

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 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: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor (*arrived at 6:01 p.m.*)
Greg Gallo, Business Administration Staff
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 suggests having bicycle lanes located close to the sidewalks rather than on the roadway. He believes it would be safer. He also reminisced about bicycle rodeos from his childhood. The police would record the bicycle serial numbers, which aided in recovery if the bike was stolen. Councilman Vargas noted that the Vineland police have done this, too.

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

The Clerk noted that Ordinance 2023-12, to release, vacate and extinguish any and all public rights in and to the unimproved extension of Liberty Avenue right-of-way, is on the dialogue sheet to be defeated. As for Ordinance 2023-13, to release, vacate and extinguish any and all public rights in and to the unimproved extension of Cornell Street right-of-way, the Planning Board is taking some action at their May 10 meeting relating to this matter, so it is recommended to continue the public hearing until a communication is received from the Planning Board.

A revision was made in the body of Resolution 2023-167, awarding a contract to Triad Associates, Vineland, NJ in connection with consulting services for pursuing financial resources for capital and infrastructure projects via State, Federal and foundation grant sources. The correction changed from Electric to Water. For Resolution 2023-184, exercising option to renew contract C21-0081 to Triad Associates, Vineland, NJ for grant writing and related consultant services, the Finance Department included language from amendment #1 which adjusted the contract amount.

Resolution 2023-187, approving the FY 2023 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant/HOME Program funding, was added. Resolution 2023-188, authorizing the submission of an application to participate in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Demolition bond loan program, was added. Resolution 2023-189, awarding a contract to Arthur J. Ogren, Inc., Vineland, NJ for construction of Vineland Fire Headquarters Station 6, was added.

Councilman Franceschini asked about the cost to have the Pacheco celebration on Sunday. Solicitor Tonetta replied that a post-mortem is planned with a calculation of those expenses.

Councilman Vargas reported that the PAL basketball party was a success. He expressed concern that the City and the Board of Education can't seem to find any documentation concerning Gonzalez Park. Solicitor Tonetta stated that Business Administration will be checking in the storage area under the Municipal Court.

Councilman Spinelli stated that while the Pacheco celebration was good, we should have knowledge of the expenses before an event is conducted. More VDID events are coming up. Cape May Brewing, or an affiliate, is planning to locate in the former Amish Market.

There was some discussion about the Puerto Rican Festival, after many incidents that were of concern last year. It was felt the parade was out of control, and that the festival has moved from a cultural awareness event to an excuse for a party. More discussion about this issue should occur at the next work session.

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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