

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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
Richard G. Franchetta, EJD, RMC, Director of Fire

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 about the Columbus Day event conducted yesterday. He noted how much his 9-year old grandson enjoyed it and appreciated Councilman Vargas showing him around Council Chambers. Mr. Lewis observed that few young people attended the ceremony. He suggested that Council members invite their own children or grandchildren to lead the Pledge of Allegiance during the summer months, when schools are closed. He also offered his two vehicles for use by the Council during the Christmas parade.

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

Ordinance 2022-77, Ordinance of the City of Vineland, County of Cumberland, New Jersey approving an application for a long-term tax exemption and authorizing the execution of an amended and restated financial agreement related to the redevelopment of Block 4216, Lot 1.2 on the Tax Map of the city, was added. Resolution 2022-440, A resolution authorizing the issuance of an amendatory supplemental change order No. 1, to contract No. C22-0121, purchase order No. 22-06422, issued to Shore Top Construction, Freehold, NJ, in the amount of \$46,000.00, was added. Resolution 2022-441, A resolution authorizing the execution of a change order No. 2 to a professional services agreement by and between New Road Construction Management, Co., Cherry Hill, NJ and the City of Vineland Construction Management Services for \$20,047.00 for new fire station and demolition of existing building on the site, was added. Also added is a motion to refer back to the Planning Board for clarification on the conditions of the recommendations contained in Resolution 6533 of the Planning Board.

Associate Solicitor Benson described the need for such clarification, since the Planning Board resolution did not specify certain conditions that would be required of the developer.

Councilman Franceschini reported that there has been 169 positive Covid cases and two deaths in Vineland, so far for the month of October. Additional Covid clinics are planned. Also, he noted that the Ebola situation is being watched by the Health Department.

Councilman Vargas stated that the PAL youth basketball registrations have produced a good turnout so far.

Councilman Acosta stated that a cousin of his was shot and died recently.

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