

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 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
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
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 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.

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

Steve Lewis raised questions about the future trash collection company, including if the drivers of the city-owned trucks will have background checks, be they be trained to operate the trucks, etc. Administrator Dickenson commented that all drivers need to have a CDL, which requires many criteria. Mr. Lewis presented him with his list of questions.

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

The title of Ordinance 2023-06 was revised to include the words, "Redevelopment Plan." Ordinance 2023-08, ordinance setting forth the requirements for the installation in municipal buildings and training of certain municipal employees for Automated External Defibrillators, had a revision on the second page by Business Administration. Ordinance 2023-09, ordinance requiring the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the City of Vineland for training, medical evaluations, uniforms and other equipment and expenses for new employees in the event of separation from service within three years of employment and authorizing the Business Administrator to execute an employee reimbursement agreement, was revised to be city-wide, not just for the police department. The Clerk noted that there are three retirement resolutions on the agenda. None of the retirees called the Clerk's office to advise if they were attending. Resolution 2023-44, 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 appointing Nilsa Rosario as the Class II member of the Planning Board was added.

The Clerk reminded Council members that there is no meeting next week, since it is the fifth Tuesday of the month.

Councilman Acosta questioned referred to Ordinance 2023-07, ordinance setting forth the fees and requirements for the issuance of permits for firearms. He questioned if there was a fee for renewal, as it is not specified in the body of the ordinance. The question will be directed to Solicitor Tonetta.

Councilman Vargas presented the signage to be used for the "Avenue of Heroes." Public Works Director H. James Neher explained that the sign will hang on traffic signal standards at ever intersection from Main Road to Delsea Drive. It was discussed that perhaps they should go from Myrtle Street to Delsea Drive. There was also discussion about the need for signage at every intersection. The matter will be further clarified by Public Safety Director Edwin Alicea.

Councilman Spinelli reported that the VDID is beginning work on their 2023 events.

Administrator Dickenson reported the recent passing of Director Alicea's brother in Florida.

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