

Municipality of Princeton, NJ

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

6:00 PM

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Main Council Chambers

Mayor and Council of Princeton

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II. STATEMENT CONCERNING NOTICE OF MEETING

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III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

"We gather today on the land of the Lenni Lenape. As members of the Princeton community, we aspire to show appreciation, respect, and concern for all peoples and our environment. We honor the Lenape and other Indigenous caretakers of these lands and waters, the elders who lived here before, the Indigenous today, and the generations to come"

Councilwoman Leticia Fraga read the Land Acknowledgement.

IV. ROLL CALL OF 2025 COUNCIL

Also Present: Bernard Hvozdovic, Administrator; Jeff Grosser, Deputy Administrator/Health Officer; Deanna Stockton, Deputy Administrator/Municipal Engineer; Jim Purcell, Assistant Municipal Engineer; and Lisa Maddox, Assistant Municipal Attorney

Present: Council Member Brian McDonald, Council Member David Cohen, Council Member Leticia Fraga, Council Member Leighton Newlin, Mayor Mark Freda, Municipal Clerk Dawn M. Mount, Michelle Pirone Lambros, and Mia Sacks

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VI. OATHS OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Oath of Office Administered to Mia Sacks by State Senator Andrew Zwicker, 16th Legislative District
2. Oath of Office Administered to Michelle Pirone Lambros by State Senator Andrew Zwicker, 16th Legislative District

VII. ROLL CALL OF 2026 COUNCIL

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VIII. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1. Oath of Office Administered to the Council President

Councilwoman Mia Sacks made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Michelle Pirone Lambros as Council President. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Leticia Fraga, and carried unanimously by all members present.

Council President Michelle Pirone Lambros was then sworn in by Mercer County Clerk, Paula Sollami Covello.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing 2026 Governing Body Assignments

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

2. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

3. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing 2026 Staff Appointments

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

4. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Appointing the Deputy Municipal Clerk for the Calendar Year 2026

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

5. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement to Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton for Behavioral Health and Community Services for \$56,169.08

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

6. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement to PKF O'Connor Davies for the Purposes of Preparing an Audit and Related Financial Services on Behalf of the Municipality of Princeton for an Amount Not to Exceed \$68,000.00

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

7. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement to Shah & Rubenstein, LLC to Serve as Tax Appeal Counsel in 2026 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$125,000.00

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

8. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement to T&M Associates for 2026 Landfill Gas Monitoring, Groundwater Sampling, and Annual Inspection for an Amount Not to Exceed \$82,625.00
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald
- Aye:** Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks
9. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Princeton Authorizing the Extension of the Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services Agreement for Various Artistic Programming and Community-Engagement Services with the Arts Council of Princeton for an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000.00
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald
- Aye:** Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks
10. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Designating 2026 Schedule of Meetings for the Mayor and Council of Princeton
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald
- Aye:** Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks
11. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Approving the Current Fund Temporary Budget for 2026
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald
- Aye:** Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks
12. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Approving the Parking Utility Operating Temporary Budget for 2026

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

13. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Approving the Affordable Housing Utility Operating Temporary Budget for 2026

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

14. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Annual Cash Management Plan

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

15. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Designation of the Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

16. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Designating Bernard Hvozdvic as the ADA Coordinator for the Municipality of Princeton

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

17. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Appointing a Municipal Housing Liaison for the Princeton Affordable Housing Program
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald
- Aye:** Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks
18. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Appointing an Insurance Fund Commissioner and an Alternate Insurance Fund Commissioner
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald
- Aye:** Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks
19. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Designating Official Newspapers
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald
- Aye:** Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks
20. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Execution of Checks
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald
- Aye:** Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks
21. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing Service Charge on Returned Check for Insufficient Funds
- RESULT:** ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

22. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Execute Promissory Notes

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

23. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing 2026 Tax Sale

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

24. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing Delinquent Interest for the Non-Payment of Taxes, Sewer or Assessments..end

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

25. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing Cancellation of Tax and Sewer Balances Under \$10.00

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

26. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Requiring Elected Officials Annual Education or Training

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Fraga, Council Member Newlin, Pirone Lambros, and Sacks

X. COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Michelle Pirone Lambros read the following prepared statement:

“Thank you Senator Zwicker and County Clerk Sollami-Covello and to all our residents, family, and friends for being here tonight.

I am incredibly proud to serve this town and truly honored to work alongside my colleagues on Council . Each of you brings deep experience, commitment, and heart to our work . We may have very diverse backgrounds but this diversity makes us a strong, thoughtful, and effective governing body . Thank you all for your trust in electing me Council President this evening.

I want to offer special thanks to my colleague Mia Sacks, who has done an outstanding job as Council President. Mia, you work tirelessly and are always deeply engaged, responsive, and accessible to all of us . I am grateful for your leadership and for the example you have set on behalf of our entire Council .

As we begin a new year of public service, I want to take a moment to reflect on the year ahead, because 2026 is a really a special year for our town.

Growing up here, I didn ’t fully understand how deeply our town would shape me, or how much perspective comes from living within a community so rooted in history. Over time, I’ve come to appreciate the depth of that legacy and the strong sense of place it creates. As we enter our semiquincentennial year, I find myself in awe of Princeton ’s extraordinary role in our nation ’s founding and of how relevant that legacy feels right now. Princeton wasn ’t just nearby when history happened; it was where history was made,

This year ’s 250th celebration should remind us that democracy is not a gift we simply inherit; it is work, hard work. Every time we engage in thoughtful debate, or find common ground, we help keep that 250-year-old spirit alive.

Local government is where democracy is practiced daily, in real and tangible ways . Whether we are debating a budget, investing in our parks and streetscapes, or ensuring our neighborhoods are welcoming and inclusive, we are putting democracy in action.

I look forward to building on the work we began six years ago, work rooted in the belief that thoughtful planning and responsible investment can meaningfully improve people ’s lives . That means continuing to advance affordable housing, shaping the future of Westminster, and stewarding our public assets in ways that are both forward thinking and fiscally responsible. I am particularly excited about Community Park South, a transformational infrastructure project that expands access to open space and recreation, especially for residents in multifamily housing who don ’t have backyards. And I look forward to continuing our work on the Finance Committee, aligning our community ’s ambitions with sound fiscal management so that today ’s investments strengthen Princeton for the future.

I look forward to working with my colleagues, our wonderful professional staff, and our community, to ensure that Princeton remains a town that honors its history, meets the moment, and builds a future worthy of generations to come.

Thank you.”

XI. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REMARKS

Councilman Leighton Newlin read the following prepared statement on behalf of Council to acknowledge the tragic loss of life that occurred in Minneapolis hours earlier:

"Before we begin tonight, we want to acknowledge the tragic loss of life that occurred today in Minneapolis during a largescale immigration operation, which included the use of deadly force against a young woman. Regardless of whether the woman was fleeing the scene or intentionally pursuing the field agents with her vehicle one thing is clear: this incident serves as a stark reminder of just how real, fragile, and high stakes it is for communities across our great country. As we head into the new year, we implore our community to stay calm, show restraint, and resolve when tensions escalate. Let us show that opposing injustice does not mean inviting chaos, it means thinking of the person next to you, it means remembering that we the people need to show what a civil society looks like when institutions fail to do so."

Councilman Leighton Newlin then read his prepared statement for the 2026 Reorganization meeting:

*"Before I go further, I want to acknowledge our administrator, **Bernie Hvozdovic, our Municipal Clerk, Dawn Mount, along with our Deputy Administrators, department heads, and all municipal staff.** Your professionalism, institutional knowledge, and steady commitment to public service are the foundation of this municipality. The work we do at this dais does not happen without you-there is no us without you. Thank you for the care, competence, and consistency you bring every day.*

*Every so often, a Council decision tells the community exactly who we are-and who we intend to be." I want to take a moment to express my **deep appreciation and gratitude** for what I believe is one of the most **monumental actions this Council has taken**: our decision to confront our municipal value system head-on by putting short-term rentals and absentee ownership in check.*

*Let's be clear, this was not about restriction for restriction's sake.
This was about **protection**.*

*Protection of neighborhoods.
Protection of families who want to live here, grow here, and stay here.
Protection of the idea that Princeton is a community, not a commodity.*

*In doing this, we didn't just regulate housing, we **claimed our future**. We affirmed that quality of life matters, that stability matters, and that neighborhoods are meant to be lived in, not cycled through. This is how you safeguard Princeton's soul, not with nostalgia, and simple signage, but with intentional action.*

*And while we often measure progress in concrete, steel, and square footage, this Council has also begun the essential work of strengthening something just as vital: **our human infrastructure**.*

*I want to recognize my colleague and co-chair on CARES, **Leticia Fraga, and the entire Human Services Department and its leadership**, for their commitment to restoring, retooling, and reshaping how this municipality serves people. This work is about building community, rebuilding trust, and meeting human need with dignity, especially at a time when, nationally, we are struggling with how we care for one another.*

*Across this country, the social contract is and feels frayed. That makes local government not smaller-but **more important than ever**. What we do here matters because it is often the first and last place people turn when systems fail them.*

*As we approach the 250th anniversary of this nation, let us remember that Princeton's history is not something to sanitize or selectively defend. In the Battle of Princeton, **Black people and Native Americans fought on the side of America**. They were present at the founding, and their presence still calls us to live up to the promise of*

this place.

As I enter the second year of my second term, I do so clearer in purpose, stronger in resolve, and deeply committed to the work ahead, work that balances buildings with belonging, policy with people, and progress with humanity.

Lastly, if we can protect our neighborhoods, invest in our people, and honor the full truth of our history, then Princeton won't just look good on paper.

It will feel right in the lives of all the people who call it home.

That my friends, is something I will always fight for."

Councilwoman Leticia Fraga read the following prepared statement:

"Good evening. As I begin my ninth year of service on Council, I find myself reflecting on the collective work we have done. With dedication and in collaboration with my colleagues, the support of our staff, and the commitment of volunteers serving on our boards, commissions, and committees, I am deeply proud of what we have achieved together.

Over the years, I have consistently focused on advancing affordability, equity, sustainability, and quality of life. The policies and initiatives we have moved forward reflect a firm belief in community-driven solutions and a shared responsibility to strengthen Princeton. Each step we have taken has been guided by the goal of creating a municipality that works for everyone.

As Princeton continues to grow and evolve, my priority in 2026 is to keep working to ensure our community remains a place that offers opportunity, promotes wellness, and upholds dignity and security, so that all residents have the chance to thrive.

I will approach this work with the same care and dedication that has guided me throughout my time on Council. I also want to share that I have decided that I will not seek re-election, and this will be my final year serving in this role. I remain fully committed to making it a meaningful and productive year for our community. There is much we can achieve over the course of a year, and I look forward to making 2026 a productive one. Thank you."

Councilwoman Mia Sacks read the following prepared statement:

"I am deeply grateful for the trust this community has placed in me to serve a third term. That trust carries a clear responsibility: to govern with foresight, discipline, and an understanding that the decisions we make today will shape our community for decades to come.

My focus in office has been on planning for the future -- planning that directs investment to the right places,

strengthens existing neighborhoods, and aligns land use with infrastructure, transportation, and public services. Smart growth is not about growth for its own sake; it is about making deliberate choices that support walkable communities, efficient public investments, and a range of housing options that allow people of different ages, incomes, and backgrounds to remain part of our town.

Equally central to our work is climate resilience. We are planning for a future that includes more frequent extreme weather, rising costs of inaction, and increasing demands on public infrastructure. That means protecting natural systems, investing in resilient buildings and utilities, managing stormwater responsibly, and ensuring that our capital planning reflects the realities of a changing climate. Climate preparedness is no longer optional-it is fundamental to fiscal responsibility and public safety.

Redevelopment has also been a key tool in our efforts to strengthen the community. By prioritizing reinvestment in already-developed areas, we can revitalize underutilized sites, support local businesses, expand housing opportunities, and reduce pressure on open space. Thoughtful redevelopment allows us to grow in a way that respects our history while meeting contemporary needs.

As we look ahead, my commitment is to continue integrating smart growth, climate resilience, and redevelopment into every aspect of our planning and decision-making-through collaboration across departments, coordination with regional partners, and sustained public engagement. I believe good government plans ahead, invests wisely, and ensures that progress is shared and sustainable.

Thank you for the confidence you've placed in me and for your partnership as we continue building a community that is resilient, inclusive, and prepared for the future. "

Councilwoman David Cohen read the following prepared statement:

"When my wife and I first decided to move to Princeton way back in 1987, I remember a friend commented: "why would you want to live in Princeton? It's like living in Mayberry RFD!" My response at the time was: "That sounds pretty good to me!" It turns out my friend was more right than he could have imagined, and I was right, too.

I never guessed I would live in a town where the Mayor was also a volunteer fireman and EMT. Where the chief of police was our own version of Andy Griffith, all about de-escalation, helping the less fortunate, and connecting with the community. Where the main grocery store in town was committed to employing special needs individuals. Where the public library is the most popular destination for kids with free time after school. Where the most passionate arguments in town are about how to make it safer to bike and walk. And if I do say so myself, where one of the Councilmen is also a school crossing guard.

As I embark on my ninth year on Council, I want to keep trying to find ways to help this town remain the kind of place I wanted to live when I first moved here. Princeton has changed a lot physically over those 39 years, but I am grateful every day that the heart of the community is still caring and compassionate, inclusive and

down-to-earth. Preserving our little island of sanity feels especially important and especially challenging in light of what is going on in the world all around us. Please join me in this important work."

Councilwoman Brian McDonald read the following prepared statement:

"If I stumble, my excuse is that I gave blood at this afternoon's municipally sponsored blood drive - Go Power Red! And it was nice to see Bernie there. I just wish we had more people turn out, and when we do it again, I hope to see everybody in this room there.

I want to start by congratulating and thanking Mia and Michelle for their re-election to Council and for agreeing to serve third terms. This is hard and time-consuming work and your service is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank Mia for serving as Council President for three years and welcome Michelle and wish her great success as our new Council President.

Having just completed my first year, I look ahead to my second year on Council with hope, optimism and deep appreciation for the enormous amount of work done by our Mayor, my five fellow Council members, the Town's highly-skilled staff, and the many talented and energetic community members who volunteer their time to serve on our Boards, Committees and Commissions.

I've had many learnings and observations this year. Given the limits on time, I'll just share one observation, and it is this: in my conversations with residents, and those that my colleagues have, there are two recurring themes: you would like us to deliver more services and strengthen existing ones, while reducing taxes or at least limiting increases to low and sustainable rates.

While we must always do our best to do both, and they are not always mutually exclusive, we also need to be aware that Princeton offers more services than the vast majority of municipalities in the State and at a higher level of quality.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Town that I love and look forward to doing the very best job in 2026!"

XII. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Mark Freda made his remarks guided by the following prepared outline:

Thanks

- My family: Beth, Rebecca, Alex
 - o Importance of family support
 - o they give it
- Residents
 - o great support and encouragement
 - o love the emails, calls and meeting on the street
 - o thank you
- Staff
 - o Excellent
 - o blessed to have them
 - o electeds come and go, most of staff make a career here
- Elected officials that I get to work with
 - o local, county, state, fed levels

Starting my sixth year and I still love this job! Mostly due to my interactions with our residents, business and property owners, people who work in town and our staff. I deeply appreciate the honor of serving as the Mayor of Princeton

What do I do versus what I said I would do when running for office?

- I push for openness and transparency every day
- I actively listen to people
- I listen to hear & understand, not to argue
- I know that we do not all need to agree, it is healthy to listen and actually consider differing viewpoints
- I do not worry who gets the credit for our successes
- I know that our successes are all team efforts, nothing achieved is due to only one of us
- I promote the fact that, on my part and hopefully on everyone's part, disagreeing is not personal, we are making business decisions, understanding that difference is so important

Some of what we will do this year:

- We will review all our proposed capital projects, we will set priorities and make difficult decisions on what we need to do, and what we can afford to do
- We will make decisions on how to use the WCC campus
- We will take numerous actions around our affordable housing obligations
- We will set up our high level, strategic goals for 2026
- We are posed to improve how we communicate as a body and work with each other
- And so much more

I look forward to working with the governing body to make well informed decisions on the issues that we will encounter this year.

There is a reason there are 7 of us.

Each of us brings our individual experiences and knowledge to the table.

And the importance of all of us being informed on issues, and weighing in on those issues as a body cannot be overstated.

Thank you for being here tonight. A healthy and successful new year to all.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Mayor and Council will take comments first from members of the public attending the meeting in person, then from members of the public attending the meeting via Zoom. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes. No immediate action will be taken on any public comment issue.

IN-PERSON:

Please use the sign-up sheet on the podium. After everyone who signed up has had the opportunity to speak, the Mayor will invite any additional comments from members of the public. Please line up at the podium if you plan to speak.

ZOOM:

To make a comment or ask a question during the meeting via zoom, raise your hand using one of the following alternatives:

1. Windows or Mac platform: Click on “Participants” at the bottom of the screen, then click on “raise hand” (Windows shortcut: Alt+Y; Mac shortcut: Option+Y).
2. Android or iOS device: Click on “raise hand” in the bottom left corner of your screen.
3. Telephone: Press #9

There was no public comment from anyone attending the meeting in person or via "Zoom" regarding items not on the agenda.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. was made by Councilman David Cohen, seconded by Council President Michelle Pirone Lambros, and carried unanimously by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Mount
Municipal Clerk