

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JULY 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 Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
Vice President David Acosta
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

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

President Dr. Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy 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 Dr. Arthur asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis asked if the City could set up a couple “misting” fans in the park areas to let the kids cool off. Dr. Arthur replied the pool did open last Thursday and they have two lifeguards. Mr. Lewis was happy to hear the news.

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

There was a reminder of Council’s intention to vote down and defeat Ordinance No. 2023-42. A typographical error in the title was corrected in Resolution No. 2023-348. Resolution No. 2023-350 was revised to correct a typographical error in the body. Resolution 2023-356 was revised and redone to change the title and body content. Resolution No. 2023-361 was revised to add “Jr.” to the title. Resolution No. 2023-364 “Resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement by and between the law firm of Damon G. Tyner, LLC, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey and the City of Vineland for representation in regards to cannabis licensing in the city” was added. Mayor Fanucci added a communication appointing Doug Menz as a Class IV member of the Vineland Planning Board.

Councilman Franceschini notified the Health Department to distribute something to local farmers concerning the inclement heat and humidity and to please be compassionate to the migrant workers during these conditions. He mentioned he will continue to badger Solicitor Tonetta to amend Ordinance No. 2023-08 “Ronny’s Law.”

Councilman Vargas noted the AC is now working in the PAL building. There is talk of bringing back boxing matches in the future however, there is a lot of work and preparation to house such an event. He stated the pool now has two lifeguards and agreed the Health aquatic policy may need to be amended as it only mentions one lifeguard.

Solicitor Tonetta interjected to mention the City’s emergency services should make it a point to stop by the pool daily to interact with the children as it provide for great community activity and relations.

Councilman Acosta asked where the City stands with the Boys and Girls club. Councilman Vargas replied there is a question of children needing a private changing area at the pool to which the Carl Arthur Center cannot accommodate because of the daily day care. A short discussion by Council ensued which reared the need of a type of portable privacy tent for changing, shading from the sun and a portable radio for the lifeguard to be able to summon help. Acosta also stated the City should look for at creating our own SPCA and being able to support our animal control. His opinion was that we need our own after the recent exchange with the Director of the SPCA. Solicitor Tonetta stated he will reach out to the company who did a feasibility study to look at the costs and invite them to come speak at a Council work session.

Councilman Spinelli stated Saturday’s concert in the park was good and well attended with 350 people. There will more concerts in the park. He stated he hoped more people attended because it was not advertised very well.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
Council President

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk