

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 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
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 from Vineland asked about the NJ Anchor Property freeze and how many people do and/or do not know it even exists. He suggested something to notify seniors this is available to them. This is similar to the Gold Star Families. Both Solicitor Tonetta and Administrator Bob Dickenson advised programs are advertised on the Vineland App.

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

Ordinance No. 2024-23 was removed from the Agenda. Resolutions No.'s 2024-111, 112, 113, and 114 were all amended changing the title and body to reject all bids. Resolution No. 2024-127 was added which authorizes the issuance of a Limousine License for the 2024 year. Resolution No. 2024-128 was added by Sue Baldosaro which make temporary emergency appropriations for the calendar year 2024 pending final adoption of the calendar year 2024 budget. A 2023 Annual Report from the Vineland Environmental Commission was added by Chairperson Diane Amico.

Councilman Franceschini asked Administrator Dickenson the status of the snapshot of the Infoshare project. He also mentioned a new AED Ordinance is forthcoming after some changes.

Councilman Vargas noted various little baseball park openings in the coming weeks of April. He asked Council to let him know if any other members attend a particular park as to not inadvertently violate the Sunshine Law.

Councilman Spinelli remarked of the upcoming Cruise Down Memory Lane coming in June.

Following privilege of the floor, Dr. Arthur allowed City Planner, Kathleen Hicks, to provide comment and explanatory statements concerning the renovation of 834 E. Elmer Street. Staff conducted their due diligence and put to rest a potential parking issue. Councilman Spinelli and Solicitor Tonetta mentioned the City strives for home ownership and a problem is that these homes are bought by investors rather than single family homeowners because of their size. The City should be very cautious with converting these homes to tri and quadraplexes. Solicitor Tonetta stated the City should take a stronger look at these applications for conversions.

The Deputy Clerk reminded Council members that the April 2nd, 2024 work session will begin with the Quarterly Board of Health meeting at 5:30 P.M.

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

Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk