

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the Vice President David Acosta

The following members were present at roll call:
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
Vice President David Acosta

President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Greg Gallo, Business Administration Staff
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

Vice President Acosta 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.

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

Steve Lewis presented a list of questions to be asked of the new SPCA director when she appears at next week's work session. Solicitor Tonetta accepted the list.

Anthony Scott and Albert Porter are representatives of the Vineland African American Community Development Corporation (VAACDC). They are here to discuss problems with the Carl Arthur Center, which is supposed to be a shared facility with the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Porter distributed handouts that contained photographs of conditions at the Center. The Boys & Girls Club allegedly have taken down photographs, posters and such belonging to the VAACDC. Some of the items have been destroyed or damaged. They claimed the Boys & Girls Club have sprawled to overtake the office space and storage space, and the classroom space available for use by the VAACDC is limited, compared to what the Boys & Girls Club utilize. They also complain that with the Boys & Girls Club operating a child day care facility, access to the Carl Arthur Center by the VAACDC is limited to after 6 p.m., curtailing many activities that the VAACDC uses to enhance their community. They also requested additional funding to improve the Carl Arthur Center. Solicitor Tonetta and Councilman Spinelli plan to discuss the matter with Mayor Fanucci and Administrator Dickenson.

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

Resolution 2023-323, authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement by and between the law firm of Brown and Connery, LLP, Haddonfield, NJ for labor and personnel matters was revised to include an expiration date for the agreement. Resolution 2023-324, rescinding and vacating the bid of Manny Concrete, LLC for the citywide sidewalk project and awarding the bid to the lowest acceptable bidder, Charles Marandino LLC, Milmay, NJ, received a revised title to correct grammar. Resolution 2023-346, authorizing the issuance of limousine licenses for 2023, was added. A communication from Mayor Fanucci appointing Aaron Melnick to the Vineland Public Library Board of Trustees for the term expiring December 31, 2024, was added.

Councilman Franceschini noted that seven AEDs should be available for use and he asked where they are.

Councilman Vargas reported a problem with the shower at the Clark Park swimming pool. Director Neher stated that it should be resolved next week.

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

ATTEST:

David Acosta
Vice President

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk