

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 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  
Stephen Barse, Esq., Associate Solicitor  
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, 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.

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda.

Ordinance 2024-08, ordinance amending Ordinance 2004-25, as amended, entitled an ordinance adopting the Center City Redevelopment Plan consistent with Resolution 5203 of the Planning Board of the City of Vineland so as to amend Block 3020, Lot 18, 604 East Landis Avenue consistent with Resolution 6601 of the Planning Board, was revised. Solicitor Tonetta explained that cited uses were examples only, not specific limitations.

The resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement to provide municipal animal shelter services by and between the South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter and the City of Vineland, was removed pending a closed meeting to discuss parameters of the agreement.

Resolution 2024-16, 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 concerning the negotiations of a contract in which the public body is or may become a party and authorizing the disclosure of minutes of said meeting as provided herein, was added. This closed meeting is scheduled for February 6.

Resolution 2024-18, authorizing the approving the filing of an application with the NJDEP for supplemental Green Acres Program funding for Romano Park Complex improvements (#0614-21-009) and authorizing the execution of agreements for same, was revised.

Resolution 2024-23, authorizing the execution of an agreement by and between Allen Associates, Vineland, NJ and the City of Vineland for insurance broker of record for health services, was revised.

Resolution 2024-28, approving forgivable loan(s) from first generation Enterprise Zone funds for Project Beautify, was revised to correct spelling errors.

Resolution 2024-38, 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, Director of Public Safety, and law firm of Brown and Connery, LLP 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, was revised.

Resolution 2024-39, authorizing payment of Siemens expenses for parts and service in accordance with a long term service agreement for Unit 11 and Clayville Generating Stations, was added.

A communication from Mayor Fanucci appointing, with the advice and consent of City Council, Andrew Groetsch as a full member of the Zoning Board, filling a vacant term commencing January 24, 2024 and expiring January 23, 2028, was added. Companion Resolution 2024-40, ratifying and confirming the appointment of Andrew Groetsch as a full member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was added.

Councilman Vargas inquired as to the status of the Bokma case. Solicitor Tonetta responded that the case is over except for the issue of attorney's fees. We are still waiting on this matter.

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

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Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
President

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk