

Princeton NJ

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Princeton, NJ 08540*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, May 12, 2025

7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89386168309>

Webinar ID 893 8616 8309

Main Council Chambers

Mayor and Council of Princeton

I. JOIN MEETING - PLEASE CLICK LINK BELOW:

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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 Leighton Newlin read the Land Acknowledgement.

IV. ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk then called the roll.

Staff Present: Bernard Hvozdovic, Administrator; Jeff Grosser, Deputy Administrator/Director of Health; Deanna Stockton, Deputy Administrator/Municipal Engineer; James Purcell, Assistant Municipal Engineer; and Trishka Cecil, Municipal Attorney

Present: Council Member Brian McDonald, Council Member Michelle Pirone Lambros, Council Member David Cohen, Council Member Mia Sacks, Council Member Leticia Fraga, Council Member Leighton Newlin, and Mayor Mark Freda

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VI. PROCLAMATION**1. Proclamation Honoring National Public Works Week**

Councilwoman Michelle Pirone Lambros read the proclamation designating the week of May 18th through May 24th, 2025 National Public Works Week in Princeton.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Mayor and Council of Princeton- Regular Meeting- March 10, 2025 7:00 PM

Councilman Brian McDonald noted there was a misspelling of Patricia Shanley's name; the "n" was left out of her last name.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED

MOVER: Leighton Newlin

SECONDER: Brian McDonald

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

2. Mayor and Council of Princeton- Closed Session- March 18, 2025 3:30 PM

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leighton Newlin

SECONDER: Brian McDonald

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

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Councilman Brian McDonald had no reports or announcements.

Councilwoman Michelle Pirone Lambros had no reports or announcements.

Councilman David Cohen announced on June 12th, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Police Department is running a workshop to inform vulnerable road users of their rights and responsibilities on the road.

Council President Mia Sacks had no reports or announcements.

Councilwoman Leticia Fraga had no reports or announcements.

Councilman Leighton Newlin had no reports or announcements.

There were no staff reports or announcements.

1. Police Chief's Report- March 2025

Chief Chris Tash presented the March 2025 Police Chief's Report. He highlighted two

events from the report. To promote safety with students in Princeton who walk and ride their bikes to school, the department teamed up with Johnson Park School and did a "Walk and Wheel Wednesday" event that was well attended. They also teamed up with Greater Mercer TMA to give presentations at Community Park South and Little Brook School regarding safely walking and riding bikes to school.

IX. 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, first to those attending the meeting in person, then to those via "Zoom".

In Person:

Annalee Kelly, 16 Maclean Street, spoke on the parking issues she is having while parking in the Maclean Street parking yard.

Via "Zoom":

There was no public comment.

X. ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

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

RESULT: INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING

MOVER: Michelle Pirone Lambros

SECONDER: Brian McDonald

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

XI. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton (1) Introducing the 2025-2026 Budget of the Princeton Special Improvement District; (2) Directing the Municipal Clerk to Publicly Advertise the Budget and Schedule a Public Hearing; and (3) Directing the Tax Assessor to Prepare an Assessment Roll of Properties Within the District Based Upon the Budget (Public Hearing scheduled for June 9, 2025) - Roll Call

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Michelle Pirone Lambros

SECONDER: Leighton Newlin

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

2. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Board of Education of the Princeton Public Schools

Dafna Kendal, President of the Princeton Board of Education, expressed gratitude to all of Council for their generosity and support for public education.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Brian McDonald

SECONDER: Mia Sacks

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

3. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Supporting the Passage of the “New Jersey Climate Superfund Act”

Mary Saudargas, South Harrison Street and volunteer with Food and Water Watch, wanted to convey her gratitude and thanks to Council for their support of the bill.

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Brian McDonald

SECONDER: David Cohen

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

4. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing Rescue Response Protocol Policy Memorandum of Understanding Between Municipality of Princeton Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department and Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leticia Fraga

SECONDER: Michelle Pirone Lambros

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

5. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 2025 Ford 450 Crew Cab Vehicle and Equipment from Ciocca Ford of Flemington for \$111,183.25 utilizing New Jersey State Contract 24-FLEET-88820

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leighton Newlin

SECONDER: David Cohen

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

6. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Purchase of a 2024 Ford F150 to be used by the Animal Control Officer from Winner Ford for \$70,290.15 utilizing New Jersey State Contracts 20-FLEET-01189, 17-FLEET-00761, and 17-FLEET-00719

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leticia Fraga

SECONDER: Michelle Pirone Lambros

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

7. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Purchase of Police Vehicles Utilizing a Cooperative Purchasing System in an Amount Not to Exceed \$275,000.00 Subject to the Availability and Appropriation of Sufficient Funds

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: David Cohen

SECONDER: Leticia Fraga

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

8. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Contract to SHI International Corp. for the CrowdStrike Endpoint Detection and Response Subscription for \$47,099.31 utilizing New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Contract #BC-BID-24-38, Computer Equipment and Peripherals

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Michelle Pirone Lambros

SECONDER: Brian McDonald

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

9. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement to T&M Associates for Corrective Measures, Environmental Permitting, and Construction Administration/Construction Inspection for the Closure of the Princeton Sanitary Landfill for Amount Not to Exceed \$312,453.00

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: David Cohen

SECONDER: Brian McDonald

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

10. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Agreement to Remington & Vernick Engineers for MS4 GIS Mapping and GPS Support Services for \$123,500.00

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leighton Newlin

SECONDER: Brian McDonald

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

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leticia Fraga

SECONDER: David Cohen

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

2. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Approving the Placement of a Banner Over Washington Road by the YWCA Princeton from May 26, 2025 to June 2, 2025

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leticia Fraga

SECONDER: David Cohen

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

3. Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Approving Firefighter Membership Application for Isai Noe Onofre

RESULT: ADOPTED

MOVER: Leticia Fraga

SECONDER: David Cohen

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. was made by Councilman David Cohen, seconded by Councilwoman Michelle Pirone Lambros, and carried unanimously by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Mount
Municipal Clerk