

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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: Michael Benson, Esq., Associate 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.

Philip Ferreri, Vineland Yellow Cab. He referenced the recent request from the taxicab owners to raise the meter rates. He cited rising business costs across the board for the requested raises. He is proposing a \$6 minimum fare; \$2.40 per mile; and 50 cents per minute waiting time. Council members noted that Solicitor Tonetta has been working to compile comparable rates from other municipalities. Council members indicated that some action will likely be taken in an effort to help.

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

Resolution 2022-392, authorizing a professional services agreement by and between the Honorable Julio Mendez, A.J.S.C., Ret'd. Vineland, NJ and the City of Vineland for special legal services as hearings officer and other legal matters within the City of Vineland, was added. A communication from Mayor Fanucci re-appointing Rudolph Luisi as Alternate #1 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was added. Resolution 2022-393, ratifying and confirming the re-appointment of Rudolph "Skip" Luisi as Alternate #1 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was added. A communication from Mayor Fanucci re-appointing Joseph A. Repice, Sr. as Alternate #2 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was added. Resolution 2022-394, ratifying and confirming the re-appointment of Joseph A. Repice, Sr. as Alternate #2 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was added. Resolution 2022-395, appointing School Crossing Guards for the school year 2022-2023, was added. Resolution 2022-396, approving use of second generation loan funds as a bridge loan pending approval of first generation Enterprise Zone Assistance Funds by the State UEZ, was added.

Councilman Franceschini reported the Health Department will conduct a multi-variant vaccine clinic on September 19. So far there has been approximately 60 registrations for it.

Councilman Spinelli stated the VDID Christmas event is moving along.

Councilman Acosta noted the Planning Board meets tomorrow. He referenced the questions City Council is getting regarding the decision to demolish the power plant and suggested that a public explanation be provided for clarity.

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

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk