior Engineer Daniel Martinez provided a summary of CR-121.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Roper.

CR-122 – Water Treatment
Facility Solids Handling
Improvements Contractor
Addendum #2

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Jaramillo to approve CR-122.

Senior Engineer Eric Czaikowski provided a summary of CR-122.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Roper.

CR-123 – Water Treatment
Facility Solids Handling
Improvements Consultant
Addendum #3

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-123.

Senior Engineer Daniel Martinez provided a summary of CR-123.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Roper.

CR-124 – 2024 Personnel
Summary Amendment

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-124.

Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer Tamara Dixon provided a summary of CR-124.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Roper.

CR-125 – Land
Acknowledgment Statement 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-125.

Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer Tamara Dixon provided a summary of CR-125.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Use of Existing City
Hall as a Temporary
Family Justice Center

City Manager Geyer City Manager led a discussion regarding using the existing City Hall as a temporary Family Justice Center.

Director of Planning and Development Brook Svoboda provided information about the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant that would be jeopardized if the existing City Hall was used as a temporary location for a Family Justice Center after staff moves to the new City Hall building. He also provided information regarding parking constraints, demolition and paving plans for future City Hall parking, increased demolition costs due to inflation, and challenges with electrical metering, heating and cooling systems in the existing City Hall.

There was discussion about the need for a Family Justice Center. Council expressed general support for a Family Justice Center but provided consensus that the existing City Hall is not suitable due to logistical and financial concerns.

Draft Outline of New
City Hall Grand
Opening Events

City Manager Geyer presented a draft outline for grand opening events at the new City Hall facility, to include the last meeting in the existing City Hall, the first meeting in the new City Hall, a Staff Open House, the VIP Grand Opening Reception, and Brunch with the Mayor.

There was discussion regarding the Youth Commission providing tours of the new facility, disposition of old equipment and furniture, event management, safety training in the new facility, and communication strategies regarding the transition to the new facility and related events.

**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 8:39 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor