

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 A. Arthur.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman David Acosta (*arrived at 6:04 p.m.*)
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

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

Steve Plevins, Vineland resident, is the Director for the Salvation Army and he came to advertise and support the Salvation Army's 11th Turkey Drive Fundraiser. He handed out a flyer advertising the event and asked Council make this available on various City media outlets. He mentioned each year it gets larger but last year they fed over 1,200 families. He asked if anyone is interested in donating to come to the Salvation Army on Chestnut Avenue Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 A.M. and 1 P.M. Rylle Hooverton from Vineland High School and Jackie Rivera from the Salvation Army were also present and briefly spoke reiterating Mr. Plevin's remarks.

There being no one further to be heard, the Deputy Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda. Alan Giebner added ordinance 57 to amend Chapter 29 of the City code Vineland Development Corporation. Resolution 2021-419 was rewritten and removed certification of funds paragraph; 422 was revised to correct the amount in the title; 439 a professional services agreement with Waldron Engineering was add per Purchasing Division; 440 approving surety release was added by Director Rabbai; 441, 442, and 443 approving fire membership of Lindsey Finerfrock, Michael DeLuca and Brian Speziali, respectfully, to the Fire Department was added by Director Franchetta; 444 and 445 declaring emergencies on Mill Road requiring repairs were added by City Engineer David Maillet.

Councilman Franceschini stated there were 254 positive COVID 19 cases thus far for the month of September. He mentioned the Health Department is holding a vaccination clinic this Friday from 2-4pm . Booster shots should begin in October. October should be the peak month for the "Delta" variant of the virus.

Councilman Acosta noted as the Planning Board liaison, there was a revision in the Newcomb Senior Apartment as there was a change in size. He also noted Burger King is applying for a various to add a second drive thru lane for their Delsea Drive business. He mentioned that Dunkin Donuts is to do the same and he believes this will soon become a trend. Chem Glass is expanding by adding a 13,000 sq ft. warehouse. Garden State Islamic Center sought to reduce the lighting and landscaping requirement that was in the original agreement with the City. He stated the reduction does not affect the minimum required by the City as GSIC asked for better than minimum standard for their original agreement. He also stated the governing body will soon discuss the issue of domesticating chickens. He stated the ordinance was amended to demand a half acre lot minimum to house chickens with a 6 chicken and zero rooster maximum. The governing body briefly discussed this issue.

Councilman Vargas reported the closing of City fields on October 12th for cleaning, seeding, and maintenance and will re-open on March 1, 2022. He reported on playground equipment upgrades at various parks throughout the City. There is request of a "pickleball" court at Gittone Stadium.

Councilman Spinelli stated Kaycee Ray's at Landis theater will finally open this weekend. They will serve lunch and dinner. They are expected to have outdoor dining once the main floor opens. Currently only the second floor will be open. The Theater will be hosting The Evil Dead Halloween play and A Christmas Story in during the Christmas holiday season. VDID had a walking path ribbon cutting ceremony that has a 1/3 and 5 mile walking track outlined and marked through out the City. Cruise night and the Christmas parade are coming. The first weekend in December they are hosting "an old-fashion Christmas" on the Avenue with horse and buggy rides, fire pits, trolley, entertainment, story telling and movies put on by Landis Theater.

President Arthur remarked she was thankful to be invited and was able to attend the firefighter appreciation dinner held last Thursday night at Savoy and also the 9/11 ceremony this past Saturday at City Hall and lastly the memorial in the Park.

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President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, 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

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur,
President

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD,
Deputy Municipal Clerk