

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

President Arthur 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.

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

Thomas Price mentioned that he delivered a petition to the Clerk's office earlier today. It represents the concerns of over 100 families in the neighborhood of Spring Road and Magnolia Road about traffic conditions. Specifically, vehicles ignoring the 4-way stop, speeding, loud vehicles exhaust, and other concerns. He described it as an ongoing detrimental situation for the neighborhood. He is requesting assistance from the police department to better patrol and enforce traffic laws and regulations.

Steve Lewis voiced his concerns about Millville utilizing the Vineland municipal court facilities, noting possible liability exposures to the Vineland taxpayers. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the shared services agreement provisions and described the arrangement as cost-neutral for Vineland. It was also noted that this arrangement was dictated by the Assignment Judge.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda. Ordinance 2023-57, an ordinance to amend and supplement Ordinance No. 8 which established the classification and compensation plans for the City of Vineland Deputy Fire Chief, was added. Ordinance 2023-8, an ordinance to amend and supplement Ordinance No. 8 which established the classification and compensation plans for the City of Vineland Fire Chief, was added.

Resolution 2023-415, declaring the existence of an emergency requiring drainage replacement on Magnolia Road near Pagliughi Park and Landis Avenue near Mill Road and authorizing the payment of bills for said services, had minor revisions to the body. Resolution 2023-429, authorizing the issuance of a Class I annual cannabis cultivation license to Veterans for Alternative Medicine South Jersey LLC, Warren, Rhode Island, conditioned upon the issuance of an annual license by the State of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission and the execution of a host community agreement, was added. Resolution 2023-430, authorizing the issuance of a Class I annual cannabis cultivation license to Shiv Leela NJ LLC, Naperville, Illinois, conditioned upon the issuance of an annual license by the State of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission and the execution of a host community agreement, was added. Resolution 2023-431, authorizing the issuance of a Class I annual cannabis cultivation license to Garden Greens LLC, Vineland, New Jersey, conditioned upon the issuance of an annual license by the State of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission and the execution of a host community agreement, was added.

Councilman Franceschini noted that the FDA approved the new vaccine for Covid, and the health department is endeavoring to obtain a supply.

Councilman Acosta reported that the Planning Board meets tomorrow. He also inquired if there is a formal process to transfer control of the Carl Arthur Center to the Recreation Commission. Solicitor Tonetta explained that all city-owned buildings are under the control of the Business Administrator, so Mr. Dickenson would only have to write a letter to transfer control. It was noted that problems at the Carl Arthur Center appear to be one-sided. One group met with city personnel, while the other group refused to meet in an effort to resolve any issues.

President Arthur noted that Miss Tri-City will be attending the regular meeting tonight to present her platform.

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

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk