

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Paul F. Spinelli.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman David Acosta
Councilwoman Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Michael Benson, Esq., Associate City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director, Public Safety
Police Chief Rudolph Beu, IV
Deputy Police Chief Pedro Casiano
Police Captain David Cardana
Police Officer Dwight Adams

President Spinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 12, 2018 by the City Clerk in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board in the lobby of the City Hall on;
2. Providing written notice to the offices of The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City;
3. Filing written notice in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vineland.

President Spinelli asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis again referenced a recent article in the local newspaper concerning a request for donations to fund police K-9 vehicle upgrades. He believes the K-9s should not have sub-par equipment and also believes the City should budget the money for the dog needs. Chief Beu explained that there are currently seven K-9 teams, and he himself was a K-9 officer. He assured Mr. Lewis that all K-9 needs are met by the police budget. The Pennies for Pups program was started a few years ago and the article appeared as a lead up to the National Night Out. These funds are used for incidentals. Captain Cardana and Officer Adams added additional comments and explanations.

Tony Centeno thanked Council members for attending the car show at the NJ Veterans' Home, the VDID food truck festival and the Salvation Army event.

The Clerk reviewed changes to the agenda since the August 20 work session. An attachment was added to Ordinance No. 2019-59. A revised version of Ordinance No. 2019-61 was provided to correct typographical errors. The resolution authorizing sub-grantee agreements for the 2019-2020 Vineland Municipal Alliance program activities was removed because of no certification of availability of funds. Resolution No. 2019-352 was assigned to a resolution appointing Sheena Santiago as a member of the board of directors for the Police Athletic League. Resolution No. 2019-373, appointing school crossing guards for the school year 2019-2020, was added. Resolution No. 2019-374, granting the renewal of alcoholic beverage licenses for the licensing period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, was added. Resolution No. 2019-375, authorizing the execution of an agreement for the diagnosis and repair of the Westinghouse W251B combustion turbine in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(i) as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service with Acme Industrial, Inc., Staten Island, New York, was added. Resolution No. 2019-376, appointing Richard Franchetta to the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk in accordance with Chapter 110, Article III, Section 110-13 of the Code of the City of Vineland. A motion to refer a request to amend the Center City Redevelopment Plan so as to allow a personal property indoor only climate controlled storage facility on property known as 215 North Delsea Drive, Block 2802, Lot 1 and request findings of fact and recommendations thereto, was added.

Business Administrator Dickenson reported that he and Mayor Fanucci attended the first responder active shooter exercise recently.

Councilman Franceschini reported that Vineland won the Battle of the Badges blood drive.

President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:
Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk