

City Council Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm with Mayor Aquino presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present: Michael Kozlowski, Councilmember
Barbara Leary, Councilmember
Justin Raithel, Vice Mayor
Anna Rohrbough, Councilmember
Sarah Aquino, Mayor

Councilmembers Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA UPDATE

City Attorney Steven Wang advised that there was additional information for Item No. 5.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

The following speakers spoke under this item:

1. Teresa Garcia
2. Molly Slovak
3. Brett Hoffstadt

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:

1. Resolution of Commendation Honoring Fire Chief Ken Cusano 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 Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship with Pieve del Grappa, Italy

Mayor Aquino presented the Proclamation.

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.

3. Approval of the September 9, 2025 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. Veranda at Folsom Heights Project – East Side of Empire Ranch Road, North and South of Summit Street, in the Folsom Plan Area (MSTR25-00025)
 - a. Resolution No. 11461 – A Resolution of the City Council Determining that the Veranda at Folsom Heights Project is Exempt from CEQA and Approving a Small-Lot Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, Planned Development Permit, and Design Review

Community Development Principal Planner Jessica Brandt made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council. Elliot Homes Vice President Price Walker provided additional information.

The public hearing was opened at 7:04 pm.

The following speaker spoke under this item:

1. Alayna Wagner

Motion by Vice Mayor Raithel, second by Councilmember Kozlowski to approve Resolution No. 11461. Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

The public hearing was closed at 7:06 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Resolution No. 11463- A Resolution Approving General Fund Cost Saving Measures for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and Beyond

City Manager Bryan Whitemyer made a presentation and responded to questions from the City Council. Fire Chief Ken Cusano spoke about the fire apparatus plan and Community Development Director Pam Johns talked about the existing and proposed reorganization for the Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Environmental and Water Resources Departments. Fire Department Chief Ken Cusano also provided additional information and responded to questions from the City Council.

The following speakers spoke under this item:

1. Alayna Wagner
2. Jessica Witthar
3. Bruce Cline
4. Kate Cassera
5. Kinga Major
6. Rob Allen
7. Sherrie Richter
8. Peggy Plett
9. Rochelle Barcellona
10. Antonette Clark
11. Loretta Hettinger
12. Colleen Shannon

A motion was made by Councilmember Kozlowski, second by Vice Mayor Raithel to approve Resolution No. 11463.

Councilmembers made comments prior to the roll-call vote.

Motion passed by the following roll-call vote:

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

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Bryan Whitemyer provided an update on the Natoma Station Lighting and Landscape District's Proposition 218 process timeline extension to early 2026 to provide a more detailed financial analysis. Additionally, he added that the community outreach efforts will accompany this process to ensure residents remain informed.

He also reported that Folsom Water Vision's draft report is open for public comment through October 10 and the upcoming Vista del Lago and Folsom High School homecoming parade road closures.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kozlowski reported that nearly 2,000 volunteers participated in Community Service Day and expressed appreciation to the organizing committee. Significant ladder fuel was cleared at the Hinkle Creek Nature Center, highlighting the need for continued fire safety efforts. He added that the weekly fuel reduction led by Friends of the Folsom Parkway continues each Thursday until further notice.

Vice Mayor Raithel provided an update from the Sacramento Sewer District meeting. He spoke about the successful Sister City celebrations hosted by the Folsom Historic District Association, the Murer House and the Palladio. He also highlighted the success of Community Service Day and expressed enthusiasm for planning for the 2026 event.

Councilmember Rohrbough spoke about Community Service Day, including the landscaping work at Granite school and the cleanup efforts at Castle Park. She provided a Castle Park design update from recent meetings, along with insights from Castle Park that will guide the development of future parks with ongoing community input.

Councilmember Leary spoke about the strong turnout for Community Service Day, with volunteers completing significant work in Natoma Station, including clearing brush, trash and repainting fencing. She also expressed the councilmembers' need for a more effective communication system with residents.

Mayor Aquino thanked Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Jimenez for serving as the Clerk at the meeting tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Jennifer Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

Sarah Aquino, Mayor