

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 9, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, September 9, 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.

LAST MEETING IN CURRENT CITY HALL PRESENTATION: Mayor Leighty expressed gratitude for everyone gathered to celebrate the last City Council meeting in the current City Hall, which has been central to Northglenn’s governance since 1981. She highlighted the building's role as more than a mere structure, serving as a gathering space for community growth, celebration, and learning. Reflecting on the City’s history, she honored past mayors, Council members, staff, and the community for their contributions to the City’s progress. As the City moves to the new City Hall, she emphasized carrying forward the values and spirit that have defined Northglenn, while also embracing new opportunities. Attendees were invited to take a plant as a symbol of the City's thriving growth.

City Manager Geyer expressed both excitement and nostalgia as she reflected on City Hall's significance, acknowledging its role as a second home for many employees. City Manager Geyer thanked the 58 staff members that work in the building and highlighted those with longest tenure. She emphasized the building's importance in Northglenn's history and the meaningful moments that occurred within its walls. Outlining the upcoming transition, she mentioned that the current City Hall will be decommissioned by September 30th and then demolished as part of the Civic Center's Phase 3 Plan. City Manager Geyer recognized and invited former elected officials to join the current Council for a photo and ceremonial signing of the City logo from Council Chambers to commemorate the occasion.

RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY: City Manager Geyer reported that City Hall will be closed on September 11th – 13th as staff moves to the new facility. The new

City Hall will open to the public on September 16th.

**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, came forward to pray for the City of Northglenn.

Becky Brown, Ward 2, spoke about three issues: First, she expressed concerns regarding the repaving of Malley Drive, suggesting lane lines should be extended to prevent drivers from straying into the middle of the road, which creates a safety hazard. Second, she spoke about the cigarette shop at Washington Point Shopping Center. The store has experienced declining sales after moving to a less visible unit due to the construction of a new gas station. She requested the City's help to improve the store's visibility by allowing additional signage or other means to attract customers. Lastly, she relayed complaints from members of the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board. She urged the Council and City Manager to meet with the DISE Board to address issues raised by members.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Honoring CPAAAN's
20th Anniversary

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation honoring the 20th Anniversary of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association of Northglenn (CPAAAN). The proclamation was presented to CPAAAN members Tom Konecny, Denise Clarke, Cristin Premer, Jim Clarke, Liz Miranda, Daniel Moran, Gaye Monroe, Janice Carrel, John Monroe, Ted Peterson, Barb Konecny, Lee Stewart, Brandon Brokate, Sharon Whitman, Michelle Hoops, Margo Bilborrow, Valerie Brown, Tiffany Brown, Lianne Drysdale, Tracy Kilgore, and Trisha Quint.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming September 15-October 15, 2024 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board Member Claudia Belen Hernandez.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proposed 2025 Annual
Operating & Capital
Improvement Budget

Deputy City Manager Jason Loveland presented the proposed 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget, detailing an \$85.8

million budget across all funds. The presentation highlighted key components of the budget, including revenues and expenditures. The general fund is set at \$39.3 million, with an anticipated use of \$1.6 million in reserves. The budget projects a 3% growth in sales and use tax, and a slight reduction in property taxes due to recent legislative changes. The proposed 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget represents a conservative financial approach to ensure sustainable operations while still maintaining a healthy fund balance of 42%. There will be a public hearing on the proposed 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget on October 14th, with Council adoption anticipated for October 28th.

Deputy City Manager Loveland answered questions from Council regarding the fund balance reserve policy, striping on Malley Drive, Odell Barry Park, and personnel costs compared to that of other cities.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns expressed gratitude to everyone who attended the farewell celebration for the current City Hall. She also thanked the volunteers and the North Metro Fire Department for their quick response to a recent fire in her neighborhood, emphasizing the community spirit shown during the incident. Lastly, Council member Burns provided a report regarding the Youth Commission, noting their ongoing projects focusing on food insecurity and drug use among youth.

Council member Walker thanked Tom Lampo for his prayer and invited him to future meetings in the new City Hall. He expressed gratitude to staff for their efforts in the transition to the new facility and acknowledged previous mayors and Council members that have served the City to this point. Council member Walker stated he is looking forward to the next chapter for the City.

Council member Jaramillo thanked everyone for attending the meeting to bid farewell to the current City Hall. He also thanked former Ward 2 Council member Becky Brown for bringing the striping issues on Malley Drive to Council's attention. Council member Jaramillo reported on his attendance at a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Adams and Broomfield Counties event, noting the importance of supporting children in the community. He invited everyone to the Festival Latino on September 15th at the Adams County Fairgrounds and expressed anticipation for creating memories at the new City Hall.

Council member Nowicki reported on his attendance at a ribbon-cutting event for senior housing at Karl's Farm. He also attended the CASA event, praising the organization for providing court-

appointed advocates for children and highlighting the importance of having a consistent caregiver presence in their lives. He echoed the gratitude expressed by others for the farewell meeting in the current City Hall and expressed excitement for the new City Hall. Council member Nowicki invited the community to use and take pride in the new space.

Council member Goff reported on the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board's August meeting, where the issues raised during tonight's public comments were discussed. She stated that the DISE Board has support from the Mayor and City Manager and is working on sponsoring a community event with the Latino Cultural Arts Center. She thanked DISE Board member Claudia Belen Hernandez for receiving the Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation. Council member Goff reported that she recently attended ribbon-cutting events for senior housing at Karl's Farm and for Mile High Customs. She also participated in a Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) webinar on emerging climate technologies. Lastly, Council member Goff bid farewell to the current City Hall, echoing sentiments of gratitude and fond memories.

Council member Kondo discussed attending the grand opening of Ninja CrossFit with the Mayor, noting that it is like "American Ninja Warrior" over a pool; the course has great potential for youth engagement. He reported that he also attended the Mile High Customs ribbon-cutting event, noting that he was impressed with the business. Reporting on the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council meeting, Council member Kondo noted that the group will officially disband by the first quarter of 2025. Lastly, he echoed Council member Burns' praise for the emergency response to a fire on Washington Way, commending the integration and cooperation of multiple fire stations.

Council member Roper echoed the sentiments of others, expressing pleasure for the opportunity to meet the generations of leaders who preceded the current Council. She mentioned the upcoming Historic Preservation Commission meeting and emphasized the importance of the community taking time to learn about a bond mill levy, which impacts local schools.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reflected on the significance of the final Council meeting in the current City Hall, expressing gratitude for being part of the occasion. She shared her experience meeting former community leaders to discuss the challenges faced in the past, such as with acquiring water rights for Northglenn. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa also thanked Mayor Leighty and Claudia Belen Hernandez from the DISE Board for recognizing

Hispanic Heritage Month, emphasizing the importance of representation. She mentioned her involvement with the Festival Latino and her attendance at the Ralston House's Biers, Brats, and Bluegrass fundraising event at Prost Brewery, noting its success. Additionally, she attended the Mile High Customs ribbon-cutting and was impressed by the vehicles on display.

Council member Burns requested a discussion regarding the new advertising banners that have been placed on utility poles throughout the City. Sharing her concerns, Council reached consensus to bring the topic back for discussion in October.

Mayor Leighty shared her enthusiasm for attending various events that are important to the City's residents. She highlighted the upcoming Pirate Fest on September 20th - 21st. Reflecting on the evening's farewell to the current City Hall, she echoed others' sentiments about the significance of having former mayors and Council members present. She emphasized that, while Council members use the building intermittently, it has served as a "home away from home" for City staff, acknowledging the dedication and hours put into serving the community from the building. While expressing gratitude for the building's history and the foundational work of past leaders, Mayor Leighty expressed excitement about moving to the new City Hall.

Mayor Leighty led a discussion regarding the placement of the sculpture known as "The Potato Man," previously located outside the current City Hall. After moving it to the new City Hall facility, concerns were raised about its aesthetic fit with the modern architecture. Mayor Leighty proposed relocating the statue, referencing the City's Public Art Policy, which allows for relocation if a piece doesn't fit with the existing site environment. Council consensus was that the sculpture appears out of place in front of the new City Hall but acknowledged its historical value. Suggestions were provided for alternative locations. Staff will communicate with the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) to find new placement for the sculpture.

Staff

City Manager Geyer provided an update regarding the Family Justice Center and stated two potential temporary locations were toured in recent weeks. Due to pros and cons associated with each, additional options for a temporary location are being explored. Economic Development Director Allison Moeding identified a potential location at the Metro North building. Council will be provided with updates after that site is toured.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

July 2024 Update

Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending July 31, 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.

Note:

Council member Kondo left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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,
Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Kondo.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- August 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-141 – Citizens' Affairs Board Appointment – Celina Martinez
- CR-142 – Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Board Appointment – Jeremy Dittmer

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-140 – 120th Avenue
West of Sylvia Drive &
NWOS Road Project –
Addendum #1

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Jaramillo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Nowicki to approve CR-140.

Director of Public Works Sarah Borgers provided a summary of CR-140.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Kondo.

CR-143 – Honoring
the Current City Hall
Building at 11701
Community Center Drive

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-143.

Mayor Leighty read the resolution in full.

MOTION PASSED

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

**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 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 security measures.

MOTION PASSED

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

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor