

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 2026, 6:00PM
COUNCIL ROOM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular monthly Council Meeting of the Borough of Barrington was held with Mayor Hanson presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order with the following statement: "This meeting is held in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and appropriate notice has been given. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Retrospect and Courier Post and is also posted in the main office of the Borough Clerk where notices are primarily kept. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk called roll of Council with the following in attendance: Council President Beach, Councilman Beyer, Councilman Cerrito, Councilwoman Mercado-Miller, and Councilwoman VanBernum, Councilman Drumm is absent. Mayor Hanson, Borough Clerk Denise Moules, and Solicitor Timothy Higgins were also on the dais.

PROCLAMATIONS:

International Self Care Day, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act, Proclamation Honoring Bishop Joseph Andrew Williams, Bishop of Camden, NJ

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Hanson reported that council was provided with the minutes of the April, May and June 2026 caucus meeting, the May 21, 2026, special meeting and the June 9, 2026, council meeting and asked if there were any corrections or abstentions. On a motion by Beyer, second by VanBernum, the minutes were approved with the following abstentions: Mercado-Miller for April caucus, Beach and VanBernum for June Caucus Minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hanson reported that the monthly departmental reports were distributed to the governing body, and are posted outside of council chambers, and are posted on the borough website. If there are no questions about the reports, I will entertain a motion to accept monthly reports. On a motion by Beach, second by VanBernum, the monthly departmental reports were accepted with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-abstain, Cerrito-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING

ORD. 1241 Amending Chapter 313, Article III, Cannabis Municipal Tax

ORD. 1242 Amending Chapter 123, Article VII, Animals

On a motion by Beach, second by Mercado-Miller, the first reading on the ordinance was approved with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes.

This ordinance will be considered for adoption after proper notice and a public hearing to be held during the August 11, 2026, council meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

ORD. 1240 Amending Chapter 339, Vehicles and Traffic of the Borough Code

On a motion by Beach, second by VanBernum, the second reading of ordinances 1240 was approved with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes.

On a motion by Beyer, second by VanBernum, the public hearing was opened.

Seeing no comments from the public, on a motion by Beach, second by VanBernum, the public hearing on the ordinance was closed.

On a motion by Cerrito, second by Beach, the ordinance was adopted with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes.

RESOLUTION CONSENT AGENDA (to be read and approved by consent agenda)

- 7-2026-109 Authorizing Cherry Hill Co-Op for Emergency/Maintenance Repairs and Modification of Infrastructure Facilities
- 7-2026-110 Authorizing Cherry Hill Co-Op for Traffic Signal, Pedestrian Signs and Signal Modifications with Option for Maintenance and Inspections
- 7-2026-111 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Expenses for Grants Received
- 7-2026-112 Refund Street Opening Escrow
- 7-2026-113 Adding Tax Exemption
- 7-2026-114 Approving the July Bill List in the Amount of: \$ 1,855,009.57

On a motion by Beach, second by Beyer, the resolution consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Beach- yes, Beyer-yes, Cerrito-yes, Mercado-Miller-yes, VanBernum-yes.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Hanson advised that if you have comments or questions, please come forward and state your name for the record. Public comment is limited to five minutes per person. On a motion by Mercado-Miller, second by VanBernum, the public portion of the meeting was opened.

Mayor Hanson received an email from Laura B. about prohibiting data centers. Mayor Hanson advised that the solicitor just distributed information to council members on this subject and it will be discussed at our caucus meeting on August 6 which is open to the public. If she cannot attend the mayor will read her email so it is on the record.

Seeing no further comments from the public on a motion by Beyer, second by Van Bernum, the public portion was closed.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

COUNCILMAN BEYER – nothing to report, hope all have a good summer.

COUNCILMAN CERRITO – Mayor wished the councilman a happy birthday. He also has nothing to report. Have a great summer, the parade and festivities were great, thanks to all involved.

COUNCILWOMAN VANBERNUM – thanks all departments who helped with the parade, even though it was so hot it was a success. Tall baseball and softball registration is open now and closes August 10. Tomorrow night the district 10 championship game is in Erial at 7pm if anyone can attend and support our 10U baseball team.

COUNCILWOMAN MERCADO-MILLER – echoed all comments on July parade and fireworks, so nice to have an event in town around the 250th celebration. A lot of towns around the area cancelled their events because of the heat, we did not. It was reassuring to see everyone attend in town. Thanks to Public Works and the Police and emergency departments for their quick response with the heavy rain and some flooding we had. The Green Team had a pollinator cleanup at the Avon School, great coordination and we all had a great time, hoping to do more in the future. The Board of Health had a presentation with the NJEPA on air pollution. Information will be on our website.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEACH – thanked all departments for their hard work with the parade and the rain and flooding, you all work hard day in and day out. Please remember our roads are 25mph and we have a lot of crosswalks throughout town. Please watch for the kids crossing.

MAYOR HANSON – casual council meetings will be held during the summer, short sleeve shirt, no suits. Thank DPW for their quick and hard work on the holiday crosswalks at Clements Bridge Rd and Barrington Avenue. They turned them into patriotic crosswalks prior to our parade, it was last minute and they did a great job. We received “lots of love” online and in person from residents, and out of towners who wished their town was as great as ours! Thanks to Councilwoman VanBernum who planned and orchestrated our parade, thanks all public safety responders and Public Works for attending and helping with the parade and with the flash flooding that we experienced last week. The Junior Police Academy, sponsored by our Police, still has open spots. Please see social media and websites for more information, if we do not have enough sign up the program will have to be cancelled for this year. National Night Out, also sponsored by the police, will be held at Wish Park on Tuesday, August 4 from 6-8pm. Our caucus meeting will be on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. This Thursday, July 16, the Motor Vehicle Commission will be here, appointments are available and must be made online.

Seeing no further business to be transacted, on a motion by Cerrito, second by Mercado -Miller the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

APPROVED: *Denise Moules*
Denise Moules, Borough Clerk