

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 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
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works
Sheena Santiago, Special Events Coordinator

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 explained that he did some preliminary research on the issue of health insurance for our retired K-9 officers. He noted that there are conditions that would make the expense higher, but he estimated that it would cost approximately \$600 per dog. He provided a copy of his information to Administrator Dickenson.

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

Ordinance 2023-41, to amend and supplement Ordinance No. 8, which established the classification and compensation plans for the City of Vineland, was revised to correct a typographical error.

Resolution 2023-309, granting the renewal of alcoholic beverage licenses for the licensing period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, was revised to include additional licensees who have all their paperwork in order. Resolution 2023-310, authorizing a contract award to a State contract vendor, Dell Marketing LP, Pittsburgh, PA for Dell M365 Unified FUSL GCC user licenses, was added. Resolution 2023-311, authorizing special law enforcement officers for the year 2023, was added. Resolution 2023-312, to authorize the Purchasing Agent to negotiate and award a contract for VMEU meter testing equipment, was added. Resolution 2023-313, creating the Exterior Improvement Review Committee to review and recommend applications for the Urban Enterprise Zone Exterior Improvement Program, was added. A communication from Mayor Fanucci appointing David Catalana as a Class IV member of the Planning Board, was added.

The motion to refer to the Planning Board a request to determine whether Block 7503, Lots 1.01, 3.01 and portions of Lots 33.01 and 35.01 should be included as part of the Energy and Minerals Condemnation Redevelopment Area, review and comment on a plan for expansion developed by Tiffany Morrissey, P.P. and request findings of fact and recommendations thereto, was revised by Solicitor Tonetta.

The Clerk reminded everyone that next week's work session will be on Wednesday, July 5, due to the Independence Day holiday. It begins at 5:30 p.m., since it is also the quarterly Board of Health meeting.

Solicitor Tonetta reported that the July 18 work session will include a dialogue with the new SPCA director. Also at that meeting will be the annual presentation by the JIF.

Councilman Vargas expressed kudos to Sheena Santiago and her team for the recent music festival.

Solicitor Tonetta reported that yesterday's meeting with the Puerto Rican Festival personnel and attorney went well. Law enforcement assistance will be provided by Millville, Bridgeton and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. The vehicles in the parade will be limited to 600 this year, compared with the 4,500 last year. A temporary fence will also be installed by Public Works to prevent vehicles from parking on the grass at Landis Park.

Councilman Spinelli stated that at a recent VDID meeting the new grant program was discussed. He also complimented the Landis Avenue cleanup crew, as many are noticing the great job they are doing. He reported that the Landis Avenue Cruise event drew an estimated 10,000 people. One issue we need to address is City personnel overtime for such events. Registration fees typically go to the organizers, and the city needs to come up with some revenue recovery strategies.

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