

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 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.*)
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety

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

There being no public comment, the Deputy Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda.

The Deputy Clerk noted Ordinance No. 2023-50 was revised by the City Solicitor to remove additional language in the body in conjunction with Principal Engineer Ryan Headley. Ordinance No. 2023-51 was revised by the City Solicitor to add a resolution number to the title. Resolution No. 2023-394 was revised by Business Administration to change the contract date in the body of the resolution. Resolution No. 2023-398 was revised twice; first to amend body language and second to correct the company name in the title of the resolution. Resolution No. 2023-410 was added by Business Administer Robert E. Dickenson, Jr. "A Resolution Providing For The Insertion In The Calendar Year 2023 Budget Of The City Of Vineland A Special Item Of Revenue Made Available By Revenue Realized From A State Of New Jersey, Department Of Law And Public Safety, Safe & Secure Communities Grant, In The Amount Of \$48,600.00 And An Appropriation In Said Budget For Like Sum And Purpose." Resolution No. 2023-411 was added by Deputy Clerk Richard Franchetta, "A Resolution Appointing School Crossing Guards For The School Year 2023-2024." A Communication was added by Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci appointing with the advice and consent of City Council, Dough Stasuk to serve on the Vineland Development Corporation Board to fill an unexpired term of Antony Thomas through December 31, 2024." Resolution No. 2023-412 was added, "A Resolution Ratifying And Confirming The Appointment Of Doug Stasuk To Serve The Vacant Unexpired Term As A Member Of The Vineland Development Corporation Board Of Directors." Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci added another Communication appointing Thomas Tobolski as Alternate #1 for the Planning Board of the City of Vineland to fill a vacancy expiring on August 31, 2024. Lastly, a Motion was added by City Solicitor Tonetta to "Refer To The Planning Board A Request To Amend The Center City Redevelopment Plan So As To Convert A Barbershop Attached To A Duplex Into A One Bedroom Apartment So As To Create A Triplex On Block 3905 Lot 6, 400 S. Second Street And Provide Findings Of Fact And Conclusions Therefore.

Councilman Franceschini mentioned the Health Department is currently working on two large grants on health education and strategic marketing plan for their health promotion. Clinics will once again run likely on Monday nights starting in September. Two Health Inspectors resigned unexpectedly this week. He also mentioned he hasn't heard much from Emergency Preparedness.

Councilman Vargas noted September 28th and 29th there will be basketball signups which will be held at the PAL building likely 6-8 P.M. They've still been researching and investigating the boxing return and they must follow up.

Councilman Spinelli remarked there is a concert in Giampeitro Park this Saturday and Food Truck Festival on the Avenue on Sunday with an 11:00 A.M. ribbon cutting. Both are free events. He also noted VDIID tickets are available for the Taste of Vineland which will be held at Eastlyn Golf Course in October. And, lastly, Mayor Fanucci is being honored recipient of the Mendel Award from St. Augustine Prep at the school on Thursday, October 12, 2023.

Solicitor Tonetta brought Council up to speed on a recent event in Millville by which the Administrative Office of the Courts closed down the Millville Municipal Court. The Judge resigned. They terminated the Administrator and there were sanctions. The Order from Judge Telsey was that they are coming to Vineland. Therefore, Vineland will be hosting Millville Municipal Court in Vineland beginning virtually, tomorrow, August 23, 2023. They are still working out the details and are pondering the possibility of a long term agreement. Tonetta mentioned Vineland is the only Court around able to handle this influx with the help of two staffers from the AOC in Trenton to assist in the caseload.

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President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, 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 6:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk