

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting 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 Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. was absent.

Also present were: Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci
Greg Gallo, Business Administration Staff
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Susan M. Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

The President welcomed the following students from D'Ippolito Elementary School to lead the Pledge of Allegiance:

Kiley Elliott	Mackenzie Guerra	Joiah Robert
Steven Sheppard	Dominick Lopez	Nataly Rodriguez Santiago
Maximilian Alvarez	Genesis Giraldo-Rodriguez	

After leading the Pledge of Allegiance the students posed for photographs and were presented with gift bags.

The 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;
2. Providing written notice to the offices of The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City; and;
3. Filing written notice in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vineland.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the 2023 minutes of the Pre-Meeting Conference, and Regular meeting of February 28; and the Work Session of March 7, be approved as submitted.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President invited Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci to present the 2023 Calendar Year Budget. Mayor Fanucci used a PowerPoint presentation. He outlined what services are included by the municipality; how the City's tax dollars are spent; results of operations; the recent history of fund balance; a budget overview; recent history of State aid; economic development initiatives; and accomplishments over the past year. He noted that 40.8% of every tax dollar collected goes to Cumberland County government and open space tax; the City of Vineland operates on 34.5%; the public schools take 23.5%; and the library tax is 1.2%. The City's fund balance just prior to his administration, in 2016, was at a low-point of \$1,976,255.62, compared to the current fund balance of \$14,641,818.27. And, State aid has remained flat since 2011, currently at \$6,190,780. He said this year's budget is tight and sound, with future contingencies considered. He publicly thanked Chief Financial Officer Susan Baldosaro and her team. Ms. Baldosaro in turn, acknowledged Norma Feliciano and Yolanda Hill for their assistance. The CY 2023 budget is scheduled for a public hearing and adoption on April 11, 2023.

The Clerk read the following: *Public comment provides an opportunity for members of the public to inform the governing body about their views. The governing body prescribes to City Council's by-laws and the NJ Statutes on Open Public Meetings when engaging during public comment. As such, each individual shall have a 5 minute limit to comment; s/he cannot yield time to another individual; s/he may only approach the podium once during public comment for any one topic; vulgar/offensive language is prohibited; and City Council will not engage in dialogue with the public during this time. The governing body maintains model courtesy and respect and requires members of the public to do the same.*

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard.

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12, AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO THE UNIMPROVED EXTENSION OF LIBERTY AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY, which was ready for a continued Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12 be taken up for a continued Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12 be continued to Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13, AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO THE UNIMPROVED EXTENSION OF CORNELL STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY, which was ready for a continued Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13 be taken up for a continued Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13 be continued to Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 86-38, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 425 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED LAND USE, AND THE CITY OF VINELAND ZONE MAP TO CORRECT A DRAFTING ERROR THEREON, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: None NAYS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16 by title and declared that with a vote of four nays this ordinance is not adopted.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-5, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 597 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED SHOPPING CARTS TO SET FORTH FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON REMOVAL FROM STORES AND TO SET FORTH OBLIGATIONS RELATED THERETO, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17.

Mike Bottino, of ShopRite. He questioned the intent of this ordinance. Solicitor Tonetta explained that shopping carts are becoming an increasing problem for the city, and expensive for the stores that have them. This ordinance tightens the process to enable the stores to get missing carts back.

There being no one further to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17 by title and declared that with a vote of four yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2023-17 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (SECURITY GUARD), which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18 by title and declared that with a vote of four yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19, ORDINANCE VACATING AND DELETING THE TITLES OF CITY OF VINELAND TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER AS NO LONGER NEEDED AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 88-59, AS AMENDED, ESTABLISHING SIGNATURE PRACTICE FOR CHECKS, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19 by title and declared that with a vote of four yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2023-19 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-10, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 687, PART 2, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 687-79 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER AND ORDINANCE 1062, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-15 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED DIVISION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

Councilman Acosta noted that he will vote in favor, but he does have reservations about this matter.

There being no further discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20 by title and declared that with a vote of four yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2023-20 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 3402, LOT 39 FOR \$500,000.00 FROM CUMBERLAND RECYCLING.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS AND RELATED DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,750,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,380,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,061,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-23 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-102, A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-102 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

Councilman Spinelli congratulated the Mayor, Finance Department and the Finance Committee.

Councilman Acosta stated that he knows how difficult this work is.

There being no further discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-103, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR 2023 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT FUNDS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-103 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-104, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NJACCHO) AND THE CITY OF VINELAND TO ACCEPT NJACCHO FUNDING FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE VINELAND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-104 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-105, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS TO ISSUE VARIOUS ORIGINAL AND/OR RENEWAL LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2023.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-105 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-106, RESOLUTION EXERCISING OPTION TO RENEW CONTRACT C20-0106 FOR PRIVATE COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL COURT DEBT, COV RFP 2020-25.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-106 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-107, A RESOLUTION DETERMINING AND DIRECTING THE FORECLOSURE OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES NO. 14-00459 AND 19-00332 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 ET SEQ.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-107 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-108, A RESOLUTION APPROVING VINELAND REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS FOR JOSHUA MOTORS II, LLC (OR ASSIGNS).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-108 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-109, A RESOLUTION APPROVING VINELAND REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS FOR BAGEL U REALTY, LLC (OR ASSIGNS).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-109 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-110, A RESOLUTION APPROVING VINELAND REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS FOR JAMES V. MARONE (OR ASSIGNS).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-110 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-111, A RESOLUTION APPROVING SURETY REDUCTION, RELEASE OR RENEWAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-111 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-112, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARGE AGAINST VARIOUS LAND FOR LAND CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGE TO BECOME A LIEN UPON SUCH LAND AND TO BE ADDED TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND LEVIED UPON SUCH LAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-112 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-113, A RESOLUTION CANCELING CERTAIN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ITEMS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-113 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-114, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-114 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-115, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP OF MANUEL A. AGUILAR FROM FIRE COMPANY NUMBER 4 TO FIRE COMPANY NUMBER 6.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-115 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-116, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP OF ALEX J. DICKERSON FROM FIRE COMPANY NUMBER 2 TO FIRE COMPANY NUMBER 6.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-116 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-117, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP OF JORDEN L. PEREZ FROM FIRE COMPANY NUMBER 3 TO FIRE COMPANY NUMBER 6.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-117 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-118, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEED TRANFERING CERTAIN UNDEVELOPED PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF VINELAND LOCATED AT BLOCK 7503, LOT 45.01.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-118 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-119, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2023-92, APPROVING CHARGE AGAINST VARIOUS LAND FOR LAND CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGE TO BECOME A LIEN UPON SUCH PROPERTY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-119 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-120, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SHELLBY WATTS AS MISS CUMBERLAND COUNTY 2023.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-120 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Mayor Fanucci presented a Mayoral Proclamation and a copy of the resolution to Ms. Watts. The mayor also noted that she earned a gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-121, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING RYLEE HOWERTON AS MISS BAY SHORE TEEN 2023.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-121 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Mayor Fanucci presented a Mayoral Proclamation and a copy of the resolution to Ms. Howerton. The mayor also noted that she earned a gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-122, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF TWO (2) APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FY 2022 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-122 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented reports from the various departments for the end of Calendar Year 2022, and requested the reports be received and filed.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the reports as presented by the Clerk be received and filed.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if any Council members wished to be heard.

Councilman Vargas conveyed condolences to the Kates family on the recent passing of former professional boxer and volunteer with PAL, Richie Kates.

Councilman Spinelli added that we lost a very good person. He also noted that there are good bands performing at the Landis Theater, and their restaurants are expanding their offerings.

President Arthur thanked the D'Ippolito students for leading the Pledge of Allegiance, she congratulated Miss Cumberland County and Miss Bay Shore Teen. She also thanked the mayor for his budget presentation. She noted that one of our municipal court judges is poised to get an appointment as a Superior Court Judge, Demetrica L. Todd-Ruiz, Esq.

Clerk Petrosky noted the recent passing of Chuck Griffiths who was a Vineland City Councilman from 1984-1992, serving as president from 1988-1992, before his appointment to fill a vacancy as a member of the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Mr. Griffiths was an accomplished educator, serving as the History department chair at Vineland High School for many years. He was a valued friend and mentor, and was a consummate professional.

Councilman Acosta added that he had Mr. Griffiths as a homeroom teacher at VHS, and was highly regarded.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, to adjourn the meeting.

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The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk