SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023 4:30 P.M.

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Dr. Elizabeth 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: Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator

Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor

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 August 29, 2023 by the Deputy 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 asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard.

There being no one to be heard, the Deputy City Clerk presented a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci, appointing Stephen Barse, Esquire, as Associate Solicitor of the City of Vineland effective August 28, 2023 and request the same to be received and filed.

The Deputy City Clerk then presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-413, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN BARSE, ESQ. AS ASSOCIATE SOLICITOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 84, SECTION 84-7 B OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-413 be adopted according to law.

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

Councilman Acosta questioned as to whether Mr. Barse will continue in his private practice to which, Solicitor Tonetta replied no. Mr. Barse will be a fulltime City employee.

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

Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

ABSTAINED: Councilman Franceschini

The Deputy City Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2023-414, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MILLVILLE AND CITY OF VINELAND FOR TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL COURT SERVICES PURSUANT TO SUPERIOR COURT ORDER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-414 03 be adopted according to law.

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

A discussion by Council and Solicitor Tonetta ensued inquiring the terms of the agreement and provisions that need be or that are in place to accommodate Millville City. Tonetta mentioned Vineland is not increasing the City's staff and that two Millville employees and two personnel from the Office of the NJ Courts will come to help with the workload until a permanent solution is decided. The City's employees are willing to work overtime to help out in this emergent situation. Tonetta spoke with Judge Telsey to which they both agreed in a long-term shared service agreement however that may not be Millville's intention. Tonetta mentioned he hoped it wasn't longer than 30 days. Vineland will be named as additionally insured as to if anything happens while Millville City holds court in the Vineland's courtrooms.

There being no further comment, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

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There being no members who wished to be heard, 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 Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Dr. Arthur

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
Council President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD

Deputy Municipal Clerk