



PRINCETON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF PRINCETON
MINUTES • JUNE 22, 2015

Regular Meeting

Main Council Room

7:00 PM

400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

I. 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 the 2015 Schedule of Regular Meetings. On January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., said schedule was posted on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Trentonian, the Town Topics, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

II. ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk Then Called The Roll.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Dashield, Ms. Monzo, Ms. Maddox, and Mr. Kiser

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience participated in the pledge of allegiance.

IV. MAYOR FOR THE DAY - ANNA EATON

The Mayor introduced Anna Eaton, who acted as Mayor of the Day.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion- to approve minutes of May 11, 2015.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Bernard Miller, Council President
SECONDER:	Jenny Crumiller, Councilwoman
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Simon
ABSTAIN:	Butler

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kate Warren, Jefferson Road thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the annual fire inspection parade.

VII. REPORTS

Ms. Howard said that the Board of Health in connection with raising the age for the purchasing of tobacco is reviewing a study of Needham, Massachusetts.

Ms. Howard also said that the Board of Health has endorsed the Earned Sick Leave ordinance.

Ms. Howard also said that Chief Sutter held a Neighborhood Meeting regarding the Swatting incidents in our schools on June 17, 2015. She said that it was well attended and that that there were hundreds of swatting incidents going on around the country.

Mr. Miller said that they received six proposals for the solar array, two of which were unresponsive.

Mr. Liverman said that The First Baptist Church and other churches joined together on Sunday in a show of solidarity. He also noted that there will be a demonstration on Wednesday in Tiger Park.

Ms. Butler said that there have been approximately 2300 visitors to the Community Park Pool to date. She said that there is a meeting planned to determine Open Space needs and that they hope to have the RFP for Mary Moss Park out soon.

Mr. Simon said that on behalf of the Local Emergency Planning Committee he reminds us that June begins hurricane season and urges people to plan. He said that there will be a class this fall for the Community Emergency Response Team for people who are interested.

Mayor Lempert reported on work that was being done by Health Officer Jeff Grosser, Human Services Director Elisa Neira and myself to develop alternative transportation options to the hospital given that NJ Transit had indicated it was likely to terminate the 655 line. Human Services and Health conducted a community survey. She said that preliminary results:

over 50 people responded -

80% identified public transit as primary means of transportation

65% did not have access to a car

62% had used the clinic in the past year most prefer having access to a bus.

63% currently use 655. and an additional 11% use a combo of the 655 and a vehicle

but a vast majority 87% had not used one of the free vouchers because 93% reported not knowing where to get them.

good news: over 90% said they would take Tiger Transit and over 90% said they would take a subsidized taxi service. Looking into both of these options as a replacement for 655.

Mayor Lempert said that she will hold a Meet the Mayor - Friday 8:30-10am Ciclovía - Sunday afternoon and on June 29th there will be a special council meeting for Code Review.

VIII. PRESENTATION

1. Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Presentation, Christy Peacock

Christy Peacock, Affordable Housing Coordinator reviewed with Council a power point presentation on the Housing Rehabilitation Program. She discussed two loan options; Princeton's basic home improvement program which offers an interest free loan up to \$20,000 and Helping Hands for Seniors which offers an interest free grant of up to \$15,000.

Ms. Peacock also discussed the tasks of the Administrative Agent and the Affordable Housing Coordinator as well as the type of documentation required by clients when they apply for the various affordable housing programs.

Mayor Lempert said that just because someone applies for a loan through one of the programs does not make your home affordable housing.

Ms. Crumiller asked if individuals with high net worth were eligible for the grants and loans or doesn't it matter.

Mr. Simon asked if we have had people with large net worth apply. Ms. Peacock said that yes we have as some have lost six figure jobs.

Mayor Lempert asked if there was a way to put a cap on the assets. Mr. Dashield had responded that he would work with Ms. Peacock to come up with criteria to cap not just income but also total wealth of the applicants for affordable housing loans.

Ms. Peacock said that there has been a 100% repayment rate with no defaults to date.

2. Affordable Housing Task Force Final Report

Mr. Miller and Mr. Solow reviewed with Council a power point presentation outlining the Affordable Housing Task Force Final Report.

The Conclusion and Recommendations indicate that there are thirteen sites that are candidates for affordable housing, several housing sites are used for other municipal functions, Franklin and Maple Terrace are outdated and does not take maximum advantage of the site, need to explore alternative means of financing and impacts on our community.

Mr. Miller thanked the Task Force and the volunteers for their work on this project. Ms. Crumiller thanked Mr. Miller and Ms. Butler said that the report was excellent. Ms. Howard said that the report was impressive.

Mr. Miller said that the report would be amended as a few of the tables in the report were inadvertently missing data.

Ms. Crumiller said that the perception is that we've made more decisions than we have. Mr. Solow said that the next step is to assign numbers but we have to wait for the affordable housing obligation.

Mr. Liverman said that we all agree that we need affordable housing, so we should wrap this up.

Kate Warren, Jefferson Road said that through the tax department there is no designation of affordable units by address.

Valerie Haynes, 223 Mt. Lucas Road, said that she was concerned about resolution 15-188 In Support of A4488 Concerning Affordable Housing. She said that this would be injecting more delays into the process that has consumed us for the last 15 years, and it is saying to the court that you come up with a number and we'll go forward. She said that this was not a declaratory judgement.

The second issue that Ms. Haynes was concerned about was the hiring of Dr. Burchell. She said that this was taking us back to a totally adversarial position. We want to say that we are committed to affordable housing. Ms. Haynes said that she did not agree with Mr. Solow and that we should start with what we need and move forward.

Kip Cherry, Dempsey Avenue said that WinCo was still interested in the Valley Road Building renovation as 20% affordable housing. She said that the School Board has not embraced that opportunity.

Marvin Reed, said that he seconded what Ms. Haynes said and that he too is familiar with the legal cases she refers to.

Mayor Lempert said that resolution 15-188 In Support of A4488 Concerning Affordable Housing has been pulled from the agenda.

3. Tour Buses

Robert Altman, Chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee reviewed with Council a power point presentation regarding Tour Buses, Public Safety and the Quality of Life in Princeton.

At the Work Session on May 18, 2015, Council identified three goals when dealing with large tour buses; do nothing to jeopardize citizens' safety, maintain the current quality of life in Princeton, and minimize the (net) cost to Princeton.

After a legal review it was determined that bus stops in Princeton signed "Reserved for NJU Transit" are not limited to New Jersey Transit buses, and that other omnibuses, such as tour buses, may use these stops.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Tour Buses recommends that tour buses be encouraged to use NJ Transit stops for loading and unloading, tour buses should be encouraged to park on Alexander Street between Faculty Road and North Stanton Drive when they are waiting for their passengers, enhanced education and enforcement along with data collection should be focused in the Palmer Square/CBD area; the ideal circulation pattern is clockwise or counter clockwise, starting at the drop-off locations, using Nassau Street, Washington Road, Faculty Road and Alexander Street (via University Place).

Additional recommendations included that at least initially, bus parking on Alexander Street should be free as an enticement to buses to begin to use that area, that a trial period, beginning as soon as possible, should continue until September 20, 2015, that the T&T Committee should report back to Council with an evaluation and recommendation for further steps on or about February 15, 2016.

IX. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

1. An Ordinance Merging Articles I through III, V, VI and VII and Article IV, Divisions 1 through 13 of the Princeton Borough and Township Land Use Codes and Amending the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968"

Motion- to adopt

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lance Liverman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Jenny Crumiller, Councilwoman
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon

X. ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. Bond Ordinance by Princeton Authorizing as a General Improvement the Acquisition of Real Property Commonly Known as 31-33 Lytle Street and Designated on the Princeton Tax Map as Block 15.02, Lots 71 & 72 in the Amount of \$525,000.00; the Demolition of the Existing Structure on Said Property for a Cost of \$30,000.00 and Therefore Providing for a Total Appropriation of the Sum of \$555,000.00 Pursuant to the Provisions of the New Jersey Local Land and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 Et Seq. and Rescinding Princeton Ordinance 2015-4. (Public Hearing July 13, 2015)

The proposed bond ordinance was referred to the Affordable Housing Board.

Motion- to introduce

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/27/2015 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Lance Liverman, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Bernard Miller, Council President	
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon	

2. An Ordinance Establishing Mid-Block Crosswalks on Alexander Street and Edgehill Street and Amending the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974".

Motion- to introduce

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/13/2015 6:30 PM
MOVER:	Bernard Miller, Council President	
SECONDER:	Lance Liverman, Councilman	
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon	

XI. RESOLUTIONS

1. 15-185 Professional Services Agreement, Whitman Environmental Services, 31 - 33 Lytle Street, Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, Not to Exceed \$3,000.

Motion- to approve resolution 15-185

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jo Butler, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Jenny Crumiller, Councilwoman
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon

2. 15-186 Professional Services Agreement, T and M Associates, Landfill Closure Support Services, Not to Exceed \$9,000.

Motion- to approve resolution 15-186

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bernard Miller, Council President
SECONDER:	Lance Liverman, Councilman
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon

3. 15-187 Professional Services Agreement, Wise Preservation Planning, LLC, Witherspoon-Jackson Neighborhood Historic District Designation Study, Not to Exceed \$32,102.

Motion- to approve resolution 15-187

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jo Butler, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Bernard Miller, Council President
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon

4. 15-188 In Support of A-4488 Concerning Affordable Housing

Motion- to table resolution 15-188

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/13/2015 6:30 PM
MOVER:	Jenny Crumiller, Councilwoman	
SECONDER:	Bernard Miller, Council President	
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon	

5. 15-189 Resolution Amending Princeton Senior Resource Center Contract

Motion- to approve resolution 15-189

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Crumiller, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Bernard Miller, Council President
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lance Liverman, Councilman
SECONDER:	Heather Howard, Councilwoman
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon

1. Bills & Claims
2. Avalon Bay, Demolition of Former University Medical Buildings, Release of Performance Guarantee, No Maintenance Guarantee Required
3. 15-191 Chapter 159-Special Budget Item, \$1,473.33
4. 15-192 Chapter 159 - Special Budget Item, \$500.
5. 15-193 Mount Laurel Declaratory Judgement Action
6. 15-195 Resolution Approving Firefighter Membership Application for Alfred D. Davis
7. 15-196 Resolution Approving Junior Firefighter Membership Application for Brian J. Gliboff

XIII. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

1. 15-190 Donation of Lawn Cutting Services, 59 Meadowbrook Drive

Mayor Lempert recused herself from the discussion regarding the vote on resolution 15-190. Ms. Butler said that she was uncomfortable that the Mayor was donating her landscaping services. Mr. Simon said that he did not feel the same way.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jenny Crumiller, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Heather Howard, Lance Liverman
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Simon
NAYS:	Butler

2. Princeton Affordable Housing Declaratory Judgement Action: Expert Witness, Dr. Robert W. Burchell, Not to Exceed \$2,000.

Removed from agenda, no action taken by Council.

RESULT:	REMOVED NO ACTION TAKEN
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XIV. CLOSED SESSION: NEGOTIATIONS

1. 15-197 Closed Session

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Heather Howard, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Jo Butler, Councilwoman
AYES:	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Municipal Clerk