

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 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 (*arrived at 6:03 p.m.*)  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor  
Greg Gallo, Business Administrator Staff  
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.

Kathy Williamson, Anthony Scott and Albert Porter were present from the Vineland African American Community Development Corporation. Their presence was again about the Carl Arthur Recreation Center, and the continuing issues with sharing the facility with the Boys & Girls Club day care facility. Ms. Williamson was upset that the promised meeting with Administrator Dickenson has never happened yet. They focused on what they contend to be the original purpose of the building – recreational activities for the impoverished members of the community. They provided a letter signed by many local pastors urging that the building be returned to recreational use. Additionally, they raised issues regarding the poor conditions at the building citing the need for maintenance and renovation.

City Council members agreed that the facility needs attention, and requested that regular updates be provided when work is done. There also seems to be a disconnect regarding who controls the building...the Recreation Commission or Administration.

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

Ordinance 2024-22, appropriating \$450,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to supplement the \$847,500 appropriated by bond ordinance 2017-61, finally adopted September 12, 2017, of the city for park improvements at Burnt Mill Pond and the design of the historic foot bridge, was added.

Resolution 2024-92 to introduce the calendar year 2024 municipal budget of the City of Vineland, was amended to include the word 'municipal' in the title. Resolution 2024-94, authorizing the issuance of an amendatory supplemental change order no. 1 to contract no. C23-0114, issued to Capri Construction Co., Inc., Vineland, NJ, in the amount of \$15,803.41, was amended to correct the dollar amount in the body of the resolution. The resolution providing for the transfer of certain calendar year 2023 reserve budget appropriations balances, was removed. Resolution 2024—106 was assigned to a resolution approving the 2024 annual roster of volunteers to the Office of Emergency Management. The annual report for the year 2023 from the Tax Collector was added.

The Clerk reminded Council members that Mayor Fanucci will be presenting the 2024 calendar year municipal budget tonight.

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