

Princeton NJ

*400 Witherspoon St
Princeton, NJ 08540*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

7:00 PM

Main Council Chambers

Mayor and Council of Princeton

I. JOIN MEETING - PLEASE CLICK LINK BELOW:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86095587002>

Webinar ID: 860 9558 7002

II. STATEMENT CONCERNING NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and State regulations governing public meetings, including the time, date and location of the meeting and clear and concise instructions to the public for accessing the meeting and making comments. In addition, the agenda and all related materials were posted electronically and made available to the public on Princeton's meeting portal in advance of the meeting.

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"

Councilman Brian McDonald read the Land Acknowledgement.

IV. ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk then called the roll.

Staff Present: Bernard Hvozdovic, Administrator; Deanna Stockton, Deputy Administrator/Municipal Engineer; and James Purcell, Assistant Municipal Engineer

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

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VI. PROCLAMATION**1. A Proclamation Honoring Jennifer Gering on the Occasion of Her Retirement**

Councilwoman Leticia Fraga read the proclamation honoring Detective Jennifer Gering on the occasion of her retirement.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Councilman Brian McDonald had no reports or announcements.

Councilman David Cohen announced the upcoming "Rules of the Road" education session sponsored by the Police Department had to be cancelled and may be rescheduled for a future date.

Council President Mia Sacks had no reports or announcements.

Councilwoman Leticia Fraga had no reports or announcements.

Councilman Leighton Newlin wanted to recognize and thank on behalf of the entire Council the Human Services, Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance, Princeton Housing Authority, Recreation Department, Department of Public Works, and all of the departments and municipal staff that work around town to keep it clean, healthy, and build a human infrastructure, but never get the recognition deserved.

Mayor Mark Freda had no reports or announcements.

There were no staff announcements.

1. Annual Report on the Center for Modern Aging Princeton- Drew Dyson, PhD, CEO

The annual report on the Center for Modern Aging Princeton was postponed to a future meeting because Executive Director Drew Dyson was unable to attend the meeting.

VIII. 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

Mayor Mark Freda opened public comment for items not on the agenda and seeing no one, in person or via "Zoom", closed public comment.

IX. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Anyone wishing to comment on or ask a question about an ordinance(s) listed below for public hearing and adoption can do so by either in person or Zoom. In person use the sign-up sheet on the podium. To make a spoken comment, either click on "Participants" and use the "raise hand" function, or- if attending by telephone- press *9. When it is your turn to speak the meeting host will unmute you and the Mayor will recognize you.

1. An Ordinance by the Municipality of Princeton Designating Stop Intersections Within the Boundaries of the Former Township, Establishing a New Stop Intersection on Jefferson Road at Terhune Road, and Amending Chapter 11 of the “Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968”- Roll Call

Councilman David Cohen stated the idea off adding a four-way stop, so the traffic on Jefferson has to stop as well, feels like the right next step.

Mayor Mark Freda opened the public hearing and seeing no one in person or via "Zoom", closed the public hearing.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: David Cohen

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

X. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Execution of a Pledge Agreement With The Tenacre Foundation In The Sum Amount of \$500,000.00 Annually for the years 2025 thru 2029

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian McDonald
SECONDER: David Cohen
Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Sacks, Council Member Fraga, and Council Member Newlin
Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

2. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 2025 Ford 450 Regular Cab Vehicle and Equipment from Ciocca Ford of Flemington for \$102,283.25 utilizing New Jersey State Contract 24-FLEET-88820

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leighton Newlin
SECONDER: David Cohen
Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Sacks, Council Member Fraga, and Council Member Newlin
Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

3. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Gabrielli Truck Sales for One (1) 2025 Kenworth T480 Dump Truck for \$277,155.95 utilizing Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Contract #032824-KTC

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian McDonald
SECONDER: Leighton Newlin
Aye: Council Member McDonald, Council Member Cohen, Council Member Sacks, Council Member Fraga, and Council Member Newlin

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

4. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Gabrielli Truck Sales for Two (2) 2025 Kenworth T480 Compactor Trucks for \$598,941.18 utilizing Sourcewell National Cooperative Purchasing Contract #032824-KTC

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Brian McDonald

SECONDER: Leighton Newlin

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

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

5. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing an Increase of \$34,352.64 to the Not to Exceed Amount for the Professional Services Agreement with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. for Documentation of Maintenance Holes in Flood Hazard Areas for a New Not to Exceed Amount of \$79,883.52

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Mia Sacks

SECONDER: Leighton Newlin

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

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

6. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Contract to SHI for the Annual Barracuda Backup Server and Web Security Gateway Appliances Subscription for \$61,320.48 utilizing the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract #CK04 24-38

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leighton Newlin

SECONDER: David Cohen

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

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

7. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing Site License Agreements with Crown Castle Fiber LLC for Two Locations, Specifically 8 Winant Road and 188 Jefferson Road

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: David Cohen
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

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

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

- 8. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement to Arcadis U.S., Inc. for Construction Engineering Services in Connection with Three Mini-System #36 Sewer Rehabilitation Projects for an Amount Not to Exceed \$541,327.00

Councilman Leighton Newlin explained the agreement is for our infrastructure and will aid in protecting the town from any upcoming storms. It will also clean out our stormwater management.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Mia Sacks
SECONDER: Leighton Newlin

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

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

- 9. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing an Increase of \$100,000.00 to the Not to Exceed Amount for the Professional Services Agreement with Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC for Special Environmental Legal Services for a New Not to Exceed Amount of \$265,000.00

Council President Mia Sacks explained the litigation is related to the dumping situation that occurred at River Road awhile back. The town is litigating to try and get the coverage from the insurance company they believe should have been provided in certain respects.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Brian McDonald
SECONDER: David Cohen

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

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

10. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use by Auction on GovDeals

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leighton Newlin
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

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

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

11. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Acceptance of Donations in Furtherance of Possible Design and Construction of a New Nassau Street Kiosk

Councilman David Cohen thanked Joshua Zinder for assisting with the design competition for the kiosks. Adopting the resolution will enable us to accept the donation of the prize money for the awards coming out of the competition.

Councilman Brian McDonald inquired if the group will also be thinking about locations for kiosks or potential locations other than the existing ones or at least the one in front of the Garden Theatre.

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: David Cohen
SECONDER: Mia Sacks

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

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Claims

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Leticia Fraga
SECONDER: Brian McDonald

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

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

2. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing 2025 2nd Quarter Refunds of \$50,891.91 Overpayments

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leticia Fraga

SECONDER: Brian McDonald

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

Absent: Council Member Pirone Lambros

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. was made by Councilman David Cohen, seconded by Councilman Brian McDonald, and carried unanimously by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Mount
Municipal Clerk