

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022
6:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting 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
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were: Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Michael Benson, Esq., Associate 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 15, 2021 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 entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the 2022 minutes of the Pre-Conference and Regular Meeting of January 11; and the Work Session of January 18, be approved as submitted.

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 Associate Solicitor Benson to offer comments. Mr. Benson explained that City Council has no jurisdiction in an appeal or overturning a decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He read an excerpt from an ordinance adopted in 2009 that dictates appeals of decisions rendered by the Zoning Board must be filed with Superior Court. Councilman Franceschini inquired if the ordinance can be amended. Mr. Benson responded that the ordinance can be amended, but it would not be valid for decisions rendered prior to such amendment.

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

Anthony Peretti, Jr. asked how it could be that the Zoning Board of Adjustment can override the wishes of City Council. He said it was not right, concluding that it was purely a money issue. He observed that City Council permitted cannabis in Industrial zones only, and this is now intruding on a residential area, with a school in close proximity.

Joanna Zaak also noted that such uses were to be in Industrial zones only. She was frustrated that the minutes from the January 19, 2022 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting were not available online. Municipal Clerk Petrosky advised that, typically, minutes of any board or commission are not posted online until the minutes have been approved in draft form first by that board or commission. In this case, it was unlikely that minutes from last week would have been drafted, reviewed and approved in such a short period of time. Ms. Zaak also raised air quality and health issues associated with cannabis. She also was concerned about security cameras and a potential invasion of neighbors' privacy.

Steve Lewis questioned the Municipal Clerk, suggesting that if the minutes were not yet approved, the Zoning Board could change the outcome by amending the minutes. Clerk Petrosky commented that the minutes are a reflection of comments and action that actually took place and that merely changing the minutes is not a valid way to change the decision of the Zoning Board. He reiterated Associate Solicitor Benson's statement that the only outlet for appealing a decision of the Zoning Board would be filing an appeal with Superior Court.

Don Ross raised some questions he had about cannabis. He noted that he suffers from RSD and lung problems.

There being no one else to be heard, the Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (CHIEF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN), which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 be taken up for a public hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01.

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There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 be closed.

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

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (POLICE CHIEF), which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 be taken up for a public hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 be closed.

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

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINEE), which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 be taken up for a public hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 be closed.

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

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-04, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PILOT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT TAX EXEMPTION FOR VARIOUS APPLICANTS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-05, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (FIRE FIGHTER'S MUTUAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 49).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-06, AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-07, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-4, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 123, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-08, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-52, CHAPTER 56, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED FIRE DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Councilman Spinelli requested that the Fire Chief be present at either the next work session or regular meeting to explain this ordinance.

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

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-09, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-48, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-11 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED DIVISION OF ENGINEERING.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-10, ORDINANCE DECLARING AN ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE OR DIRT BIKE OPERATED ON A PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY OR RIGHT OF WAY IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A. 39:3C-17 AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE AND DESIGNATING SUCH VEHICLES AS CONTRABAND SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-11, ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE AND DISPENSING OF GASOLINE OR OTHER TYPE OF FUEL INTO THE FUEL TANK OF AN ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE OR DIRT BIKE WHICH IS IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A. 39:3C-17 AND DRIVEN TO SUCH FUELING STATION UNDER ITS OWN POWER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-12, AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED TOWARD THE CREATION OF A FUTURE STREET.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE SFY 2021 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18 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. 2022-19, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19 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. 2022-20, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20 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. 2022-21, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VINELAND AND THE NEW JERSEY EMPLOYEE ADVISORY SERVICE FOR AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21 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. 2022-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE TO THE PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2022 ANNUAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22 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. 2022-23, RESOLUTION EXERCISING OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT C20-0094 FOR SUPPLYING AND DELIVERING VOC-COMPLIANT HIGH PERFORMANCE COLD PATCH.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23 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. 2022-24, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE THIRD OPTION YEAR RENEWAL TO CONTRACT FOR MARKETING, ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS/CONSTITUENT CONSULTING SERVICES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-24 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. 2022-25, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-649 AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO CINTAS CORP., ASTON, PA, FOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PRODUCTS & SOLUTIONS (UNIFORM RENTAL & CLEANING).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-25 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. 2022-26, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CAYENTA, A DIV. OF N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORP., BURNABY, B.C., FOR CAYENTA CIS SOFTWARE UPGRADE AND PRODUCT ENHANCEMENTS INCLUDING PLANNING AND ANALYTICS MODULE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26 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. 2022-27, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO ARTHUR R. HENRY, INC., EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ, FOR 2021 CITYWIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,227,855.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27 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. 2022-28, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO ARAWAK PAVING CO., INC., HAMMONTON, NJ FOR RESURFACING OF LANDIS PARK & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,900.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28 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. 2022-29, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR CY 2022 FOR THE REASON RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF VINELAND TAX COLLECTOR.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-29 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. 2022-30, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REFUND OF TAXES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-30 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. 2022-31, 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. 2022-31 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. 2022-32, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ORIGINAL AND/OR RENEWAL TAXICAB LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2022.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32 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. 2022-33, A RESOLUTION MARKING THE PASSING OF VINELAND POLICE K9 OFFICER CARLOS (RETIRED).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-33 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

Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety, was joined by Chief Pedro Casiano and Officer Dwight Adams. Director Alicea stated that K9 officers are treated like family and they are a tremendous asset to the department. He presented a memorial plaque to Officer Adams in honor of K9 Officer Carlos.

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-34, A RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 PENDING FINAL ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 BUDGET.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-34 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. 2022-35, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE VINELAND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-35 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 reappointing Christine Scarpa as the Class II member of the Planning Board commencing retroactive to January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022, and requested the communication be received and filed.

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

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 the reports from the various departments for the month of December 2021, and requested the reports be received and filed.

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

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 if any Council Members wished to be heard.

Councilman Franceschini reported that there have been 3,326 positive Covid-19 cases in Vineland so far for the month of January, noting that young children are now being infected. He urged everyone to mitigate the spread of the infection. Regarding the Zoning Board decision, he reiterated his consistent “no” vote on recreational cannabis. He said he would like to see the ordinance amended to permit City Council to hear appeals of Zoning Board decisions.

Councilman Acosta commented that City Council spent weeks, if not months, working on the cannabis issue. He stated that had he known the Zoning Board would override Council’s decision to have cannabis only in Industrial zones, he wouldn’t have voted for it. He stated he regrets his vote.

Councilman Spinelli stated that Council was very specific about where we wanted cannabis.

President Arthur commented that she is not pleased with what has happened. She added that the state has yet to make cannabis licensing decisions. She also noted that residents are welcome to come before City Council with their 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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk