

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
June 24, 2025**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:03PM

SALUTE TO THE FLAG LED BY MAYOR GLENN SMITH

OPENING STATEMENT: *Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the directives of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice of this meeting has been advertised in the Hammonton Gazette and Atlantic City Press and has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.*

ROLL CALL: Councilpersons: Porretta, Whittaker, Hoffman and Blazer

Absent: Councilman Norman and Councilman Ballistreri

Also present: Mayor Glenn Smith, Attorney Angela Costigan and Engineer Jen Heller

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: NONE

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION #2025-80**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
FOLSOM ENDORSING A FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND
FAIR SHARE PLAN**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act (hereinafter the “Amended FHA”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough adopted a “binding resolution” accepting the DCA-calculated Present Need and Prospective Need, as required by the Amended FHA, on January 21, 2025, establishing its Fourth Round Present Need of 0 and Prospective Need of 26; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA and the Administrative Office of the Court’s Directive No. 14-24, the Borough filed a timely Fourth Round Declaratory Judgment

complaint (“DJ Complaint”) with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”), along with its binding resolution, on January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the filing of the DJ Complaint gave the Borough automatic, continued immunity from all exclusionary zoning lawsuits, including builder’s remedy lawsuits, which is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did not receive any objections to its Present and Prospective Need numbers by February 28, 2025, resulting in the statutory automatic acceptance of the Borough’s Fourth Round obligations on March 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2025, the Court entered an order establishing the Borough’s Fourth Round Present Need of 0 and Prospective Need of 11; and

WHEREAS, now that the Borough has its Fourth Round Obligations, the Amended FHA requires the municipality to adopt a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA, the Borough’s affordable housing planner drafted a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning/Zoning Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on June 18, 2025, and adopted the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan via a resolution on that same night; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to endorse the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that was adopted by the Planning/Zoning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough Council hereby endorses the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, which was adopted by the Borough’s Planning/Zoning Board on June 18, 2025.
2. The Borough Council hereby directs the Borough’s Affordable Housing Counsel to seek Program and Court approval of the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan via a Compliance Certification, and to take whatever actions are necessary to maintain the Borough’s immunity from all Mount Laurel exclusionary zoning lawsuits.
3. The Borough reserves the right to further amend the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, should that be necessary.
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**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
RESOLUTION# 2025-81**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
FOLSOM APPROVING A FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN AND REQUESTING PROGRAM AND
COURT APPROVAL OF THE SPENDING PLAN**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act (hereinafter the “Amended FHA”) which governs how municipalities will comply with their affordable housing obligations for the Fourth Round (2025-2035); and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Courts issued Directive #24-40 (“AOC Directive #14-24), governing how municipalities file their compliance documents with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has prepared a Fourth Round Spending Plan consistent with the Amended FHA, AOC Directive #24-40, N.J.A.C. 5:93, and other applicable regulations, which projects anticipated revenues to the Borough’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund and describes the anticipated expenditures of funds;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Folsom (hereinafter “Borough” or “Folsom”) has a draft Development Fee Ordinance, which will establish standards for the collection, maintenance, and expenditure of development fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Folsom, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough Council of the Borough of Folsom hereby approves the Fourth Round Spending Plan that is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and requests that the Program and the Court review and approve the Borough’s Fourth Round Spending Plan.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, according to law.

A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman to approve Resolution #2025-80 and 2025-81 and seconded by Councilman Whittaker

There was a roll call vote with ayes all.

Mayor Smith reminded the public that all other monthly reports are on file in the minute book.

Please visit the Borough of Folsom website at folsomborough.com for updated Borough information and the Borough of Folsom Facebook page.

The next regular meeting of Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 starting at 6:00 pm in Borough Hall, 1700 12th Street, Folsom, NJ

With no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 6:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Gatto
Municipal Clerk

