

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022
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
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

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

President Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal 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 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 Lewis commented that he is still concerned that the Zoning Board of Adjustment ignored City Council's decision that cannabis facilities be located only in industrial zones. He believes various restrictions need to be imposed on any licensed cannabis business and prefers the city imposes a moratorium until all questions are resolved. He is planning to attend the next Zoning Board meeting to voice his displeasure with their decision and encouraged City Council members to attend as well.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda.

Ordinance 2022-13, amending Ordinance 2009-72, as amended, Chapter 425, Article XV, Zoning, Section 425-270 of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Word Usage; Definitions, was added. The resolution authorizing a shared services agreement between the Township of Maurice River and the City of Vineland for municipal court administrator services was pulled from the agenda by Solicitor Tonetta. A resolution authorizing the submission of application to the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority for first generation enterprise zone assistance funds for administration of the UEZ program for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, was assigned Resolution No. 2022-40. A communication from Mayor Fanucci appointing Christa Dickenson as the Mayor's Alternate member of the Vineland Public Library Board of Trustees, expiring December 31, 2024, was added. A motion to refer a request to consider an amendment to the definitions of "Parking Lot" and "Truck Terminal" to the Planning Board for clarification and provide findings of fact and recommendations thereto, was added.

Councilman Franceschini reported that so far for the month of February, Vineland has 272 positive Covid-19 cases, averaging a little over 100 positive cases each day. New Jersey Governor Murphy announced the lifting of mask mandates in schools effective March 7. Individual school districts may still require masks if they choose to do so. Seventy percent of our school kids are not vaccinated. He also distributed copies of the 2022 food safety calendar to Council members. The calendar has been an annual production through the Health Department, using local student art to promote monthly food safety.

Councilman Acosta reported that the Planning Board meets tomorrow and will consider a new Chick-fil-A to be located on West Landis Avenue, near ShopRite. He also extended happy birthday wishes to Councilman Vargas, whose birthday was yesterday.

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

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk