

**CITY OF NORTHGLENN
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 18, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Leighty called a special meeting of the Northglenn City Council to order on Monday, November 18, 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, Kondo, Roper, and Goff. Council member Walker arrived at 6:17 p.m.

ABSENT Council members Jaramillo and Nowicki.

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: City Manager Geyer provided updates on ongoing public works projects: Irma Drive and Truda Drive improvements are in progress, with crosswalks already installed. "STOP" signage will be installed on the asphalt within the next few weeks. Two mid-block crossings are also being installed, with completion anticipated by the end of the year.

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.

PROCLAMATIONS:
Transgender Awareness
Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming November as Transgender Awareness Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board members Chris Cimino and Ryan Easterling-Babin.

Native American
Heritage Month

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming November as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to DISE Board members Wes Dunbar and Larry Rangel.

Crash Responder
Safety Week

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming November 18-22, 2024 as Crash Responder Safety Week in the City of Northglenn and presented the proclamation to Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Transportation Incident Management Coordinator Brandon Hipp.

Shop Small & Small
Business Saturday

Mayor Leighty read the proclamation proclaiming November 30, 2024 as Shop Small & Small Business Saturday and presented the proclamation to Leon Speth, Maya Rodgers, and Gina Vettraino from XLVII Bakery.

PRESENTATIONS:

Youth Commission
Quarterly Report

Youth Commission members Meera Bipin and Nazly Soufiani presented information to City Council about the Commission's activities from July through September 2024. The Commission has continued to focus on their two priorities for the year: community engagement and public health. They successfully conducted the first Narcan training session in collaboration with the Adams County Department of Public Health. The Commission also developed a coloring book to teach young children about healthy eating habits. A planned food drive has been postponed, allowing for better promotional opportunities. The Commission also assisted the Town of Erie to establish their own youth commission, providing guidance on meeting structure and engaging teens in civic activities. The Commission plans to distribute the healthy eating coloring books in local schools, offer more Narcan training sessions, conduct the annual youth addiction poster contest, and complete the postponed food drive. The year will conclude with goal setting for future projects.

Members Bipin and Soufiani addressed questions from Council regarding the Commission's representation at the National League of Cities (NLC) conference in March and opportunities to expand the group's reach through collaboration with other youth commissions and public health entities.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council

Council member Walker provided information from the Legislative Policy Committee meeting, where there were early discussions on land use and law enforcement related bills. It was noted that a significant state budget shortfall may inhibit additional initiatives. Lastly, he reported the final touches are underway for the 2025 Legislative Guide.

Council member Burns expressed appreciation for the Youth Commission update and emphasized a commitment to inclusivity and safety in the City, assuring everyone that Council will continue to represent all residents.

Council member Goff provided an update from the Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) Legislative Policy Committee meeting, which focused on the potential implications of the state budget shortfall. CC4CA plans to reintroduce legislation aimed at funding safety improvements for vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists. Reporting from the Diversity, Inclusivity, and Social Equity (DISE) Board, she announced that the Pride event is scheduled for June 7th. She also reported on her recent visit to Northglenn High School, where she provided feedback on student projects related to the preservation of newly discovered dinosaur footprints and fossils in Broomfield. Lastly, she emphasized the significance of the Transgender Awareness Month Proclamation, underscoring Council's commitment to fostering a supportive and safe community for everyone.

Council member Kondo discussed his recent participation in the National League of Cities' (NLC) City Summit in Tampa, Fl., noting the importance of NLC's representation of municipal interests on a national level. Council member Kondo announced his election to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Decarbonization Committee, which will oversee the administration of \$200 million in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant funds over the next five years. He also expressed gratitude for the recent Veterans Day Memorial event hosted by the City and American Legion Post 22. Council member Kondo stated it was particularly meaningful as he had recently spoken at the funeral of a close friend and former shipmate, Captain Albert "Al" Brady, who passed away from cancer; it was moving to honor his friend and all veterans during the event.

Council member Roper reported the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is finalizing the vendor application and policies for upcoming summer events. The Board is also working on

enhancements to security surveillance at the Civic Campus and preparing for the adoption and implementation of the Northglenn Playbook. The Historic Preservation Commission is working on the installation of a plaque signifying Deza Estates' historic district designation. She invited everyone to come out and enjoy the Olde Fashioned Christmas event at the Stonehocker Farmhouse on December 7th and 8th, which will feature holiday music, a bake sale, and a visit from Santa. She shared that she and her son enjoyed the Veterans Day ceremony, noting the importance of honoring service members. Council member Roper encouraged everyone to educate themselves on the potential financial impact on Adams 12 Five Star Schools, as declining enrollment may result in a \$13 million budget deficit. Lastly, she echoed the importance of the proclamations presented tonight, noting Northglenn is not just a welcoming community, but one where everyone is wanted and valued.

Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa spoke about the recent Business Appreciation event and encouraged everyone to shop local and support small businesses. She reported on her attendance at a Service Delivery and Operations Workgroup meeting to continue the discussion regarding the establishment of a Family Justice Center in the 17th Judicial District, with the aim to provide crucial centralized services to victims of abuse. During the meeting, she was appointed as Co-Chair of the Community Engagement and Education Committee. Reporting on the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board, she noted that a special meeting was held on October 31st for the approval of a \$25,000 grant to Project Safeguard, which offers legal services and advocacy through the Rose Arom Family Justice Center in Denver. She also spoke about her attendance at the NLC City Summit, where artificial intelligence (AI) emerged as a central theme related to various municipal functions, to include policing and traffic control. Mayor Pro Tem Lukeman-Hiromasa shared a personal note about the significance of Veterans Day, acknowledging her family's military history and expressing gratitude to all veterans. Lastly, she proposed the replacement of Council's traditional business cards with E-business cards equipped with a QR code and NFC technology. Council provided consensus for staff to pursue the use of E-business cards to save money and reduce waste.

City Manager Geyer reported the development of an AI policy is included in the draft strategic plan for 2025.

Mayor Leighty reported on the Veterans Day ceremony and

highlighted the active-duty personnel who spoke at the event. Mayor Leighty commended Economic Development staff for their work on the Business Appreciation event in October. She reported that the Metro Mayor's Caucus Executive Committee has been focusing on setting priorities and strategic planning. Mayor Leighty stated she was not able to participate in the tour of the Rose Amond Center in Denver but was able to attend the Center's fundraiser to support and learn more about the facility. Mayor Leighty spoke about the tragic incident that occurred in the City on October 31st and thanked Commander Rice for addressing questions from the community during the Mingle with the Mayor event on November 2nd. She reported the City hosted Governor Polis for a tour of the new City Hall on October 29th, showcasing the facility as a first of its kind in the State. Lastly, Mayor Leighty reported she is looking forward to attending the Northglenn Youth Theatre's 30th Anniversary Gala this Saturday.

Staff

City Manager Geyer reported she and Director of Parks, Recreation, and Culture Amanda Peterson attended the Rocky Mountain Partnership's State of the Partnership event and shared information about the challenge coins awarded to the City and herself during the luncheon.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

September 2024 Update

Deputy City Manager and Director of Finance Loveland provided a financial report for the period ending September 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.

Deputy City Manager Loveland addressed a question from Council regarding sales tax revenue at the Marketplace.

CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION TO PASS

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

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo, Nowicki.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- CR-169 – Capital Equipment Purchase – Fleet Vehicles
- CR-170 – Capital Equipment Purchase – EV Chargers
- CR-171 – Capital Asset Purchase – Police Radios
- CR-174 – City Attorney Contract Amendment
- CR-175 – Colorado Legal Services Landlord/Tenant Legal Services IGA Renewal

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

City Clerk Small read the title.

Mayor Leighty opened the public hearing on CB-2024 and called for anyone wishing to speak either “for” or “against” CB-2024. There was no response, and the hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCES –
SECOND READING:**

CB-2024 – Unified
Development Ordinance
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MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Burns to approve CB-2024 on second 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, Kondo, Roper, Goff, Walker.

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo, Nowicki.

RESOLUTIONS:

CR-164 – Adams County
Grant Acceptance IGA for
Crisis Response Unit

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff to approve CR-164.

Crisis Response Unit Program Manager Jessica Hulse provided a summary of CR-164.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo, Nowicki.

CR-172 – High Zone
And Low Zone Fence
Replacement Project

City Clerk Small read the title.

MOTION TO PASS

Council member Goff **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Kondo to approve CR-172.

Director of Public Works Sarah Borgers provided a summary of CR-172.

MOTION PASSED

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

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

OPPOSED - None.

ABSENT - Jaramillo, Nowicki.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Climate Action and
Resilience Plan

Sustainability Coordinator Mara Owens introduced Vice President & Senior Director of Planning and Engagement Shelby Summers and Lead Planner Sarah Kaye of The Brendle Group to make a presentation to Council regarding the creation of a Climate Action and Resilience Plan for the City of Northglenn. The presentation focused on obtaining feedback for developing the framework of the plan, which includes a vision, greenhouse gas goals, resilience objectives, and various strategic solutions across different areas. Community and Council feedback will be incorporated into refining these elements and modeling scenarios for realistic, achievable goals. Key points included aligning with state goals, leveraging new technologies, and fostering regional cooperation. There was discussion regarding the technical aspects of the plan, particularly concerning the feasibility of the proposed actions and their alignment with the City's Strategic Plan. The consultants emphasized the importance of ensuring that the plan is actionable, not just aspirational, and engaging various stakeholders in the development of the plan. There will be additional Council reviews

of the plan and the entire process will culminate with a community launch event.

**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 Kondo **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Council member Goff 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 collective bargaining.

MOTION PASSED

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

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned to the Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

JOHANNA SMALL, MMC
City Clerk

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor