

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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 (*arrived at 6:03 p.m.*)
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.

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

Ordinance 2022-89, amending Ordinance 2021-42, as amended, Chapter 266, Article I of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Cannabis Establishments, was added. Solicitor Tonetta explained that this ordinance establishes the committee to review proposals submitted by RFPs. The ordinance as submitted will be corrected to include the Chief of Police, or designee, to the committee. Council members also briefly discussed the concept of creating a distance restriction to residences and/or residential-zoned areas. The original idea of a 1,000 foot buffer, doesn't seem to work, according to Principal Planner, Kathleen Hicks. It was suggested that Planning should now return to City Council with suggested revisions to the concept.

The Clerk noted Resolution 2022-539, appointing David Acosta, a member of City Council, to the Planning Board (Class III), is not on the consent agenda.

Resolution 2022-524, awarding an open-end contract to Petrochoice, King of Prussia, PA for the furnishing of Trent 60 lubricating oil and coolant for Vineland Municipal Electric Utility, was revised to correct language and the amount. Resolution 2022-528, awarding a contract to Core and Main LP, Berlin, NJ for advanced metering infrastructure solutions for the Vineland Municipal Electric Utility, was revised to change the contract ending date. Resolution 2022-544, authorizing the director of the department of Licenses & Inspections to issue various original and/or renewal licenses for the year 2023, was added. A communication from Mayor Fanucci reappointing Stephen Plevins as a Class IV member of the Planning Board, was added.

Councilman Franceschini stated that he would not be attending the December 27, 2022 regular meeting. He also noted that this Friday will be the final 2022 Covid-19 vaccination clinic. He cautioned that flu and RSV incidents are still high.

Councilman Vargas reminded his colleagues that the PAL Christmas party will be conducted this Saturday, December 17 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Councilman Spinelli reported that the Christmas parade and the Olde Fashioned Christmas events went well. Letters to Santa have been coming in to the special mail box and responses are going out to all letters that have a return address. He publicly thanked Director Neher and his staff for their assistance with the VDID events.

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