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City Council Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with Mayor Sarah Aquino presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present:	Anna Rohrbough, Councilmember Michael Kozlowski, Councilmember Barbara Leary, Councilmember Justin Raithel, Vice Mayor Sarah Aquino, Mayor
Councilmembers Absent:	None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA UPDATE

City Attorney Steven Wang advised that there were agenda updates for items 9, 10 and 14.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

There were no requests to speak under this item.

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.

1. Approval of March 25, 2025 Special, Regular, and Joint Meeting Minutes

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

3. Resolution No. 11350- A Resolution Accepting Funding from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for 9-1-1 Equipment Maintenance and Appropriation of Funds

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4. Resolution No. 11358 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Water Works Engineers, LLC for the City's Sanitary Sewer Master Plan

5. Resolution No. 11359 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Phase 2 Water Transmission Facilities Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Folsom and Certain Land Owners in the Folsom Plan Area

6. Resolution No. 11360 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Program Supplement Agreement to Administering Agency-State Agreement 03-5288F15 for the Folsom Lake Crossing Safety Improvements Phase 2 Project

7. Pulled for discussion

8. Resolution No. 11363 - A Resolution Updating the City of Folsom Legislative Platform and Advocacy Manual

9. Resolution No. 11367- A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between the City of Folsom and Kelli Vaccaro, DBA Kids Inc. for the Lease of 405 Natoma Station Drive, APN 072-0850-029-0000

10. Resolution No. 11368- A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between the City of Folsom and Pour Leadership Inc. DBA Uncle Charlie's Firehouse & Brew for the Lease of Retail Space at 905 Leidesdorff Street, APN 070-0052-023-0000

11. Pulled for discussion

Motion by Councilmember Kozlowski, second by Councilmember Leary to approve Item Nos. 1-6 and 8-10 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

7. Resolution No. 11361 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Construction Agreement with Consolidated Engineering, Inc. for the Pavement Repair and Resurfacing Project (Project 8017) FY 2024-25

City Manager Bryan Whitemyer pulled this item to recognize the efforts of Public Works Department staff and to provide additional details regarding the significant upcoming pavement projects.

Public Works Department Engineering Manager Ryan Chance made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council.

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Motion by Councilmember Kozlowski, second by Councilmember Leary to approve Resolution No. 11361 of the Consent Calendar. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

11. Resolution No. 11369 - A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Grant Applications to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for the 2024-25 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funding Round

City Manager Bryan Whitemyer pulled this item for further discussion.

Public Works Department Engineering Manager Ryan Chance made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council.

City Manager Bryan Whitemyer provided additional clarification and responded to questions from the City Council. Public Works Department Director Mark Rackovan confirmed that there is a nexus permitting the use of developer impact fees for the segment of the trail. Community Development Department Pam Johns responded further to questions from the City Council. The City Council engaged in additional discussion, during which Finance Manager Adam Devlin clarified the use of the impact fund.

Motion by Councilmember Rohrbough, second by Councilmember Kozlowski to approve Resolution No. 11369 of the Consent Calendar [with the changes of making the allocation entirely for the trail]. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

12. Resolutions Enacting the Annual Inflationary Adjustment for City User Fees

i. Resolution No. 11364 – A Resolution Replacing Resolution No. 11219 and Resolution No. 11235 and Enacting the Annual Inflationary Adjustment for City User Fees for Selected City Services

ii. Resolution No. 11365- A Resolution Replacing Resolution No. 11186 and Enacting the Annual Inflationary Adjustment for Selected Community Development User Fees

Finance Department Revenue Services Manager Elizabeth Hanna made a presentation. Community Development Department Planning Manager Desmond Parrington responded to questions from the City Council and Community Development Department Director Pam Johns provided further clarification.

The public hearing was opened at 7:19 pm. Hearing no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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Motion by Councilmember Kozlowski, second by Councilmember Leary to approve Resolution No. 11364. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Kozlowski, second by Councilmember Rohrbough to approve Resolution No. 11365. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

13. Resolution No. 11366- A Resolution Replacing Resolution No. 11233 and Approving the Updated City Impact and Connection Fee Schedule for Law Enforcement, Fire Suppression, General Facilities, Vehicles and Equipment, Park Improvement, Humbug-Willow Creek, Housing Trust, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Transportation Improvement, Drainage, and Light Rail Impact Fees

Finance Department Revenue Services Manager Elizabeth Hanna made a presentation.

The public hearing was opened at 7:20 pm. Hearing no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Rohrbough, second by Councilmember Leary to approve Resolution No. 11366. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

14. Resolution No. 11356 – A Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 11186 and 11235 and Adopt an Amended User Fee Schedule for Community Development Planning and Engineering Services

Community Development Department Associate Planner Josh Kinkade made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council.

City Attorney Steven Wang responded to questions from the City Council and provided clarification regarding appeal fees.

The public hearing was opened at 7:39 pm.

The following speakers spoke under this item:

1. Mike Reynolds
2. Loretta Hettinger
3. Vance Jarrard

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Hearing no further requests to speak, the public hearing was closed at 7:46 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Kozlowski, second by Councilmember Leary to approve Resolution No. 11356, with the exception of the appeal fees; they would be kept static or develop a much more modest value.

Before the roll call vote, City Manager Bryan Whitemyer expressed support for adopting a modified fee structure that reflects some increases to help offset costs. He emphasized that while the City's primary role is to provide services—not to operate like a business—balancing competing interests is necessary. The intent of the fee adjustments is not to burden applicants, but to protect the General Fund and ensure continued high-quality service delivery to the community.

Mayor Aquino proposed an amendment to Councilmember Kozlowski's motion to set the appeal fee for both staff-level and commission decisions at $1,500. Councilmember Kozlowski declined to accept the amendment to his motion.

The City Council had further discussion and the Community Department Director Pam Johns responded to questions from the City Council. Community Development Planning Manager Desmond Parrington further clarified.

Mayor Aquino made a substitute motion since Councilmember Kozlowski rejected the amended motion.

Substitute motion by Mayor Aquino, second by Vice Mayor Raithel to approve Resolution No. 11356, with the appeal fee for both staff level and commission level decisions set at $1,500. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

15. 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 (Introduction and First Reading)

Community Development Department Assistant Planner Nathan Stroud made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council. Community Development Department Planning Manager Desmond Parrington further responded.

Motion by Councilmember Leary, second by Councilmember Rohrbough to introduce Ordinance No. 1349. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

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

Fire Chief Ken Cusano made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council.

Motion by Councilmember Kozlowski, second by Vice Mayor Raithel to introduce Ordinance No. 1350. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

17. 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 (Introduction and First Reading)

Community Development Department Principal Planner Jessica Brandt made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council. City Attorney Steven Wang responded to Mayor Aquino's question regarding changes made to the existing ordinance and confirmed that they would have to be preapproved by the State Attorney General's Office first.

Mayor Aquino inquired about the feasibility of striking paragraph 5.20.070(A)(10) of the ordinance to related to the hours of operation**.** Community Development Department Director Pam Johns responded to the City Council questions and City Attorney Steven Wang provided further clarification that any changes to the cardroom ordinance must be previewed and preapproved by the State Attorney General's Office.

Motion by Councilmember Kozlowski, second by Councilmember Leary to introduce Ordinance No. 1351. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

Mayor Aquino requested that staff bring language amendments back at a later date.

18. Resolution No. 11357 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with HF&H Consultants, LLC for the Water and Wastewater Rate Studies

Environmental Water Resources Department Director Marcus Yasutake made a presentation.

Motion by Councilmember Leary, second by Councilmember Rohrbough to approve Resolution No. 11357. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Rohrbough, Kozlowski, Leary, Raithel, Aquino
NOES: None

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ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Bryan Whitemyer recognized the outstanding efforts of City staff and partner agencies in successfully managing the recent large-scale event at Folsom Lake College with Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, which drew over 26,000 attendees. He noted that the event occurred without major incidents, highlighting the professionalism of Police, Fire, Public Works, and Communications teams. He also reminded the public that trail closures near Willow Creek Drive will begin April 30 as part of the City's ongoing water infrastructure improvement project. Construction will occur Monday through Saturday, with efforts made to minimize noise and dust per City and air quality standards. Additional community updates included the release of the Folsom Parks & Recreation Summer 2025 Activity Guide, the upcoming Earth Day event on April 26 at Prospector Park, Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on April 27, and the Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary's new summer hours beginning May 1. The City also welcomed a new zoo resident, Herbie the black bear.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kozlowski shared insights from a recent SACOG presentation on transportation planning, suggesting potential value in exploring Bus Rapid Transit in Folsom to enhance connectivity with the Gold Line and meet diverse transit needs beyond work commutes.

Councilmember Rohrbough echoed appreciation for staff efforts during the Folsom Lake College event and acknowledged concerns from impacted residents in her district. She emphasized the importance of applying lessons learned to improve future event planning. She also extended early Mother's Day wishes to the community.

Councilmember Leary expressed appreciation for participating in the City's Water Visioning Process, noting strong community engagement and a forthcoming plan to improve water infrastructure and reliability.

Vice Mayor Raithel had no comments.

Mayor Aquino announced adjustments to her weekly office hours due to upcoming travel with the Air District and to Washington D.C. for the Cap-to-Cap program, with Vice Mayor Raithel and Councilmember Leary filling in, respectively. She also noted that outreach to the City's top 25 sales tax producers is underway as outlined in her State of the City address. The Mayor concluded by thanking Council colleagues for a productive policy-focused meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

SUBMITTED BY:
Christa Freemantle
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Christa Freemantle, City Clerk

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ATTEST:

Sarah Aquino

Sarah Aquino, Mayor