



PRINCETON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF PRINCETON
MINUTES • JUNE 29, 2015

Special Meeting

Main Council Room

7:00 PM

400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

A. STATEMENT CONCERNING NOTICE OF MEETING

The following is an accurate statement concerning the providing of notice of this meeting and said statement shall be entered in the minutes of this meeting. Notice of this meeting as required by Sections 4a, 3d, 13 and 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided to the public in the form of a written notice. On June 9, 2015 at 2:55 p.m., said schedule was posted on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Town Topics, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience participated in the pledge of allegiance.

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III. ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Ms. Butler, Ms. Crumiller, Ms. Howard and Mr. Liverman, Mr. Simon and Mayor Lempert.

Absent: Mr. Miller.

Also Present: Ms. Monzo, and Ms. Maddox.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kate Warren, 17 Jefferson Road, Bill Hare, 183 Jefferson Road, and Anita Groniak, Jefferson Road spoke with Council about the Franklin Avenue Park.

Ms. Butler said that we wouldn't have possession of that property until Princeton University finishes Merwick/Stanzworth. Mayor Lempert said that the University is simply deeding the land over, but no decision has been made yet with what to do with the land.

V. WORK SESSION

1. An Ordinance by Princeton Concerning Alarm System Registrations and Amending the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey 1974" and the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968".

Ms. Maddox said that the alarm ordinances of the Borough and the Township were similar but have not been enforced since consolidation. The Township Code was used as a guide as it was more up to date. One of the recommendations was to shift from an annual registration to registration every two years.

Ms. Crumiller said that she agreed that false alarms needs to be addressed. Ms. Maddox said that this is really an issue for the municipal courts. Mr. Simon said that the minimum penalty that can be imposed is \$100. He said that his preference is to set maximum penalties. Ms. Crumiller said that she would prefer to set high penalties to discourage false alarms.

Ms. Howard said that she was comfortable sticking with what the State allows.

Council voted to introduce the proposed ordinance, but the motion failed on a 3-2 vote and will be introduced again on July 13, 2015.

RESULT:	FAILED [2 TO 3]
MOVER:	Jo Butler, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Jenny Crumiller, Councilwoman
AYES:	Crumiller, Butler
NAYS:	Howard, Liverman, Simon
ABSENT:	Miller

- An Ordinance by Princeton Concerning Alcoholic Beverages and Amending the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974" and the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968."

Ms. Maddox explained that we were very liberal with times for selling alcohol, to be business friendly.

Ms. Maddox said that she would send the proposed ordinance to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for review and approval before introduction.

The proposed ordinance will be introduced on July 13, 2015.

RESULT:	REFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/13/2015 6:30 PM
MOVER:	Jo Butler, Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Lance Liverman, Councilman	
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Liverman, Butler, Simon	
ABSENT:	Miller	

- An Ordinance by Princeton Concerning the Princeton Police Department and Amending the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974" and the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968."

Ms. Maddox said that the proposed ordinance was in keeping with the existing codes and provisions of 2013 Police Department Rules and Regulations. The proposed ordinance clarifies designations directly out of state statute.

Ms Maddox said that we are currently staffed at 52 patrol officers. Ms. Howard said that she felt that 52 was limiting and that it might limit flexibility in light of retirements.

Mr. Liverman said that he was concerned that this had not been reviewed by Public Safety. He was also concerned that Article III seemed like two police departments, and that he did not anyone to miss what we were saying here, that he wanted it to be very clear.

Ms. Butler and Mr. Simon expressed concern about the issue of the Appropriate Authority and who that should be.

The proposed ordinance will be introduced on July 13, 2015.

RESULT:	REFERRED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/13/2015 6:30 PM
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Liverman, Butler, Simon	
ABSENT:	Miller	

- 4. An Ordinance by Princeton Concerning Taxis and Other Vehicles for Hire and Amending the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974" and the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968"

Ms. Maddox said that the proposed ordinance would only regulate taxis within the municipality. Ms. Butler said that we could not write an ordinance for another municipality. Mr. Miller said that we cannot regulate the taxi stand.

Ms. Maddox said that the map of fares will be posted it the back seat of each taxi. Ms. Butler asked if the fare schedule could also be posted on the municipal website.

Ms. Maddox explained that the standard rate is preferred by the taxi system. Ms. Crumiller said that she would prefer a standard rate.

Ms. Butler said that the other issue was Uber, which we cannot ordinance locally as it is not legal.

Jeff Aton, 133 Cedar Lane addressed Council about a proposal for valet parking. He asked that we work together on this proposal for a trial period. Mayor Lempert asked that Mr. Aton put his proposal in writing so that it can be discussed at a future work session.

The proposed ordinance will be introduced on July 13, 2015.

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AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Liverman, Butler, Simon	
ABSENT:	Miller	

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Municipal Clerk