

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023  
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 6:07 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  
James H. Neher, Director of Public Works

President Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy 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.

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

Steve Lewis from Vineland wished everyone a belated Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. He mentioned that he attended Christmas with Elvis at the Landis Theatre and thought the show was fabulous.

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

Ordinance No. 2023-77 Authorizing the Health Department and/or Health Officer to obtain a warrant for nuisance was revised by Solicitor Tonetta to correct typographical errors. Resolution No. 2023-628 was revised in title and in the body at the last minute by Solicitor Tonetta to change how the donations for the Vineland Senior Center were used to read, "A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Generous Donations From Vineland Business Partners For The Vineland Senior Center Christmas Party." Resolution No. 2023-630 was revised by Business Administration to add a commercial business to the Professional Services List. Resolution No. 2023-632 was revised by the Department of Finance to revise the working the resolution body. Resolution No. 2023-648 authorizing the issuance of Taxicab licenses was amended by Deputy City Clerk Franchetta to add 4 approved Owners and 6 approved Operators to the list. Resolution No. 2023-650 "A Resolution Donating Two Salt Doggs Tailgate Spreaders No Longer Needed By The City of Vineland To The Borough of Woodbine in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36" was added by Associate Solicitor Stephen Barse.

Councilman Spinelli mentioned VDID is holding a meeting in January to address some of the issues they are having and whether to move some of the events to the "Event Coordinator" so they can have those people do the job they are supposed to be doing by building up the businesses and store fronts rather than just being "event driven."

Dr. Arthur asked if they will end up hiring an assistant to help. Spinelli mentioned that will be up to the Board.

Councilman Franceschini asked if the City thinks it's a good idea to announce what the plan is for Trash collection or to put out something to the public. BA Dickenson responded that he received an email that recyclables won't be picked up until Saturday and that he would rather hold-off because the Mayor is working up a public statement that should go out very soon. Dickenson noted new endeavor with the City / Pinelands agreement will start January 2, 2024. The City currently has 4 diesel trucks ready to go and the City will have to lease 3 diesel trucks for a couple weeks until the others come in.

Dr. Arthur questioned the shared services agreement with Resolution 2023-626 for vehicle wash services. Tonetta mentioned it just wasn't attached and he emailed it to everyone.

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

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Meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

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Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
President

ATTEST:

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Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD  
Deputy Municipal Clerk