

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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 P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Greg Gallo, Business Administration Staff

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.

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

A communication from Mayor Fanucci was added appointing Victor E. Villar to the Vineland Development Corporation Board of Directors. Resolution 2022-482, ratifying and confirming the appointment of Victor E. Villar to serve an unexpired term as a member of the Vineland Development Corporation Board of Directors, was added.

Councilman Franceschini recently inquired with Administrator Dickenson about several cannabis issues. He also requested an ordinance relating to AEDs, to mesh with the State statute. He said he is working with Fire Director Franchetta who will provide necessary information to Solicitor Tonetta. He asked to view the plans for the proposed Fire Department HQ at the site of the former Limpert Brothers plant. The Limpert Brothers facility demolition is nearly completed. He also raised concerns about tomorrow's General Election, after last year's many problems.

Councilman Vargas reported that the PAL basketball program is ongoing. The wrestling program is accepting registrations. The youth football programs on all levels made it into the playoffs. He also reported that the Fiocchi Field fields have been re-seeded. The mothers' statue for Landis Park is still being worked on, with a few minor revisions before casting is scheduled.

Councilman Spinelli announced an increase in registrations for the Christmas parade. The Olde Fashioned Christmas event is progressing. The best storefront decorations contest seems to be generating some interest. The over-sized Santa's mailbox is nearly complete, and the Landis Theater will be involved with some events. Thanksgiving is coming up, including the big Vineland High School – Millville High School football rivalry game. He also noted that Pickleball is growing in popularity. He concluded by congratulating Director Alicea on a very nice Marine ball.

Councilman Acosta noted that the Planning Board meets on Wednesday.

President Arthur was concerned about the union 'rat' protest at her home. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the union has constitutional rights to protest in public areas, (i.e.: streets and sidewalks, as long as they do it safely and without interfering with traffic. She believed their actions were disrespectful. The animal control issue will be addressed at a meeting this Wednesday at the Cumberland County Improvement Authority.

The President 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