

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023
6:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting 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 David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

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

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy 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 Franceschini, that the 2023 minutes of the Pre-Meeting Conference, and Regular meeting of July 11; and the Work Session of July 18, 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 Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy 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; cannot yield time to another individual; 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.

Derek Tribbet from Vineland High School said thank you to City Council for hearing our proposal on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and thanks for having Mr. Porter's African American Experience classes to participate. He quoted Dr. King, stating "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgement, life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for other's"

Isabel Mias from Vineland High School thanked City Council for hearing their proposal and thanked them for having Mr. Porter's class come to City Council. She quoted Dr. King stating, "as long as there is poverty in the world, I can never be rich. Even if I had a billion dollars. As long as diseases are ramped and millions of people in this world cannot expect to live 28 or 30 years. I can never be totally healthy, even if I just got a good checkup my own clinic. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the way our world is made. No individual or nation can stand out boasting of being independent. We are independent."

Xuon Dixon from Vineland High School thanked City Council for hearing their proposal on Dr. Martin Luther King. Also quoting Dr. King, he said, "when an individual is no longer a true participant, when he no longer feels a sense of responsibility to his society, the content of democracy is empty. When culture is degraded and vulgarity enthroned, when the social system does not build security but induces peril, inexorably the individual is imperiled to pull away from a sole in society, the process produces alienation, perhaps the most pervasive insidious development in a contemporary society."

Marsha Duncan, stated this moment is well overdue. She thanked Council for this awesome step in our community and quoted Dr. King that spoke to this very instance. She stated, "Faith is the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase."

Albert Porter thanked City Council for their support for this particular dedication that in his opinion is long overdue. He thanked his students for taking on this endeavor and the four students here tonight, took this idea and ran with it. The children were serious and represent sixty more children of the program.

Kathy Williamson lived on Plum Street for forty years and thanked the students for thinking about this, researching and doing this. This is a joy and she stated should couldn't wait until she can say she lives on "Dr. M L. King Jr. Way."

Jennifer Webb-McRae said she was a proud resident of the City of Vineland and graduate of Vineland High School. She thanked Council for considering this dedication for the City of Vineland. She said she couldn't tell them how positively this has impacted the African American community and to acknowledge one of African American's historical figures, one of the most valued characters in American history. She stated this dedication means so much to this community.

Steve Lewis, Vineland NJ. He stated the children before Council tonight had an idea, came before Council, presented the idea and as a result, it came to fruition. He noted that if anyone has an idea and would like change, don't talk about it, come here and voice your opinion to make it better. It is the only way the City is going to get better. Come here to voice your ideas and you keep coming here until you get it. It is one of the most important lessons you will learn.

Chris Wilson Vineland NJ thanked City Council for this measure and making this historic dedication to happen. He also thanked Mr. Porter and the children for thinking up this idea, being a part and implementing it. This is long overdue and to be a part of this historical moment in history is just phenomenal. He hoped it can be extended all the way down to East Avenue someday.

William Turner a Vineland resident, said he was part of the Martin Luther King Academy. It was Mr. Porter and the MLK Academy that came by and picked him up every day to keep him out of the streets. He said he is a better educated man because of it. He stands proud and was encouraged by the young adults before Council, thanked Mr. Porter, Council and others who helped in this dedication. He said, when he was young and wasn't sure whether to go into the NBA or go be a teacher, Porter said go get a job teaching. He sat at the Convention Center in New York City and saw the MLK quote, "*the ultimate measure of man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in the moments of conflict and controversy.*"

With no further public comment, the Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42, 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 Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42 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, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: NOs
Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42 by title and announced that Ordinance No 2023-42 was defeated by a vote of five Nos.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 2902, LOT 12; BLOCK 2902, LOT 13, AND BLOCK 2903, LOT 24 TO THE VINELAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO BE DEVELOPED AND SOLD AS LOW AND/OR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43.

With no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43 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, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-43 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Deputy Clerk to submit the Ordinance to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-44, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-44 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-44, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS NECESSARY TO REESTABLISH THE STORM WATER FLOW ACROSS/UNDER PROPERTIES TO THE SOUTH OF 141 SHERIDAN AVENUE, TO A CULVERT UNDER BURNS AVENUE AND AN UN-CODED TRIBUTARY FURTHER TO THE SOUTH.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-44 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-347, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ROSALIA GONZALEZ UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2023.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-347 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-348, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JEANETTE RODRIGUEZ UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2023.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-348 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-349, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FY 2023 LOCAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VINELAND, CITY OF MILLVILLE, CITY OF BRIDGETON AND COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND FOR SUCH FUNDING.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-349 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-350, RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND SENIOR CENTER IN THE TRUST FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-350 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-351, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-351 be adopted according to law.

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

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There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-352, A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS ON AUGUST 1, 2023, BETWEEN 9:00 P.M. AND 11:00 P.M., AT THE VINELAND HIGH SCHOOL COMPLEX, CHESTNUT AVENUE AND BREWSTER ROAD.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-352 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-353, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,900.00 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. C22-0052, ISSUED TO ADAMS, REHMANN AND HEGGAN ASSOCIATES, INC., HAMMONTON, NJ.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-353 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-354, RESOLUTION EXERCISING OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT C19-0092 FOR SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS FOR THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES SIMPLE CYCLE GAS TURBINE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-354 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-355, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FROM CINTAS CORPORATION #2, ASTON, PA, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,682.00, PURSUANT TO A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH OMNIA PARTNERS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-355 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-356, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT TO KENDALL ELECTRIC, CONSHOHOCKEN, PA, FOR VMEU METER TESTING EQUIPMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-356 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-357, A RESOLUTION AWARDED AN OPEN-END CONTRACT TO MONARCH BOILER CONST. CO., INC., BLACKWOOD, NJ, FOR PRESSURE PIPING, FABRICATION AND INSTALL PROJECTS FOR THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,554.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-357 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-358, 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 Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-358 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-359, 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 Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-359 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-360, RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND VINELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND AUTHORIZE THE SAME TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK AND CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-360 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-361, RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. AS ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT LEADERS IN ADVANCING CIVIL RIGHTS AND COMBATING RACIAL INEQUALITY BY AUTHORIZING SIGNAGE ON PLUM STREET ENTITLED "DR. M L KING, JR. WAY" AND FURTHER RECOGNIZING STUDENTS FROM VINELAND HIGH SCHOOL WHO PRESENTED THIS REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-361 be adopted according to law.

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

After a long applause by members in the audience, Councilman Vargas remarked he thanked the children for attending and stated today is a very special day as history is being made in Vineland in which we should never forget. The young adults here today are our future and we can never forget that.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-362, RESOLUTION GRANTING THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT OF THE CITY OF VINELAND AUTHORITY TO AWARD CERTAIN CONTRACTS WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-362 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2023-363, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SIEMENS ENERGY, INC., HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR FALL OUTAGE SUPPORT FOR UNIT 11 AND CLAYVILLE GENERATING STATIONS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$499,826.74 PURSUANT TO A LONG TERM SERVICE AGREEMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-363 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

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The Deputy Clerk presented, 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that Resolution No. 2023-364 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented reports of the various departments for the month of June 2023 and requested they be received and filed.

The Deputy Clerk presented a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci appointing Doug Menz as a Class IV member of the Planning Board filling an unexpired term vacated by the resignation of Stephen Plevins which expires December 31, 2026.

Councilman Franceschini congratulated the Vineland High School students for championing this historic project. If you want something done, you have to do your homework, you have to have all your facts, and then you have to speak up. And that is what all of the children did.

Councilman Acosta thanked the students and mentioned their comments were rather moving. Coming before the panel to make this presentation it was greatly appreciated. He also said there were two individuals that were very important in his life and if they were here today they would be extremely proud; Kermit and Mrs. Brunner and Ed Harvard. He closed by noting the Puerto Rican Festival is this upcoming weekend.

Councilman Vargas thanked the students for coming out, stepping up for what they believed in and thank Mr. Porter for leading the way for the students and said we will see you all again at the unveiling of the signs.

Councilman Spinelli noted that we need a whole room full of people like the students here this evening that are smart, active and not afraid to come forward with their ideas. He reminded everyone to get everyone they can to come out to the unveiling of the signs on Plum Street because this is an historic moment which should be cherished. He said to tell everyone to come speak as you come before your peers to ask for what you want, and you may not always get it but if you don't speak up, you'll never get what you want. He closed by stating if they have any other ideas to please come forward because they are listening. There was a best of the "Eagles" concert in Giampetro park Saturday evening with about 350 people in attendance. There are a couple other free concerts coming up there will be food trucks but no alcohol is allowed in the park.

President Dr. Arthur mentioned she was extremely proud of the student's work. They were courageous enough to step up and do the assignment with Mr. Porter. She also mentioned she always hoped students would be more involved in City government and has hopes we can have a junior city council where they will be able to give City Council ideas that will help improve our City and quality of life. Each student quoted Dr. King this evening and she participated by quoting, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not being judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." And tonight, the four children here certainly gave us a good example of what that content is all about. Thank you and she wished them well in all their endeavors. National Night Out is also the first Tuesday of August and Movies under the Stars at dusk on Thursdays next City Hall's parking lot.

The President 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 7:19 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
Council President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk