

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 28, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a regular meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, October 28, 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, Deputy City Manager Loveland, City Attorney Hoffmann, and City Clerk Small.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

RESPONSE TO RESIDENT INQUIRY:
Demonstration Garden City Manager Geyer reported the demonstration garden has been relocated from Central Park at Fox Run to E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park.

Banner Program City Manager Geyer reported on the removal of the advertising banners. Businesses have been notified and reimbursement checks should be received by November 1st.

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, prayed for the City of Northglenn.

Diane Gussman, 11735 Elati Court, shared concerns about Huron Crossing Park, suggesting a speed bump in lieu of street lighting to better control commercial traffic. She also expressed concerns about funding public art in the park as it seems unnecessary for such a small area. She does support additional lighting in the park, noting her preference for lamp posts over ground lighting as the fixtures may interfere with snow plowing.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Burns reported she was out of town for the Youth Commission meeting and noted that Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa will report on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting.

Council member Walker thanked Tom Lampo for the prayer and commended staff on the turf replacement at Central Park in Fox Run, noting the new grass looks great.

Council member Nowicki provided a report from the Northglenn Senior Organization (NSO) meeting, highlighting two upcoming events: The first is the Veterans Day Celebration at the Northglenn Veterans Memorial on Monday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. The event features the presentation of colors, a 21-gun salute, and a performance of Taps by American Legion Post 22, along with speeches by Mayor Leighty, Council member Kondo, and Doug Good Feather. After the ceremony, a free spaghetti lunch will be served at the Northglenn Senior Center. The second event is the Curtain Call Tea and Tour at Parsons Theatre on Friday, November 15th at 1:30 p.m. Seniors will enjoy tea and a behind-the-scenes tour as the Northglenn Youth Theater production of *Sister Act*.

Council member Jaramillo provided a report from the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) meeting where concerns were raised about the lack of restrooms at Wagon Road Park & Ride and other endline Regional Transportation District (RTD) stations; the issue remains unresolved and will continue to be addressed at monthly NATA meetings. Council member Jaramillo also elevated a resident concern regarding the inconsistency of raised crosswalks and beacons along Greenway Trail, calling for improvements to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety while helping to address speeding issues. Lastly, he clarified that art installations, such as the sculptures purchased as part of the Art on Parade program, are funded by the Northglenn Arts and Humanities Foundation (NAHF) and then gifted to the City as a community asset.

Council member Goff reminded everyone about the November 5, 2024 General Election, encouraged everyone to stay calm regardless of the outcome, and emphasized Council's commitment to Northglenn being a safe community for all.

Council member Kondo stated the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council held its final meeting on October 28th. A budget was approved to cover activities through Q1 of 2025; remaining funds

will be returned to contributing municipalities. Going forward, municipalities and other organizations will continue oversight and communication directly with the Department of Energy Legacy Management. Council member Kondo also reported on a recent tour of the Rose Andom Center, Denver's Family Justice Center, which handles a high volume of domestic violence cases. The need for a similar center in the 17th Judicial District was emphasized, along with the importance of interagency cooperation to meet community needs effectively.

Council member Roper reported that she enjoyed Safe Street Halloween, which attracted over 3,000 attendees for a safe and engaging community experience. She reported that she also attended the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board meeting which focused on planning for Noel Northglenn and the completion the sensory backpack program. Lastly, Council member Roper stated she also attended the tour of the Rose Andom Center, noting the successful integration of multiple support services under one roof to create a user-friendly, trauma-informed space for those seeking help.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported that she attended the Public Works Awards on October 22nd to celebrate the 120th Roadway Improvement Project and recognize the accomplishments of other municipalities. She also attended the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) quarterly dinner that featured Dr. Kelly Weinbach from the Department of Health speaking on the topic of mental health and reducing stigma. From her attendance at the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership (AC-REP) Executive Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported there are discussions regarding restructuring AC-REP to include a Board of Directors, rebranding to clarify its role as the county Chamber of Commerce, and improving outreach. Lastly, she noted that she also attended the Rose Andom Center tour to understand its collaboration with law enforcement and other community partners.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa reported on the Legislative Policy Committee meeting which focused on key issues, including bills regarding housing, law enforcement, construction defects, and the new initiative Yes in God's Backyard (YIGBY), which would allow churches to build affordable housing on their properties. The Committee is also working to coordinate dates for the winter legislative dinner and spring legislative breakfast, with some flexibility based on Council members' availability.

Mayor Leighty reminded everyone to get their vaccinations, engage in frequent hand washing, and stock up on supplies for cold and flu season. She reported that she attended the Adams County Council of Governments (ADCOG) quarterly dinner to hear updates and achievements from other cities, with a highlight being District Attorney Brian Mason's updates. She also participated in a Habitat for Humanity build through the Metro Mayor's Caucus; she suggested exploring the possibility of a project on the Civic Campus site. Lastly, she invited residents to Coffee with the Mayor at City Hall on Saturday, November 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

Staff

City Manager Geyer provided a brief update on enforcement activities related to expired license plates, noting that a statistical report will be provided to Council via email. She also provided additional clarification regarding law enforcement presence at the Rose Amond Center and funding sources for the traffic signal cabinet wraps. Regarding winterization, City Manager Geyer reported park restrooms are now closing at 3:30 p.m. due to earlier sunsets. Irrigation systems are being winterized, though select areas will still receive watering for warm weather, sports field use, and new plantings. Drinking fountains have also been winterized, and heating systems are being prepared for colder weather. Lastly, she announced that, due to high demand, Irish Christmas in America added a second showing at 6 p.m. on December 1st. Holiday performances by Motones and Jersey Boys will soon be announced.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **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, Roper, Goff, Nowicki, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - None.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-165 – Planning Commission Reappointment – Sonia DiCarlo
- CR-166 – Youth Commission Reappointment – Kate Feil

**ORDINANCES –
FIRST READING:**

CB-2024 – Unified
Development Ordinance
Amendment – Housing
Occupancy Limits

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 CB-2024 on first reading.

Director of Planning and Development Brook Svoboda provided a summary of CB-2024.

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.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-158 – Placement of the
Sculpture *Metamorphosis*

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-158.

Northglenn Arts & Humanities Foundation (NAHF) Director Michael Stricker provided a summary of CR-158.

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-159 – Placement of the
Sculpture *Potato Man*

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-159.

NAHF Director Michael Stricker provided a summary of CR-159.

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-160 – 2025 Pay Plan
and Personnel Summary

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-160.

Director of Human Resources and Chief Diversity Officer Tamara Dixon provided a summary of CR-160.

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-161 – 2024 Mill Levy,
Collectable in 2025

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-161.

Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a summary of CR-161.

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-162 – 2025 Annual
Operating & Capital
Improvement Budget
Adoption

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-162.

Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Jason Loveland provided a summary of CR-162.

MOTION PASSED

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

CR-163 – 2024 Utility
Emergency Response
Contract Change Order #2

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-163.

Director of Public Works Sarah Borgers provided a summary of CR-163.

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-167 – Certification of
Delinquent Nuisance
Abatement Charges

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Nowicki **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-167.

City Clerk Johanna Small provided a summary of CR-167.

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-168 – Certification of
Delinquent Water and
Sewer Charges

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-168.

City Clerk Johanna Small provided a summary of CR-168.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Northglenn Playbook
Update

Director of Parks, Recreation, and Culture Amanda Peterson introduced Jay Renkens, MIG Chief Practice Officer, to present an update on the Northglenn Playbook. The Playbook is a long-range planning document aimed at guiding the City of Northglenn Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department's capital improvement projects and programming for the next 10-15 years. Key points of the update included an overview of the Playbook's planning phases, community engagement results, priority projects, and recommendations.

The Playbook was developed through five stages: visioning, assessing existing conditions, identifying needs and opportunities, implementation, and creating the document. Community input was collected via surveys, neighborhood group interviews, focus groups, and feedback on the public review draft. Priorities identified include completing the trail network, reinvesting in aging facilities, improving safety in parks, and increasing recreational programming and access to natural areas. The Playbook emphasizes "night-sky-friendly" lighting to reduce light pollution, youth and adult programming, partnerships with nearby communities, and a flexible approach to addressing needs as the community evolves. Council members discussed various priorities and suggestions, such as exploring partnerships, addressing neighborhood-specific needs, focusing on park maintenance, and expanding youth programming. There was also interest in underused spaces and potential amenities like disc golf, pedestrian access enhancements, and skate park programming.

Staff will incorporate Council feedback and bring the Playbook back for potential adoption by the end of the year, with annual reviews to adapt to emerging needs and feedback.

Civic Center Visioning
Phase 3

Director of Planning and Development Brook Svoboda invited MIG Chief Practice Officer Jay Renkens to present and lead a discussion regarding Civic Center Visioning, Phase 3. The current phase of the project builds on the 2017 and 2022 master plans, aiming to create a "heart of the community" with mixed-use

spaces, including civic, retail, and housing components. Past Council members stressed maintaining the site’s unique, appealing design, with diverse housing options, favoring ownership over rentals, and a focus on walkability and community spaces. They expressed a preference for small, neighborhood-focused retail, like cafes and bookstores, over large franchises, aiming to foster a vibrant, family-friendly gathering place. Parking has been, and remains, a major concern. Proposed solutions include managing parking zones to ensure accessibility for seniors and Recreation Center patrons.

Moving forward, the project team will conduct a market feasibility analysis to assess developer interest, focusing on return on investment and local demand. This analysis will refine the development plan, considering factors like sustainability, energy codes, and the density balance between housing and retail spaces. Next steps involve returning to Council in December with refined development scenarios, integrating feedback and feasibility findings. The goal is to finalize a development plan by mid-2025.

**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

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to meet in Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.5(a) of the City of Northglenn Home Rule Charter for personnel matters regarding Council appointee evaluations for the City Manager.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 9:28 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor