

**BOROUGH OF FOLSOM
COUNCIL MEETING
WORKSHOP MINUTES
May 19, 2026**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:07 PM 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 has been posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board showing the time and place of said meeting.

ROLL CALL: Councilpersons: Ballistreri, Whittaker, Norman and Hoffman

ABSENT: Councilman Hadulias & Councilman Blazer

Also Present: Mayor Glenn Smith, Deputy Clerk Brooke Sedeyn, Attorney Angela Costigan, and Engineer Vince Polistina

Vince Polistina read the Engineer’s Report:

FY 2026 Municipal Aid: Resurfacing of Fenimore Drive & Lupin Lane

The Borough received five bids for the project on Tuesday, May 12, and Arawak Paving Co. was the lowest responsive bidder at \$221,700.00. The total amount of NJDOT funding is \$231,023.00; we have recommended awarding the contract to Arawak Paving Co.

FY 2025 CDBG: 13th Street Park Improvements

The Borough received five bids for the project on Tuesday, May 12, and Swift and Son, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder at \$146,992.50. The total amount of CDBG funding is \$144,379.62, subject to the appropriation of Borough funds; we have recommended awarding the contract to Swift and Son, Inc.

FY 2026 Community Development Block Grant Application

We have submitted a grant application to ACIA for the Community Development Block Grant. The application for FY 2026 is for the demolition and removal of blighted conditions at 210 S. River Drive, 212 S. River Drive, and 214 S. River Drive, for which we requested \$125,000.00. We expect grant recipients to be announced within the next 3 months

Mayor Smith reviewed the agenda with Council.

The mayor updated Council on various issues.

The mayor reported that Nice Dreamz is scheduled to undergo their final inspection this week. Leafy D'Lites has applied for their state license, however, it has not yet been issued. Additionally, the business requires the landlord at Liberty Square to address outstanding parking lot conditions. The Borough Attorney has been working on a proposed ordinance regarding Airbnb and short-term rentals. At this time, Airbnb rentals are not permitted in Folsom, and the Council expressed a consensus that they prefer to maintain the current prohibition.

The mayor raised concerns about hotels and motels being used for long-term occupancy, effectively functioning as apartments. It was noted that students residing in these units are attending Folsom schools without property taxes being paid, which presents an ongoing issue for the Borough.

Attorney Costigan reported that she was asked to present information regarding a potential statewide ordinance to ban data centers. She advised that the Mayor and Council may require additional time to research the matter and suggested revisiting the topic in 30–60 days.

She also relayed that the Great Egg Harbor River Council has requested that the Borough consider adopting an ordinance to reduce construction debris.

Additionally, Attorney Costigan discussed the possibility of implementing a special events ordinance for events held on private property.

Councilman Ballistreri inquired about reinstating Folsom's Community Day, proposing that the event be held in collaboration with the Folsom School, the Borough, the FAA, and the Drug Alliance.

Michele Hetzel 1503 Mays Landing Road:

Ms. Hetzel provided a brief overview of the plans for Community Day. She informed Council that a committee meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026, at which time further details and planning updates will be reviewed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Greg Conway – 1315 Memory Lane, Folsom:

Mr. Conway spoke regarding the importance of responsible environmental practices, particularly concerning construction debris management. His concerns related to data centers, including how they operate. He expressed the opinion that data centers should be prohibited within the Borough.

Steven Holman- 3 Sarah Dr. Sicklerville:

Steven spoke regarding his knowledge and ongoing research related to data centers. He shared that the company he works for, Climate Revolution Action Network, is engaged in worldwide research focused on data center bans.

Joseph Kalucki – 1413 Mays Landing Road, Hammonton (Folsom):

Mr. Kalucki voiced his concerns regarding data centers and expressed his support for a ban on data centers within the Borough of Folsom.

Stephen Hudek – 2111 14th Street, Folsom: Mr. Hudek voiced his concerns regarding speeding vehicles and heavy traffic along 14th Street. He inquired whether additional speed limit signage could be installed and requested that the Borough coordinate with the State Police to increase enforcement presence in the area.

Councilman Whittaker stated that he would reach out to the State Police to address the concern and work toward a solution.

This meeting was for discussion purposes only.

No votes were taken.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **7:04 PM**, with all members voting **aye**.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke E. Sedeyn
Deputy Clerk

