

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the Vice President David Acosta.

The following members were present at roll call:
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
Vice President David Acosta

President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur 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

Vice President Acosta 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 13, 2022 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.

Vice President Acosta asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis offered to provide cars for City Council to ride in the upcoming Christmas parade. He also commented that the ceremony for Veteran's Day was very nice. Councilman Spinelli noted that attendance at the event appeared to be lighter than in usual.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda. A revised version of Ordinance 2023-67, amending Chapter 123 of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Police Department; Composition, Membership, Regulations so as to provide for the collection of fees for the use of the City of Vineland Police Training Center range by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, was provided. A revised version of Resolution 2023-530, awarding a contract to Airnova, Inc., Pennsauken, NJ for stack emissions and RATA testing services for the Vineland Municipal Electric Utility, in the amount not to exceed \$243,968.75, was provided. Resolution 2023-549, appointing Raymond A. Batten, JSC (Ret.) as hearing officer for a pending police department internal affairs disciplinary matter, was added.

There was a brief discussion about the Vineland police shooting range, and the NJDEP inspections and the handling of lead from ammunition. The issue seems to be appropriately handled.

Councilman Franceschini reported that Petway School is having a ceremony tomorrow honoring veterans and first responders. He also noted that the Health Department is purchasing Covid-19 vaccines, with clinics on the horizon after they are obtained.

Councilman Vargas observed that the Walnut Road refueling station is greatly improved.

Councilman Spinelli inquired about how the Puerto Rican Festival meeting went. Director Alicea responded that it was an amicable meeting. Councilman Spinelli also noted that the Christmas parade is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The following weekend will be the Olde Fashioned Christmas with its many associated activities. The week after that will be Sheen Santiago's event showing the Barbie movie.

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

Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
Vice President Acosta

ATTEST:

David Acosta
Vice President

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk