

INAUGURAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021
5:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Vineland as called to order by the Municipal Clerk, Keith Petrosky.

City Clerk Keith Petrosky leads the Pledge of Allegiance

The City Clerk declared that Public Notice of the meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 8, 2020, by the City Clerk, in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board in the lobby of 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.

Clerk notes: A majority of City Council members decided that tonight's meeting will be dedicated to the inauguration and reorganization matters only. The regularly-scheduled Council work session is re-scheduled for next Tuesday, January 12 beginning at 5:30 p.m, immediately prior to the regular meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m.

INAUGURATION OF MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci was sworn in by Judge Julio L. Mendez, Assignment Judge, NJ Superior Court. Mayor Fanucci's wife Stacey and their children held the family Bible for the oath. Mayor Fanucci signed his oath of office, attested to by Judge Mendez.

Councilman David Acosta was sworn in by Judge Julio L. Mendez, Assignment Judge, NJ Superior Court. Councilman Acosta had five family members present who held their family Bible for the oath. Councilman Acosta signed his oath of office, attested to by Judge Mendez.

Councilwoman Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur was sworn in by Municipal Court Judge Demetrica Todd-Ruiz. Dr. Arthur provided her own family Bible for her oath. Councilwoman Arthur signed her oath of office, attested to by Judge Todd-Ruiz.

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. was sworn in by Cumberland County Commissioner Carol Musso. Councilman Franceschini's wife, mother and children were present and held their family Bible for his oath. Councilman Franceschini signed his oath of office, attested to by County Commissioner Musso.

Councilman Paul F. Spinelli was sworn in by Vineland Municipal Clerk Keith Petrosky. Councilman Spinelli's wife Josie held the Bible for his oath. Councilman Spinelli signed his oath of office, attested to by Municipal Clerk Petrosky.

Councilman Albert Vargas was sworn in by Judge Julio L. Mendez, Assignment Judge, NJ Superior Court. Councilman Vargas' wife and children held the Bible for his oath. Councilman Vargas signed his oath of office, attested to by Judge Mendez.

New Jersey State Senator Michael Testa, Jr. shared some brief remarks and presented a Proclamation from the New Jersey Legislature and accompanied by Assemblymen McClellan and Simonson.

Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci, Councilman David Acosta, Councilwoman Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur, Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr., Councilman Paul F. Spinelli, and Councilman Albert Vargas all shared brief remarks, thanking all who helped them and looking ahead with optimism for the next four years.

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

There being no one to be heard, the City Clerk entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, nominating Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur as President of the City Council to serve a four (4) year term commencing on January 5, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2024.

The City Clerk asked if there were any other nominations.

There being no other nominations, the City Clerk entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the nominations for President of City Council for a four (4) year term commencing on January 5, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2024, be closed.

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

The City Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 1, A RESOLUTION ELECTING DR. ELIZABETH A. ARTHUR AS PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS COMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020.

The City Clerk entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Acosta, that that RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 1 be adopted according to law.

The City Clerk 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 Spinelli
Councilman Vargas

Council President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, nominating Councilman David Acosta as Vice President of City Council to serve a four (4) year term commencing on January 5, 2020 and expiring on December 31, 2024.

The President asked if there were any other nominations.

There being no other nominations, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the nominations for Vice President of City Council for a four (4) year term commencing on January 5, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2024, be closed.

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2, A RESOLUTION ELECTING DAVID ACOSTA AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 5, 2021.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2, 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci appointing the following with the advice and consent of the governing body:

- Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., Director of Law
- Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Director of Administration
- Susan M. Baldosaro, Director of Finance
- Richard G. Franchetta, E.J.D., Director of Fire
- Macleod Carre, Director of Health
- Matteo Rabbai, Director of Licenses & Inspections
- John Lillie, Director of Municipal Utilities
- Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
- Carmen DiGiorgio, Treasurer
- Keith Petrosky, Assistant Treasurer

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the communication as presented by the Clerk be received and filed.

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD P. TONETTA, ESQ. AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW DESIGNATED AS CITY SOLICITOR.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD G. FRANCHETTA, E.J.D. AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 678, AS AMENDED.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presents RESOLUTION NO. 2021-5, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT E. DICKENSON, JR. AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION DESIGNATED AS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-5 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-6, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN M. BALDOSARO AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-6 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-7, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD G. FRANCHETTA, E.J.D. AS DIRECTOR OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-7 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MACLEOD CARRE AS DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-9, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTEO RABBAI AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-9 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN LILLIE AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWIN ALICEA AS DIRECTOR OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DESIGNATED AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID ACOSTA, A MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL, TO THE PLANNING BOARD (CLASS III).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARMEN DIGIORGIO AS TREASURER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KEITH PETROSKY AS ASSISTANT TREASURER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15, A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked all appointed directors present to come forward for the oath of office to be administered by the Municipal Clerk, Keith Petrosky.

All directors present assembled and Clerk Petrosky administered the oath of office. All directors signed oaths, which were attested to by the Clerk.

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

Councilman Franceschini thanked all who attended tonight.

Councilman Acosta also thanked all who attended, plus all who supported our team.

Councilman Spinelli thanked his wife and wished Dr. Arthur all the best.

Councilman Vargas thanked all who attended tonight. He thanked his team, saying they work hard. And he congratulated all the department directors.

President Arthur thanked her family and supporters, adding that she is looking forward to serving. She invoked God's blessing on all the appointed directors.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting.

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

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur,
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk