

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 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 Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Greg Gallo, Business Administration Staff
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works
Sheena Santiago, Special Events Coordinator

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.

Steve Lewis asked what entity is the recipient of the 6% interest charged to property owners in sewer assessment projects like the one at Cavallo Drive. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the city would receive it. Sometimes projects like that are bonded, so the interest can help with those fees.

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

The Clerk reminded Council members that the amendment of the 2024 Calendar Year municipal budget will be opened for a public hearing tonight. Just before the public hearing the amendment has to read in its entirety.

Resolution 2024-153, authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement by and between the Bohlin Group, Matawan, NJ and the City of Vineland for representation and consulting in regard to transportation, logistics and infrastructure matters, was revised. Resolution 2024-163, designating OceanFirst Bank N.A. as an approved depository for municipal funds for collateral funds and appointing the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer as signatories thereon, was added. Resolution 2024-164, authorizing signors on the City of Vineland collateral funds savings account with OceanFirst Bank, was added. Resolution 2024-165, awarding a contract to River Front Recycling & Aggregate, LLC, Lumberton, NJ for 2024 citywide drainage improvements, in the amount of \$487,704.42, was added. A communication from Mayor Fanucci reappointing Rick Dixon to the VDID Board, was added.

Councilman Vargas announced a NJ Fishing Clinic at Giampietro Park on May 22 between 1 – 4 p.m.

Councilman Spinelli reported that the VDID is working on the downtown cruise scheduled in June.

Councilman Acosta asked about the Harm Reduction Center issue. Solicitor Tonetta explained that it is a euphemism for a needle exchange program. It was a disaster in Atlantic City, but the Governor changed the terminology. The problem with the current proposal is that the AIDS Alliance wants to do it at their facility near the YMCA, and also within the Drug-Free School Zone. Solicitor Tonetta was directed by the Mayor to find a way prevent it. Zoning seems to be a way. Councilman Spinelli observed that if we have to do it, the proposed location is the wrong place.

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

Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk