

REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 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  
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety  
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

The President introduced and welcomed students from the Compass Academy who led the Pledge of Allegiance:

- Sanai Thomas
- Abigail Cruz
- Luca J. Lopez
- Aliyah Bowman
- Dayra Garcia Lopez
- Sahirie Veloz
- Amirah Martin

The Deputy 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;
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 March 12; and the Work Session of March 19 be approved as submitted.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS;

Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy 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.

There being no one to be heard, the Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (ANALYST TRAINEE), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS;

Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18.

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. 2024-18 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS;      Councilman Acosta  
   Councilman Franceschini  
   Councilman Spinelli  
   Councilman Vargas  
   President Dr. Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18 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, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS;  
   Councilman Acosta  
   Councilman Franceschini  
   Councilman Spinelli  
   Councilman Vargas  
   President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Deputy Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-19, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR AMUSEMENT GAMES AND FIXING ANNUAL LICENSE FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C. 13:3-1.5(a) (2), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-19 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS;      Councilman Acosta  
   Councilman Franceschini  
   Councilman Spinelli  
   Councilman Vargas  
   President Dr. Arthur

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-19.

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. 2024-19 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS;      Councilman Acosta  
   Councilman Franceschini  
   Councilman Spinelli  
   Councilman Vargas  
   President Dr. Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-19 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, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS;      Councilman Acosta  
   Councilman Franceschini  
   Councilman Spinelli  
   Councilman Vargas  
   President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-19 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Deputy Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-19 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-20, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS AND RELATED DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,750,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-20 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-20.

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. 2024-20 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-20 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, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS;  
Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-20 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Deputy Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-20 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21, ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$850,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21.

There being no one to be heard, he President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21 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.



The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-110, 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. 2024-110 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-111, RESOLUTION REJECTING BID TO PURCHASE 729 S. SEVENTH STREET, BLOCK 4903, Lot 17.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-111 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-112, RESOLUTION REJECTING BID TO PURCHASE 757 S. EAST AVENUE, BLOCK 5010, Lot 13.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-112 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-113, RESOLUTION REJECTING BID TO PURCHASE 609 S. SIXTH STREET, BLOCK 4115, Lot 21.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-113 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-114, RESOLUTION REJECTING BID TO PURCHASE 710 S. EIGHTH STREET, BLOCK 4903, Lot 7.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-114 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

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The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-115, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SALE OF BLOCK 2401, LOT 3 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. 2024-115 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-116, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SALE OF BLOCK 3006, LOT 3 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. 2024-116 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-117, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PENNONI ASSOCIATES INC., HADDON HEIGHTS, NJ FOR TECHNICAL ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-117 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-118, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. C23-0082 ISSUED TO NACOM COMPANIES, INC., RUNNEMEDE, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,647.09.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-118 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-119, A RESOLUTION AWARDED AN OPEN-END CONTRACT TO USIC LOCATING SERVICES, LLC, INDIANAPOLIS, IN, FOR LOCATING & MARKING OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC FACILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$112,450.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-119 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-120, A RESOLUTION AWARDING AN OPEN-END CONTRACT TO CTX INFRASTRUCTURE, HAMMONTON, NJ FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,041.50.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-120 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-121, A RESOLUTION CANCELING OUTDATED CHECKS ISSUED BY THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-121 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-122, 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. 2024-122 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-123, 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. 2024-123 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-124, 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. 2024-124 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-125, A RESOLUTION APPROVING 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. 2024-125 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-127, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LIMOUSINE LICENSES FOR 2024.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-127 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-128, 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. 2024-128 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS; Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented, the 2023 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE VINELAND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION and requested the report be received and filed.

The Deputy Clerk presented, REPORTS FROM THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 and requested the report be received and filed.

Councilman Franceschini extended thoughts and prayers for the victims of the Francis Scott Key involved in the Bridge collapse this morning in Baltimore MD which he remarked which was one crazy accident and he never saw a bridge collapse that quickly.

Councilman Acosta similarly remarked he had driven over this bridge many times and he couldn't comprehend the devastation.

Councilman Spinelli wanted to publicly thank Public Works Director, Jim Neher and his department for a fantastic job of managing an enormous amount of rain over the past week. Flooding was very minimal thankfully to the preparation by the Public Works department.

Dr. Arthur thanked the Compass Academy students for their assistance in the Pledge of Allegiance. She also congratulated the City's Astronaut trainer Mario Antonio Romero who will be attending a special ceremony at City Hall on April 4, 2024 at 6 P.M. She also noted there will be an Easter Egg Hunt held by Special Events Coordinator Sheena Santiago Saturday at Giampetro Park.



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The President 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 Dr. Arthur

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Deputy City Clerk