

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. was absent.

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.

Philip Ferreri, Vineland Yellow Cab. He clarified his comments from a week ago, saying the requested minimum fare of \$6 would include a ride of 1.48 miles. So, for instance, a ride from center city to Walmart is currently \$5, and under the new proposal it would be \$6. Solicitor Tonetta stated that he would have a draft ordinance for Council's review for the next work session.

Steve Lewis thanked City Council, saying it's nice to have K-9 officer burial costs covered by the city. He also referenced the recent denial by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of a proposal for a marijuana cigarette manufacturer. He questioned if packs of marijuana cigarettes will have the same warnings as regular cigarettes, since those warnings are mandated by federal law and marijuana use is still prohibited by federal law. Councilman Spinelli clarified that the Zoning Board decision was based upon 'where' the application was, rather than 'what' it was for.

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

The original first reading on Ordinance 2022-76, dealing with a proposed amendment to the redevelopment district pertaining to 716 Plum Street, was removed by Solicitor Tonetta. Apparently the Planning Board resolution lacks important references upon which they based their approval. After a brief discussion about the concept, it was decided that City Planner, Kathleen Hicks, would be invited to the next work session to discuss this matter.

Resolution 2022-418, appointing Quetcy Andrion to the Housing Authority, and Resolution 2022-419, appointing Albert D. Porter to the Housing Authority, were added. Resolution 2022-419 is off the consent agenda because there may not be unanimous approval for this appointment.

The Clerk also noted two retirement commending resolutions for tonight. The retirees are Ronald DeMarchi and Charles Mackafee, both from the police department.

President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk