

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Dr. Elizabeth Arthur.

The following members were present at roll call:

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

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety

President Dr. Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this 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 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 Dr. Arthur asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Vineland Resident Steve Lewis mentioned there are three gold start families living in Vineland and asked if any Council members had any updates as to providing them some type of relief from our City utilities. Council President Dr. Arthur commented there was no discussion but they will look into it.

With no one else to be heard, the Deputy City Clerk presented Council with a communication from Mayor Fanucci to the Clerk formally vetoing Ordinance 2021-1 which sets forth the salary range for the new position entitled "Investigator, Alcoholic Beverage Control." The Deputy Clerk asked if Council if they wished to take any action. With no discussion, President Dr. Arthur stated no further action would be taken by Council.

The Deputy City Clerk then reviewed the changes since the Work Session noting additions of Ordinance 2021 -12 which authorized an agreement of sale of property from Joseph and Marie Russo; Resolution 2021-73 authorizing the acceptance of grant funding from the State Police to the Fire Department for hazardous materials planning and training; Resolution 2021-77 which approves the use of revolving loan funds to issue a grant to the City of Vineland; Resolution 2021-78 making temporary emergency appropriations for the calendar year 2021 pending final adoption of the calendar year 2021 budget, and a communication from Mayor Fanucci re-appointing Macleod Carre to serve as Designee for the Library Board.

Councilman Franceschini reported that the COVID Vineland clinic currently has 500 1st shots scheduled 450 for 2nd shots registered for this week. The Health Dept. is initiating a hotline for seniors 65+ that may not have internet access helping them to register. Volunteers will take calls and register seniors. FEMA is coming to Vineland to vaccinate 250 per day for 7 days for the 65+ population. They expect them to come sometime in early March. They are looking at the Charter School that took over St. Francis at Chestnut and Delsea for a location of the FEMA clinic.

Councilman Acosta thanked City of Vineland Assistant Health Officer, Emma Lopez, for volunteering her time for the Spanish radio station Saturday morning to explain and promote registering and vaccinating the Spanish population.

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

Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Dr. Arthur

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President of Council

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, E.J.D.
Deputy Municipal Clerk