

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 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 November 12; and the Work Session of November 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.

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-55, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-55 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. 2024-55.

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. 2024-55 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. 2024-55 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. 2024-55 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-55 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-56, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-56 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. 2024-56.

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. 2024-56 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. 2024-56 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. 2024-56 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-56 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-57, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (PROGRAM MONITOR), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-57 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. 2024-57.

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. 2024-57 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. 2024-57 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. 2024-57 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-57 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-58, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (MASON HELPER), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-58 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. 2024-58.

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. 2024-58 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. 2024-58 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. 2024-58 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-58 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-59, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (TRUCK DRIVER HEAVY/ROAD REPAIRER 1), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-59 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. 2024-59.

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. 2024-59 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. 2024-59 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. 2024-59 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-59 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-60, ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, CHAPTER 651 (TAXICABS), SECTION 5, ENTITLED 'FEES,' which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-60 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. 2024-60.

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. 2024-60 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. 2024-60 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. 2024-60 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-60 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE No. 2024-61, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-61 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-61, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (CHIEF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-61 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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 ORDINANCE No. 2024-62, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-62 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-62, ORDINANCE 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 IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 6667 OF THE CITY OF VINELAND PLANNING BOARD.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-62 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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 ORDINANCE No. 2024-63, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-63 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-63, ORDINANCE 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-63 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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 ORDINANCE No. 2024-64, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-64 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-64, ORDINANCE 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-64 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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. 2024-529, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JOHN JONES UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2024.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-529 be adopted according to law.

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

Councilman Spinelli wished Mr. Jones the best of luck and health in retirement.

President Arthur congratulated Mr. Jones upon his retirement.

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

The Clerk noted that Mr. Jones has been an employee for 43.5 years.

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-530, RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND LANDFILL CLOSURE ESCROW FUND AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND AUTHORIZE THE SAME TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED WITH THE CITY ENGINEER AND CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-530 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. 2024-531, RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND VINELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND AUTHORIZE THE SAME TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK AND CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-531 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. 2024-532, A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION AND AWARD FOR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,598,750.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-532 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. 2024-533, A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION AND AWARD FOR THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2024, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000,000.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-533 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. 2024-534, A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON OCTOBER 23, 2024 FOR POLICE CLOUD BASED SCHEDULING SYSTEM AND ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL DUTY POLICE DETAILS, RFP 2024-57.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-534 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. 2024-535, A RESOLUTION 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-535 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. 2024-536, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO CONTRACT C24-0082 FOR SCR REAGENT QUALITY AMMONIA FOR UNIT 11 AND CLAYVILLE 1 FOR VMEU-GENERATION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-536 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. 2024-537, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO CONTRACT C23-0122 FOR DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-537 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. 2024-538, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO CONTRACT C24-0052 FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF ITRON RIVA PIT WATER MODULES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-538 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. 2024-539, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. C24-0092, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 24-03392, ISSUED TO THINK PAVERS HARDSCAPING, LLC, MT. ROYAL, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,760.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-539 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. 2024-540, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN UPGRADE TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY'S FIBER INFRASTRUCTURE FROM GRAYBAR, TETERBORO, NJ IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$201,136.04, PURSUANT TO A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MO.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-540 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. 2024-541, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO DAN SWAYZE & SON, INC., SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ FOR 2024 CITYWIDE LINESTRIPING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,810.90.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-541 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. 2024-542, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO MATHIS CONSTRUCTION CO. INC., LITTLE EGG HARBOR, NJ FOR 2025 CITYWIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS-VARIOUS LOCATIONS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,577,761.00 (BASE BID).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-542 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. 2024-543, A RESOLUTION APPROVING SURETY REDUCTION, RELEASE OR RENEWAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ENGINEER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-543 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. 2024-544, A RESOLUTION CANCELING OUTDATED CHECKS ISSUED BY THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-544 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. 2024-545, A RESOLUTION CANCELING GRANTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCES OF GRANT APPROPRIATION RESERVES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-545 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. 2024-546, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-546 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. 2024-547, 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. 2024-547 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. 2024-548, A RESOLUTION 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, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-548 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 Clerk reviewed the background and components of Resolution No. 2024-548.

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on RESOLUTION NO. 2024-548.

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 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-548 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 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-548 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-549, 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, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 27, 2024.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-549 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. 2024-550, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING BETWEEN THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY CLERK AND STAFF, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF, CITY SOLICITOR AND STAFF, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND STAFF AND LAW FIRM OF MADDEN AND MADDEN CONCERNING MATTERS RELATING TO LITIGATION IN WHICH THE PUBLIC BODY IS OR MAY BECOME A PARTY AND MATTERS FALLING UNDER THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND AUTHORIZING THE DISCLOSURE OF MINUTES OF SAID MEETING AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-550 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 entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to recess the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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

The Clerk announced that City Council is recessing the regular meeting to go into closed session, and the regular meeting will resume shortly.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to reconvene the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-551, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, WIRELESS C&E, W. BERLIN, NJ, FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,226.40.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-551 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. 2024-552, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, TO CONTRACT NO. C23-0099, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 24-03548, ISSUED TO PRINT & MAIL AT HARRIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT, EASLEY, SC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,211.50.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-552 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. 2024-553, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS TO ISSUE VARIOUS ORIGINAL AND/OR RENEWAL LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2025.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-553 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. 2024-554, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CDM SMITH, EDISION, 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-554 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. 2024-555, A RESOLUTION 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-555 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. 2024-556, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO XYLEM DEWATERING INC. d/b/a WACHS WATER SERVICES, COLUMBIA, MD FOR THE WATER UTILITY 2025/2026 VALVE EXERCISING PROGRAM.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-556 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. 2024-557, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO WATER REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY LLC, WESTMINSTER, CO FOR WELL NO. 13 DRINKING WATER MEDIA REPLACEMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$518,000.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-557 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. 2024-558, RESOLUTION 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-558 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. 2024-559, A RESOLUTION 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-559 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. 2024-560, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF VINELAND AND MARK A. CHANEY IN THE MATTER FILED IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, LAW DIVISION, DOCKET NO. CUM-L-000179-20.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-560 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 Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur
ABSTAIN: Councilman Acosta

The Clerk presented a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci reappointing Nilsa Rosario as Class II member of the Planning Board, commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2025, and requested the communication be received and filed.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the communication as presented by the Clerk be received and filed.

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 a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci reappointing Sandy Velez as Class IV member of the Planning Board, commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2028, and requested the communication be received and filed.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the communication as presented by the Clerk be received and filed.

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 congratulated retiree John Jones and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Acosta wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Spinelli wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and welcomed back Councilman Franceschini. Vineland High School hosts Millville High School for the annual Thanksgiving game tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. The Vineland Christmas parade is on Saturday. Friday, December 6 is the tree lighting on the steps of City Hall and a fireworks exhibition. The Olde Fashioned International Christmas event will begin that evening and events continue on Saturday, December 7.

Councilman Vargas noted the PAL Christmas party on December 14. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and congratulated John Jones upon his retirement.

President Arthur congratulated retiree John Jones and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She encouraged everyone to get the 'My Vineland' app, which has all the upcoming events.

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
City Clerk