

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman David Acosta was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

President Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy 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 asked about the Broadband Utility Ordinance and its costs. He mentioned the County how he heard it was going to cost millions of dollars to build and maintain. He then questioned validity of Jersey First who was in opposition to the Ordinance. The City believes they are a lobbyist for Comcast.

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

Resolution No. 2024-75 was revised to correct a typographical error in the title and correct the year in the header. Resolution No. 2024-91 was added to the Agenda which "Authorizes The Execution of a Grant Application For Grant Funding From the Department of Community Affairs to Pursue a Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) for the Development of Pickle Ball Courts."

Councilman Franceschini reported that the current Covid-19 status is 'medium.' He also stated that he is working with Associate Solicitor Barse on an amended AED ordinance. He also announced that a special planning board meeting is scheduled for February 29 for the new golf course development. Finally, he requested that a new use agreement relating to Gonzalez Park be prepared, if the current one cannot be located by the end of March.

Councilman Spinelli stated that Vineland is hosting a Karaoke night at the Greenview Inn at Eastlyn Golf Course on Friday March 15, 2024. It is open and free for all. He also mentioned VDID met and passed new bylaws. They also approved job descriptions and they are looking for an administrative assistant.

President Dr. Arthur mentioned she participated in Read Across America recently and saw the Mayor leaving as she was walking in to Petway School. She mentioned to consider contributing one's time to the cause as it's very rewarding and eventful for the children.

President Dr. Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk