

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024
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
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, 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 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.

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

Steve Lewis again offered to provide transportation for Council members at the Christmas parade. It was agreed that everyone would meet at the Sacred Heart parking lot at 3:30 p.m.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed the changes to the agenda since last week's work session. Ordinance 2024-62, amending Ordinance 96-4, as amended, Chapter 425, Article XV, Section 425-270 entitled word usage; definitions to clarify the term 'office' and 'substance abuse counseling or treatment center' and to consider other types of offices as defined terms, was added. Ordinance 2024-63, amending Ordinance 96-4, as amended, Chapter 425, Article XV, Sections 425-293 entitled B-1 Business Zone standards, Section 425-294 entitled B-2 Business Zone standards, Section 425-295 entitled B-3 Business Zone standards, 425-298 entitled IN-1 Institutional Zone standards in accordance with Resolution 6667 of the City of Vineland Planning Board, was added. Ordinance 2024-64, amending Ordinance 2004-43, as amended, Chapter 425, Article I, Sections 425-12 of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Notice of Application for Development, was added.

Resolution 2024-535, authorizing a professional services agreement with Remington & Vernick Engineers, Cherry Hill, NJ for structural evaluation and design services for rehabilitation of the existing concrete clearwell at Well No. 2 & Well No. 3 water treatment facilities, in an amount not to exceed \$83,000.00 was revised to correct an error. Resolution 2024-540, authorizing an upgrade to the Electric Utility's fiber infrastructure from Graybar, Teterboro, NJ in the amount not to exceed \$20,136.04, pursuant to a National Cooperative Contract with the City of Kansas City, Mo., was revised to correct typographical errors.

Resolution 2024-548, confirming the steps used in the new license issuance process using the Historical Method for a new plenary retail consumption license, under the hotel/motel exception, and recommending the award to Smith Street Hotel, LLC t/a Holiday Inn Express & Suites, for premises located at 398 Smith Street, Vineland, NJ, was added by the City Clerk to comply with NJ ABC directives. Resolution 2024-549, 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, effective November 27, 2024, was added.

Resolution 2024-554, authorizing a professional services agreement with CDM Smith, Edison, NJ to provide construction engineering services for the lead service line replacement program as mandated by the State of New Jersey, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, was added. Resolution 2024-555, authorizing the purchase of Hydra-stop valves of various sizes from Ferguson Enterprises, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$81,704.00 pursuant to a National Cooperative Contract agreement with Omnia Partners National Cooperative, was added. Resolution 2024-556, awarding a contract to Xylem Dewatering, Inc. d/b/a Wachs Water Services, Columbia, MD for the Water Utility 2025/2026 valve exercising program, was added. Resolution 2024-557, awarding a contract to Water Remediation Technology LLC, Westminster, CO for Well No. 13 drinking water media replacement, in the amount of \$518,000.00, was added.

Resolution 2024-558, exercising the third option year renewal to contract C22-0083 for the grinding and hauling of brush at material handling facility, COV Bid 2021-53, was added. Resolution 2024-559, setting forth reasons for deviation from Resolution 6667 of the Planning Board of the City of Vineland regarding amendments to Chapter 425, Article I, Section 425-12A of the Code of the City of Vineland, was added.

Councilman Franceschini reported that he recently met with Administrator Dickenson and Fire/EMS Director Franchetta about a City Hall medical emergency plan.

Councilman Vargas stated that the PAL Christmas party is planned for December 14.

Councilman Spinelli noted that there are many infrastructure improvements relating to the Water Utility that are in the works.

President Arthur said no students will be attending tonight to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Arthur 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
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk