

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 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 (participated remotely)
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
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

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 referenced Ordinance 2022-36, which is on the agenda for a first reading tonight. This ordinance proposes the authorization of hiring police officers without the requirement to take an examination for an entry-level law enforcement position as required by Civil Service provided they shall have successfully completed a full basic course for police officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission. Mr. Lewis believes written examinations should continue to be required for law enforcement officers.

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

An error in the delineated blocks and lots require that City Council not approve Ordinance 2022-29. To replace it, Ordinance 2022-38, Ordinance adopting the findings and conclusions of Resolution 6499 of the Planning Board of the City of Vineland to amend Ordinance 86-38, as amended, Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Land Use so as to rezone Block 7503 Lot 1.01, part of Lot 3.01, part of Lot 4.01, part of Lot 5.01, Lot 6, Lot 6.01, part of Lot 7, Lot 35.02, Lot 47 and Lot 48.01 to I-B Industrial Business and to rezone part of Block 7503 Lot 19.01 to A-5 Agricultural and adopt a zone map change, was added. A revised version of Resolution 2022-122, setting the rate to be collected by levying a fee for the collection and disposal of eligible solid waste, including designated recyclable materials for the term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, to correct a typographical error, was provided. A revised version of Resolution 2022-138, authorizing payment to Siemens Energy, Houston, Texas, for Class A inspection, maintenance and testing of Unit 11, Class A-1 for Clayville Generating Station and demister and water wash upgrade in accordance with a long term maintenance agreement, to correct a typographical error, was provided. Resolution 2022-154, authorizing a preliminary investigation to be made by the Planning Board to determine whether the area consisting of Block 5501, Lot 1 is in need of redevelopment in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., was added. Resolution 2022-155, awarding an open-end contract to CTX Infrastructure, Hammonton, NJ for directional drilling services, was added.

Councilman Franceschini reported that there were 38 positive Covid-19 cases in Vineland so far for the month of April. Philadelphia is requiring masks again for indoor settings, with the exception of schools.

President Arthur announced that no students will lead the Pledge of Allegiance tonight. Councilman Franceschini suggested we invite high school students with an interest in politics and/or government to attend our meetings.

President Arthur 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

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk