REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 6:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting 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 President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman David Acosta was absent.

Also present were:	Greg Gallo, Business Administration
	Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
	Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety

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 12, 2023 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 Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the 2023 minutes of the Pre-Meeting Conference, and Regular Meeting of December 26; and the Work Session of January 2, 2024 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 Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard.

There being no public comment, the Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-76, ORDINANCE DESIGNATING NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG MILL ROAD AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 939 & 2002-29 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 83-35, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-76 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-76.

There being no public comment, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-76 be closed.

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 Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-76 be taken up for a 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 Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

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The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-76 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Deputy Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2023-76 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2023-77, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF VINELAND HEALTH OFFICER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO SEEK A SEARCH WARRANT REGARDING ANY NUISANCE AFFECTING HEALTH FROM ANY COURT WITH JURISDICTION TO ISSUE THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 26:3-59, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-77 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-77.

There being no public comment, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2023-77 be closed.

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 Franceschini
		Councilman Spinelli
		Councilman Vargas
		President Dr. Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2023-77 be taken up for a 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 Franceschini
		Councilman Spinelli
		Councilman Vargas
		President Dr. Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2023-77 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2023-77 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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 Franceschini
		Councilman Spinelli
		Councilman Vargas
		President Dr. Arthur

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The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02, AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF PANTHER ROAD AND DANTE AVENUE AS A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Councilman Franceschini mentioned that his constituents believe this intersection has long been plagued with accidents and this four-way stop is long overdue and gave thanks to those in the City that have championed for this amendment.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas

President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03 which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas

President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1062, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF MASONRY SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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 Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THAT THE BUDGET OF THE VINELAND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BE READ BY TITLE ONLY AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SAID BUDGET.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06, 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 Franceschini

Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented the Budget of the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2024, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Budget of the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2024 be given a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on the Budget of the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2024.

There being no public comment, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on the Budget of the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2024 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE VINELAND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07 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 Franceschini
		Councilman Spinelli
		Councilman Vargas
		President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented the Assessment Roll for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2021, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Assessment Roll for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2024 be given a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on the Assessment Roll for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2024.

There being no public comment, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2024 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini Councilman Spinelli

Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE VINELAND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08 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 Franceschini

Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION YEAR RENEWAL TO CONTRACT FOR MARKETING, ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS/CONSTITUENT CONSULTING SERVICES.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01 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 Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE SECOND OPTION YEAR RENEWAL TO CONTRACT C22-0083 FOR THE GRINDING AND HAULING OF BRUSH AT MATERIAL HANDLING FACILITY, COV BID 2021-53.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 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 Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03, A RESOLUTION AWARDING AN OPEN-END CONTRACT TO RAYBERN UTILITY SOLUTIONS, LLC, NEW BEDFORD, MA FOR THE FURNISHING OF ITRON RIVA PIT WATER MODULE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,280.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 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 Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04, A RESOLUTION CANCELING OUTDATED CHECKS ISSUED BY THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04 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 Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas

President Dr. Arthur

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05 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 Franceschini

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09, A RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 PENDING FINAL ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09 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 Franceschini
		Councilman Spinelli
		Councilman Vargas
		President Dr. Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

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 Franceschini Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

The President asked if any Council members wished to be heard.

Councilman Spinelli noted that bad weather is upon us tonight.

President Dr. Arthur noted to please be careful traveling home and hopes everyone arrives home safely.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini

Councilman Franceschi Councilman Spinelli Councilman Vargas President Dr. Arthur

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.