

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020
6:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting 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: Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 11, 2019 by the City Clerk, in the following manner:

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

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard at this time.

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (POLICEMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 266), which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2020-42 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-43, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-43, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 687, PART II, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 687-78 A AND B OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED WATER-SEWER UTILITY, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-43 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2020-43.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-43 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-43 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-43 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2020-43 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-44, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 46 ESTABLISHING ANIMAL CONTROL FOR DOGS, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-44 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2020-44.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-44 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-44 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-44 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2020-44 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-45, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS FOR THE GARDEN AND MILL SIGNALIZATION AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-45 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2020-45.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-45 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-45 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-45 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2020-45 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-46, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-46 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-46, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 97-78, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 660 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-46 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-47, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-47 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-47, ORDINANCE WAIVING THE FEE FOR A SECOND HAND LICENSE AS REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE 2013-64, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 574, SECTION 574-3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR LICENSE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021 DUE TO THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-47 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-48, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-48 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-48, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG REILLY COURT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-48 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-49, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-49 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-49, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-73, AS AMENDED, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ENERGY AND MINERALS CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 6234 OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF VINELAND SO AS TO AMEND BLOCK 7503 LOT 35.01, 35.02 AND 35.03 CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 6403 OF THE PLANNING BOARD.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-49 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-375, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JOSEPH MONTANA UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VINELAND POLICE DUTY WEAPON UPON RETIREMENT IN RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-375 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-376, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND SEALING OF 25 CONTAMINATED RESIDENTIAL WELLS LOCATED ON EAST FOREST GROVE ROAD, NORTH EAST AVENUE AND EAST GARDEN ROAD, WITH CITY OF VINELAND PUBLIC WATER UTILITY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-376 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO 2020-377, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-542, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-377 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-378, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. C20-0068, SSUED TO SOUTH STATE INC., BRIDGETON, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$204,954.56.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-378 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-379, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. C19-0110, ISSUED TO FRALINGER ENGINEERING, BRIDGETON, NJ.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-379 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-380, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. C20-0006, ISSUED TO CLARKE CATON HINTZ, TRENTON, NJ.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-380 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-381, RESOLUTION EXERCISING OPTION TO RENEW CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF HYDRATED LIME FOR WATER TREATMENT FOR THE WATER UTILITY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-381 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-382, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, AURORA ENVIRONMENTAL INC., UNION BEACH, NJ, FOR NEW FUELING STATION UPGRADES AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,149,000.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-382 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-383, A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS RECEIVED ON AUGUST 11, 2020 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 OR NEWER CUSTOM MADE TROLLEY AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE SAME.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-383 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-384, A RESOLUTION APPROVING SURETY REDUCTION, RELEASE OR RENEWAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ENGINEER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-384 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-385, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARGE AGAINST VARIOUS LAND FOR LAND CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGE TO BECOME A LIEN UPON SUCH LAND AND TO BE ADDED TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND LEVIED UPON SUCH LAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-385 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-386, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-386 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

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The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-387, A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES FOR THE LICENSING PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-387 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President asked if any Council Members wished to be heard.

Councilman Franceschini reported that the Health Department is working with the County about the COVID vaccine that may be ready in November.

Councilman Acosta expressed condolences to the Cardana family on their recent loss.

Councilman Vargas added his condolences to the Cardana family and also congratulated soon-to-be-retired officer Montana.

President Spinelli offered his condolences to the Cardana family, and congratulated officer Montana. He also urged citizens to call if they have questions or concerns.

The President 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

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli,
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk