

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 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
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 13, 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 Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the 2024 Minutes of the Pre Meeting Conference, and Regular meeting of September 10; the Work Session of September 17, and the Special Meeting of September 18, be approved as submitted.

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

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The 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.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (INVESTIGATOR LAW DEPARTMENT PART TIME), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52.

There being 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. 2024-52 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52 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 to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-430, RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE VINELAND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-430 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-431, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PRESCRIBED BURNING AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY FOREST FIRE SERVICE TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT A PRESCRIBED BURN ON BLOCK 3303 LOT 2 (E. LANDIS AVENUE).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-431 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-432, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT MODIFICATION NO. 1 WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH RESPECT TO THE RESURFACING OF MILL ROAD, (LANDIS AVENUE TO ALMOND ROAD).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-432 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-433, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENDORSE THE APPLICATION OF WALNUT 554 HOLDINGS, LLC TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL FOR THE LILAC POINTE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-433 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-434, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-434 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-435, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. C23-0011, ISSUED TO MANDERS MERIGHI PORTADIN FARRELL ARCHITECTS, LLC, VINELAND, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$850.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-435 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-436, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SARGENT & LUNDY, HAMILTON, NJ TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO ACE (ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC) 69KV INTERCONNECTION LINE RELAY REPLACEMENT AND RELAY SETTINGS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$319,500.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-436 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-437, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE (1) ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO CONTRACT C23-0121 FOR TRENT 60 LUBRICATING OIL & COOLANT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-437 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-438, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE (1) ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO CONTRACT C23-0106 FOR MOBILE DEMINERALIZER SYSTEM- FOR UNIT 11 & CLAYVILLE UNIT 1.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-438 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-439, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO SOUTH STATE, INC., BRIDGETON, NJ FOR 2024 PUBLIC PROPERTIES PAVING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$418,146.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-439 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-440, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY REQUIRING REPAIR OF A SINK HOLE AT THE INTERSECTION OF LANDIS AVE. & MILL ROAD AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR SAID SERVICES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-440 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-441, RESOLUTION APPROVING FORGIVABLE LOAN(S) FROM FIRST GENERATION ENTERPRISE ZONE FUNDS FOR PROJECT BEAUTIFY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-441 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-442, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARGES AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR DEMOLITION OF UNFIT STRUCTURES, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 99-7, AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGES TO BECOME LIENS UPON SUCH LANDS AND TO BE ADDED TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND LEVIED UPON SUCH LANDS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-442 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-443, 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. 2024-443 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-444, 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. 2024-444 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-445, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION OF APPROXIMATELY 118 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 7904 LOTS 1, 1.01 AND 1.02 TO BE PART OF THE MENANTICO CREEK PRESERVE FOR PASSIVE RECREATION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-445 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-446, A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-361 ENTITLED, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND GRANTING THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE, UNDER THE HOTEL/MOTEL EXCEPTION, TO SMITH STREET HOTEL, LLC t/a HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 398 SMITH STREET, VINELAND, NJ."

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-446 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-447, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VINELAND INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF ITS INTENT TO ISSUE A NEW HOTEL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 33:1-19.1

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-447 be adopted according to law.

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 Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

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

Councilman Franceschini noted the temperature in Council Chambers is 65 degrees, according to his app. He also noted the Health Department 'Shots for Tots' event tomorrow.

Councilman Spinelli reminded everyone about the upcoming VDIG Taste of Vineland/volunteer appreciation event at the Greenview Inn. He also reported that plans are progressing for the International Christmas event in December. The Landis Theater is gearing up its tribute band concert schedule.

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

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
Council President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk