

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 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
Stephen Barse, Esq., Associate Solicitor
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

The President introduced and welcomed the Pauline Petway Elementary School Safety Patrol, who led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Catalina Palmieri	Giuliana Pace	Lilliana Bermudez	Cecilia Giordano
Corrine Ortiz	Brandon Flores	Kamryn Tuller	Landon Barrios
Melanie Dintino	Alyanna Gomez	Nicole Turner	Carmine Veras

City Council members posed for photographs with the students and presented them with gift bags.

The Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, was provided 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 January 9; and the Work Session & Quarterly Board of Health meeting of January 16, 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 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.

Steve Lewis commented on the good job of the road crews in handling the recent snow storms.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01, AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 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. 2024-01.

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. 2024-01 be closed.

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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. 2024-01 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. 2024-01 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02, AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF PANTHER ROAD AND DANTE AVENUE AS A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02 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. 2024-02.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02 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. 2024-02 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.

Councilman Spinelli stated that this was long overdue.

Councilman Franceschini noted that an accident occurred at this intersection as recently as yesterday.

There being no further 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. 2024-02 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented 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, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03 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. 2024-03.

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. 2024-03 be closed.

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, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03 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. 2024-03 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04 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. 2024-04, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PILOT AGREEMENTS FOR PROJECT TAX EXEMPTION FOR VARIOUS APPLICANTS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 13, 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. 2024-05, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05 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. 2024-05, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 7307, LOT 11 AT PRIVATE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(B)(5).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 13, 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. 2024-06, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06 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. 2024-06, AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A PIECE OF PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE EXTENSION STREET TO BE KNOWN AS ARCADIA PLACE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 13, 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. 2024-07, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07 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. 2024-07, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 89-13, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 425, SECTION 425-5 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED LAND USE; FEES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 13, 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. 2024-08, which was ready for a First Reading.

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

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 13, 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. 2024-10, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LENE BOWERS UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VINELAND POLICE DUTY WEAPON IN RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10, 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. 2024-11, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SHANE HARRIS UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VINELAND POLICE DUTY WEAPON IN RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11, 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. 2024-12, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER LANDI UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VINELAND POLICE DUTY WEAPON IN RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12, 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. 2024-13, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AARON SMITH UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VINELAND POLICE DUTY WEAPON IN RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13, 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. 2024-14, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER STANKER UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VINELAND POLICE DUTY WEAPON IN RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14, 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

Director of Public Safety, Edwin Alicea invited the two retirees who were present to come forward and he explained the tradition Mayor Fanucci began in presenting retiring police officers with the "Thin Line" flag and a lapel pin. He stated these events are bittersweet, losing long-serving officers, but at the same time, they have a happy retirement for which to look forward.

Police Chief Pedro Casiano thanked the retirees, adding that it has been his honor to serve as chief during a portion of their career.

Captain Lene Bowers thanked her family and friends for their support and wished all future first responders good luck and urged them to stay safe.

Lieutenant Christopher Landi reminisced about his high school football days and the support and encouragement provided by then Vineland High School football assistant coach, now City Clerk, Keith Petrosky. He hoped that during his police career he was able to be a similar positive influence and make a difference to people who were perhaps not having their best day.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING STEPHEN STROZYK UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2024.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15, 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. 2024-16, 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 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16, 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. 2024-17, RESOLUTION SETTING THE RATE TO BE COLLECTED BY LEVYING A FEE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ELIGIBLE SOLID WASTE, INCLUDING DESIGNATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-17, 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. 2024-18, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FUNDING FOR ROMANO PARK COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS (#0614-21-009) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR SAME.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18, 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. 2024-19, A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE LIST OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WHO HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) BENEFITS FOR THE YEAR 2023.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-19, 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. 2024-20, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANT PROPERTY FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 (a).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-20, 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. 2024-21, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE INTER-LOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS), A DIVISION OF REGION 8 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CONTRACTS OF THE SYSTEM'S VENDORS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21, 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. 2024-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE TO THE PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2024 ANNUAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22, 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. 2024-23, A RESOLUTION 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-23, 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. 2024-24, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-24, 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. 2024-25, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO EDMUNDS GOVTECH, NORTHFIELD, NJ, FOR EDMUNDS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,593.06.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25, 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. 2024-26, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PROPHOENIX CORPORATION, MOORESTOWN, NJ, FOR ANNUAL SOFTWARE SERVICE MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPHOENIX SOFTWARE SUITE OF APPLICATIONS UTILIZED BY THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-26, 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. 2024-27, A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO WATER REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY LLC, WESTMINSTER, CO FOR FURNISHING Z-88 RADIUM REMOVAL MEDIA REPLACEMENT AT THE EXISTING WELL NO. 2 WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$319,800.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27, 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. 2024-28, 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. 2024-28, 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. 2024-29, 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. 2024-29, 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. 2024-30, A RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 PENDING FINAL ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-30, 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. 2024-31, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CALENDAR YEAR 2023 RESERVE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-31, 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. 2024-32, 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. 2024-32, 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 a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci appointing, with the advice and consent of City Council, Albert J. Fisher as Alternate No. 1 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the vacant unexpired term commencing January 12, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2026, 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 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALBERT J. FISHER AS ALTERNATE NO. 1 OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33, 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. 2024-34, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-194 TO INCLUDE THE AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VINELAND AND LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE \$100,000 LOCAL RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT 2021 AWARD FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO BE USED TO FUND A PORTION OF THE COST TO EXTEND SEWERAGE LINES TO FIOCCHI FIELD, THE TOTAL COST OF WHICH IS \$132,288.22.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34, 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. 2024-35, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ORIGINAL, RENEWAL AND/OR TRANSFER TAXICAB LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2024.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-35, 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. 2024-36, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR THE PROVISION OF THE CODE BLUE WARMING CENTER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36, 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. 2024-37, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MEMBERS TO THE VARIOUS FIRE COMPANIES OF THE VINELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-37, 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. 2024-38, 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, 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-38, 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 regular meeting at 6:47 P.M.

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

City Council recesses to conduct the Closed Meeting authorized by Resolution 2024-38.

The President entertains a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Acosta, to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:11 P.M.

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-39, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SIEMENS EXPENSES FOR PARTS AND SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LONG TERM SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR UNIT 11 AND CLAYVILLE GENERATING STATIONS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-39, 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 a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci appointing, with the 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.

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 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-40, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW GROETSCH AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-40, 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 a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci re-appointing Richard Scarpa as a Recreation Commission member retroactive to September 16, 2023 and expiring September 14, 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 Clerk presented a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci re-appointing Dennis Ingraldi as a member of the Vineland Downtown Improvement District Board of Directors retroactive to January 1, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2027, 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 re-appointing Daniel Peretti as a member of the Recreation Commission retroactive to September 16, 2022 and expiring September 14, 2027, 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 re-appointing Mike Mainiero to the Vineland Public Library Board of Trustees for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2029, 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 re-appointing Nilsa Rosario as the Class II member of the Planning Board commencing January 5, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2024, 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 re-appointing David Catalana as a CLASS IV member of the Planning Board commencing January 1, 2024 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 Clerk presented a motion to refer to the Planning Board a request to amend the Center City Redevelopment Plan at Block 4001, Lot 25.1, 27 South East Boulevard so as to convert an existing community center to a community center and church and request findings of fact and recommendations thereto.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the motion as presented by the Clerk be referred to the Planning Board.

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 motion to refer to the Planning Board a request to amend the Center City Redevelopment Plan at Block 3016, Lot 17, 726 East Wood Street so as to convert an existing church to a restaurant and grocery store and request findings of fact and recommendations thereto.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the motion as presented by the Clerk be referred to the Planning Board.

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 the retirees and commented that he would like to see more supervisors, department heads, and co-workers present at retirement ceremonies. He also thanked the Petway Safety Patrol for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Acosta congratulated the retirees. He stated that the Petway students seemed to enjoy their visit here tonight. He also noted NBA Philadelphia 76er Joel Embiid's accomplishment of setting a 76er scoring record of 68 points in one game.

Councilman Vargas congratulated the retirees. He also thanked the road department and the way they performed as the reason he received a lot of positive feedback after the recent snow storms.

Councilman Spinelli congratulated the retirees. He also congratulated the road department for their efforts with the recent snow storms. He has also received positive feedback relating to the trash collection. He reminded everyone that Landis Theater has concerts scheduled for the weekends and their restaurant is open.

President Arthur congratulated the retirees. She thanked the Petway Patriots for leading the Pledge. She also thanked Mayor Fanucci for his State of the City address last week with the Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce. She thanked Vineland's citizens and the road department.

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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
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk