

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 12, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:02 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT Council members Nowicki and Walker.

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.

Wayne Wilmot, 1320 W. 104th Place, expressed concerns about speed humps that are planned to be reinstalled on Livingston Drive after a recent repaving project. A petition was circulated among the 33 homes affected by the speed humps: 23 residents signed in favor of having the speed humps removed, two residents signed in favor of the speed humps remaining, and eight residents were not able to be contacted. Wayne requested Council reconsideration of the traffic calming measures based on the petition and residents' preferences.

Koleen Foley, 10441 Livingston Drive, echoed Wayne Wilmot's request regarding the speed humps installed on Livingston Drive. Koleen expressed appreciation for new pavement but asked Council to consider not reinstalling the speed humps. Koleen provided copies of the petition to City Council.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Good Neighbor Awards

City Council joined Communications Specialist David Mullen to present Good Neighbor Awards to residents nominated by their neighbors for having a positive impact on the community. Those recognized were: Amanda Maes Gottschalk, Danielle Hall Luciano, Melissa Ryan, and Louann McCain; Gary Almedia; Sonny and Denise Caraffa; Chuck and Sherry Clark; John Donati; Ellen Faquir; Derek Holliday; Celeste Jackson; Matthew Santos; Mike Sullivan; and Beverly and Larry Kleinsasser.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns thanked the Good Neighbor Award recipients and expressed appreciation for the residents that attended the Ward 1 Neighborhood Nights event. She encouraged residents to look for free popcorn provided by the Community Co-Production Policing (CCPP) Advisory Board at various City events; the bags contain a link to a community survey on policing issues in Northglenn and all responses are appreciated.

Council member Jaramillo expressed gratitude to those that received Good Neighbor Awards and thanked everyone who attended the Ward 2 Neighborhood Nights event. Council member Jaramillo stated that he is excited for the grand opening of the new City Hall and praised the unique Colorado-themed sculpture by local artist Jodie Bliss that has been installed in the lobby.

Council member Goff apologized for missing the Ward 3 Neighborhood Nights event due to a family emergency. She thanked the Good Neighbor Award recipients and spoke about the importance of community engagement. Council member Goff reported on her attendance at National Night Out and several events hosted by Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA), where discussions included the State's budget shortfall and potential impacts. She also provided a report from a webinar she attended on thermal energy networks as a clean energy source, highlighting potential job opportunities for pipefitters and research into using abandoned oil and gas wells for thermal energy. Lastly, she noted that CC4CA is reviewing its policies and evaluating the effectiveness of its educational webinars.

Council member Kondo reported on his participation in National Night Out, the Adams 12 Five Star School District Principals Breakfast hosted by the Police Department, and a tabletop exercise hosted by the Urban Land Institute, which provided him with new perspectives on city development. Council member Kondo reported that Rocky Flats Stewardship Council is considering a vote to disband on September 9th; he requested the addition of a discussion item regarding the matter to the August 26th meeting agenda. There

was Council consensus to add the item to the August 26th agenda. Lastly, Council member Kondo reflected the inspiration provided by the 2024 Summer Olympics with respect to gender equality and empowerment.

Council member Roper wished those in Adams 12 Five Star Schools a happy first day of school and encouraged everyone to review the District's Bond and Mill Levy Blueprint, which focuses on capital improvements for schools, such as infrastructure and wi-fi upgrades. She reported that she attended the Principals Breakfast hosted by the Police Department and stated that Stukey Elementary School is still seeking volunteers for the Walking School Bus program to support families living near the Mental Health Transitional Living (MHTL) Home. Lastly, Council member Roper reported that the Historic Preservation Commission's August meeting was canceled.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported that she attended a Business Retention and Expansion Committee Business Walk at Huron Center, where businesses expressed overall satisfaction with City services. She praised the success of the Ward 4 Neighborhood Nights event, thanking staff for their hard work. She also attended the Police Department's Principals Breakfast and recently enjoyed a sneak peek of the sculpture in the new City Hall facility. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa recognized National Night Out event hosts as being good neighbors that contribute to a strong sense of community. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa recognized Police Officer Tate and North Metro Fire Rescue District for their participation at a Ralston House fundraising event.

Mayor Leighty reported on the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) meeting and the City of Aurora's presentation on the Regional Homeless Navigation Campus at the former Crown Plaza building, which included information about safe parking, pallet homes, and transitional housing. Mayor Leighty praised the partnership between law enforcement and school leaders, commending Police Chief May and Madeline Norconk for hosting the Principals Breakfast. Mayor Leighty reported that the Community Open House for the new City Hall is scheduled for October 12th. She highlighted the sustainability and climate-focused features of the new building and encouraged residents to register for a tour of the facility. Mayor Leighty shared her experience presenting to the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board and noted it was a good reminder for herself and Council members to be mindful of their demeanor to make speakers feel welcome when addressing Council. Lastly, Mayor Leighty expressed her excitement for back-to-school season.

Staff

City Manager Heather Geyer reported City Hall will be closed September 11th through 13th to accommodate the move into the new City Hall facility. Staff will participate in service projects on September 11th. The new City Hall will be opened to the public on September 16th.

Deputy City Manager Jason Loveland introduced new Director of Public Works Sarah Borgers. Director Borgers stated she is excited to be joining the City of Northglenn and looks forward to getting to know City Council.

Deputy City Manager Loveland and Senior Engineer Daniel Martinez provided information regarding the speed humps installed on Livingston Drive. Council reached consensus to direct staff to organize a community meeting with residents about the speed humps on Livingston Drive and schedule a policy discussion on revisiting traffic calming measures.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

June 2024 Update

Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending June 30, 2024. He provided details regarding 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.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

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

Note:

Council member Jaramillo left the room prior to consideration of the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo, Nowicki, Walker.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-131 – School Resource Officer IGA for 2024-2025 School Year

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-133 – Civility Pledge

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was

SECONDED by Council member Kondo to approve CR-133.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa provided information about CR-133.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki, Walker.

CR-134 – CDBG Urban
County IGA FY 2025-
2027 Amendment

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-134.

Director of Planning and Development Brook Svoboda provided a summary of CR-134.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki, Walker.

CR-135 – Irma
Pedestrian Crossings

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-135.

Senior Engineer Daniel Martinez provided a summary of CR-135.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Nowicki, Walker.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Snow Stormers Program
Overview & Proposed
Change

Community Outreach Coordinator Jenna Gragg presented an overview of the Snow Stormers Program. There was discussion regarding matching volunteers to residents, how much time staff contributes to the program, the age requirements for volunteers,

advertisement of volunteer opportunities, and incentives available for volunteers. Council reached consensus to continue the Snow Stormers Program as it is currently operated.

Civic Center Visioning
Scope of Work

Director of Planning and Development Brook Svoboda presented a scope of services for the revisioning of the north half of the Civic Center area and the existing City Hall site. He emphasized the importance of creating a reality-based vision, starting with a market analysis, and revisiting previous infrastructure and financial analyses from a prior public-private partnership (P3). The plan involves refining options and selecting a preferred development plan, followed by a financial feasibility analysis to identify potential gaps. Director Svoboda highlighted the robust engagement strategy with Council and the public, mentioning that staff would primarily handle the public process with support from consultants. The timeline for the project is expected to be around seven months, with consideration given to market fluctuations and the impact of upcoming elections. The aim is to move quickly, potentially bringing the agreement back to the next Council meeting for approval.

**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 Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to meet in Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(d) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for legal consultation and advice regarding land use policy.

MOTION PASSED

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

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor