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# City Council Regular Meeting

## MINUTES

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025 6:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm with Mayor Sarah Aquino presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

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| Councilmembers Present: | Barbara Leary, Councilmember<br>Justin Raithel, Vice Mayor<br>Anna Rohrbough, Councilmember<br>Sarah Aquino, Mayor |
| Councilmembers Absent | Michael Kozlowski, Councilmember |

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA UPDATE**

City Attorney Steven Wang advised that there were agenda updates for item 16 and 18.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

The following speakers spoke under this item:

1. Abel Yemane
2. Vishnu Rao
3. Marc Allaman

**SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Resolution of Commendation Honoring Mark Rackovan for his Outstanding Service to the City of Folsom

   Mayor Aquino presented the resolution of commendation.

2. Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Folsom Proclaiming May 18 - May 24, 2025 as National Public Works Week and May 21, 2025 as City Works Day

   Mayor Aquino presented the proclamation.

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3. Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Folsom Proclaiming May 11-17, 2025 as National Police Week in the City of Folsom

Councilmember Rohrbough presented the proclamation.

4. Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Folsom Proclaiming May 2025 as National Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month

Councilmember Leary presented the proclamation.

5. Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Folsom Proclaiming May 2025 as “May is Bike Month" in the City of Folsom

Vice Mayor Raithel presented the proclamation.

6. City of Folsom Resolution of Commendation Honoring the Folsom Arts Association for Receiving the 2024 Folsom Arts Achievement Award

Vice Mayor Raithel presented the proclamation.

7. Annual Presentation by the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District regarding Regional Mosquito and Vector Management Efforts

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District Assistant Manager Steve Ramos made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council. Folsom’s representative to the District, Craig Burnett, also spoke briefly and Mayor Aquino thanked him for being a representative for that board.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Items appearing on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one motion. Councilmembers may pull an item for discussion.

8. Approval of April 22, 2025 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes\

9. Ordinance No. 1349 - An Ordinance of the City of Folsom Amending Subsection E(4) and adding Subsection (E)(7) to Section 17.52.510 of the Folsom Municipal Code Pertaining to Minor Illuminated Open Signs in the Historic District Sutter Street Subarea (Second Reading and Adoption)

10. Ordinance No. 1350 - An Uncodified Ordinance of the City of Folsom to Designate Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) (Second Reading and Adoption)

11. Ordinance No. 1351 – An Ordinance of the City of Folsom Amending Sections 5.20.050(C) and 5.20.070(A)(2) of the Folsom Municipal Code to Increase the Number of Card Tables and Specify the Number of Cardrooms and Card Tables in the City (Second Reading and Adoption)

12. Resolution No. 11372 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Stertil-Koni USA, Inc. to Purchase Mobile Column Lifts to Raise Heavy Vehicles as Required for Maintenance and Repair

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13. Resolution No. 11373 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sacramento Transportation Authority Regarding Coordination of State Transportation Improvement Program Funding Applications and Communication

14. Resolution No. 11378 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contracts Not to Exceed $750,000 (Total Aggregate Amount for All Consultants) Annually for Building and Fire Plan Check and Inspection Services with 4Leaf, Inc., TRB and Associates, CSG Consultants, BPR Consulting Group, and Bureau Veritas

15. Resolution No. 11380– A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Hire a Limited-Term Park Planner II to Support Park and Trail Planning and Development in the Folsom Plan Area and Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds

**Motion by Councilmember Leary, second by Councilmember Rohrbough to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:**

**AYES: Leary, Raithel, Rohrbough, Aquino**
**NOES: None**
**ABSENT: Kozlowski**
**ABSTAIN: None**

**PUBLIC HEARING :**

16. Resolution No. 11371- A Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 11364 and Adopt an Amended User Fee Schedule for Selected Police Department Services

Police Lieutenant Canepa and Government Consulting Partners Senior Manager Jeff Wakefield gave a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council. Chief Financial Officer Stacey Tamagni provided additional clarification, and City Attorney Steven Wang addressed a question regarding cost recovery.

The public hearing was opened and closed at 7:55 p.m. with no requests to speak.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Raithel, second by Councilmember Rohrbough to approve Resolution No. 11371 [eliminating fee no. 7 and 8 from Exhibit A from the fee waiver list]. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:**

**AYES: Leary, Raithel, Rohrbough, Aquino**
**NOES: None**
**ABSENT: Kozlowski**
**ABSTAIN: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

19. Resolution No. 11376- A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Operational Agreement for Use of the Parcel 61 Electronic Readerboard Sign to be Located at the Southwest Corner of East Bidwell Street and Alder Creek Parkway

City Manager Bryan Whitemyer reported that an applicant has requested additional discussions regarding their item. As a result, the matter will be brought back at a future meeting.

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17. City of Folsom Community Facilities District No. 20-1 (Russell Ranch 2)

i. Resolution No. 11374– A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Folsom Appointing Consultants, Approving a Proposed Boundary Map and Declaring Intention to Form a Community Facilities District to be Named "City of Folsom Community Facilities District No. 20-1 (Russell Ranch 2)" and to Levy Special Taxes therein

ii. Resolution No. 11375– A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Folsom Declaring the Necessity for Incurring Bonded Indebtedness in and for the City of Folsom Community Facilities District No. 20-1 (Russell Ranch 2) and Calling for a Public Hearing thereon

Chief Financial Officer Stacey Tamagni made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Raithel, second by Councilmember Leary to approve Resolution No. 11374. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:**

**AYES: Leary, Raithel, Rohrbough, Aquino**
**NOES: None**
**ABSENT: Kozlowski**
**ABSTAIN: None**

**Motion by Vice Mayor Raithel, second by Councilmember Leary to approve Resolution No. 11375. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:**

**AYES: Leary, Raithel, Rohrbough, Aquino**
**NOES: None**
**ABSENT: Kozlowski**
**ABSTAIN: None**

18. Resolution No. 11381- A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Purchase 1 Natoma Street (APN 071-0310-014-0000) for Police Department Use

Police Department Commander Lockhart made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council. City Manager Bryan Whitemyer made further comments.

**Motion by Councilmember Leary, second by Vice Mayor Raithel to approve Resolution No. 11381. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:**

**AYES: Leary, Raithel, Rohrbough, Aquino**
**NOES: None**
**ABSENT: Kozlowski**
**ABSTAIN: None**

20. Resolution No. 11370 - A Resolution Replacing Resolution No. 6451 and Establishing City Council Meeting Recesses in July, November, and December

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City Manager Bryan Whitemyer spoke about the recommended changes to City Council recesses.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Raithel, second by Councilmember Rohrbough to approve Resolution No. 11370. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:**

**AYES: Leary, Raithel, Rohrbough, Aquino**
**NOES: None**
**ABSENT: Kozlowski**
**ABSTAIN: None**

21. Resolution No. 11379 - A Resolution Authorizing the Public Works Department to Implement a Flashing Yellow Arrows Trial Project

Zach Bosch, Civil Engineer with the Public Works Department Traffic Division, gave a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council. Vice Mayor Raithel suggested implementing a six-month pilot program ahead of the upcoming budget cycle. City Manager Whitemyer recommended targeting a February timeframe to align with the budget planning process. Mayor Aquino requested that one of the pilot locations be situated near the DMV.

**Motion by Vice Mayor Raithel, second by Councilmember Leary to approve Resolution No. 11379. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:**

**AYES: Leary, Raithel, Rohrbough, Aquino**
**NOES: None**
**ABSENT: Kozlowski**
**ABSTAIN: None**

## CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Bryan Whitemyer congratulated Public Works Director Mark Rackovan on his long-standing service to the City of Folsom and noted appreciation for his accomplishments. He announced the recruitment for the next Public Works Director is underway, closing June 22, with the Water and Environmental Resources Director Marcus Yasutake serving as interim Director during the transition.

He reminded the City Council of the upcoming budget workshop on May 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Folsom Public Library, budget discussions will continue at the June 10 and June 24 City Council meetings, noting the option for additional workshops if needed. The City Manager shared his experience attending the Cap-to-Cap program, highlighting valuable meetings with regional partners and discussions on local infrastructure issues, including the Empire Ranch Interchange. He mentioned facility updates, including temporary closure of the Senior and Arts Center (May 19–June 20) for HVAC replacement and limited senior programs will continue (June 2- 20) at the Folsom Community Center, Folsom Library closure on May 20 for lighting system upgrades (reopening May 21) and upcoming events including free Skate and BMX Jam May 17 at Cummings Family Park, Community Service Day planning meeting on May 14, “Battle of the Badges” blood drive on June 4, and the next CERT training academy. He also reported the Folsom Police Department’s Motor Team participation in National Police Week in Washington, D.C., honoring fallen officers, attendance at the Folsom Police Awards Ceremony recognizing exemplary service, and Folsom Fire's traditional push-in ceremony for Ladder Truck 35 on April 26.

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**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Raithel shared his appreciation for a recent ride-along with Folsom Fire Department Station 35, expressing gratitude for the hospitality and insight into daily operations. He acknowledged ongoing challenges in the Park Shore and Farmhouse communities related to homelessness, especially near Fish and Wildlife property. He thanked the City Manager, HOT team, Folsom Police, Parks and Recreation, and other staff for their responsive efforts in providing relief and solutions. Raithel also commended Parks and Recreation and Community Development staff for facilitating recent commission meetings with strong public engagement. He encouraged continued community participation and thanked staff for their professionalism in addressing resident concerns. He concluded by reflecting on the privilege of serving in Folsom, emphasizing the city's unique and special character.

Councilmember Rohrbough reflected on the value of attending the Cap-to-Cap program alongside City Manager Bryan Whitemyer, emphasizing the unique opportunity to connect with elected officials and regional leaders to strengthen future partnerships for Folsom. She highlighted productive discussions focused on infrastructure, including meetings with the Federal Transit Administration and a White House special assistant, centering on transportation solutions. She and the City Manager also met with Congressman Kevin Kiley to advocate for the Empire Ranch Interchange project. Rohrbough thanked Public Works Department Engineering Manager Ryan Chance and city staff for their preparation and support, noting that the information provided was instrumental in representing the city's needs. She underscored the importance of continuing progress on the interchange project to alleviate traffic on East Bidwell and affirmed Council's shared commitment to this goal.

Councilmember Leary thanked Environmental and Water Resources Director Marcus Yasutake for stepping in during the City Manager's absence and assisting with local construction-related issues involving PG&E and AT&T. She stressed the importance of contractors providing residents with proper advance notice before work begins. She recognized participants in the recent Public Safety Citizens Academy and noted that several graduates plan to volunteer with police and fire services. She highlighted upcoming educational sessions on the Lighting and Landscape District ballot measure for Natoma Station, encouraging community participation to help shape future service strategies. She also reported on a recent trip to Washington, D.C., where she and city representatives met with federal officials to discuss regional water infrastructure needs, including conjunctive use and underground water storage projects. The meetings emphasized collaboration with surrounding communities to improve long-term water supply and resilience.

Mayor Aquino reported on her participation in the Cap-to-Cap trip, where she served as Honorary Vice Chair of the Air Quality Team along with District Attorney Thien Ho. She met with Congressmen Kevin Kiley and Tom McClintock, U.S. Representative Ami Bera, and U.S. Senators Alex Padilla and Adam Schiff to discuss infrastructure, air quality, tariffs, and public safety. She also toured Northern Virginia as part of a SACOG-sponsored visit and shared innovative community planning ideas observed there, including housing above a fire station and a community center adjacent to affordable housing. Mayor Aquino thanked Commander Lockhart and Lieutenant VerHalen for attending a Sacramento County Board of Supervisors meeting with her to address delays in the jail booking process. She noted Folsom officers are spending up to five hours booking a single suspect, largely due to health screenings. These delays reduce patrol coverage and increase overtime costs. The issue was raised alongside leaders from Elk Grove Police and the Sacramento Police Department. Finally, Mayor Aquino requested a follow-up report on the city ordinance prohibiting alley parking, asking whether it has improved access for emergency and waste services, particularly in the Historic District.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

SUBMITTED BY:

Jennifer Jimenez

Jennifer Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

Sarah Aquino

Sarah Aquino, Mayor