

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

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. was absent.

Also present were:

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

The President introduced and welcomed students from Dr. John H. Winslow School who led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Adam	Adrielle Bianca	Bryce	Kennedy
Khushi	Nola	Thalia	

The students posed for photographs with City Council members and were presented with gift bags. President Arthur thanked the students for participating.

The 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 Spinelli, that the 2024 minutes of the Pre-Meeting Conference, and Regular meeting of April 9; and the Work Session of April 16 be approved as submitted.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The 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.

President Arthur recognized the Boy Scouts in attendance.

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04, AUTHORIZING PILOT AGREEMENTS FOR PROJECT TAX EXEMPTION, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23 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 to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23 by title and declared that with a vote of four yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-24, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-25, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CENTER CITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 5203 OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF VINELAND SO AS TO AMEND BLOCK 4004 LOT 7, 834 EAST ELMER STREET, CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 6637 OF THE PLANNING BOARD, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-24 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-24.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-24 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-24 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 to be heard, the Clerk called the roll:  
YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur  
NAYS: Councilman Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-24 by title and declared that with a vote of three yeas, and one nay this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-24 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE No. 2024-25, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 266).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE No. 2024-26, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-43, CHAPTER 647, ARTICLE VIII ENTITLED CANNABIS SALES TRANSFER AND USER TAXES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-26 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented the Amendment to the Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget, which is ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the Amendment to the Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk read the Amendment to the Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget in its entirety.

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on the Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the Public Hearing on the Amendment to the Calendar Year 2024 Municipal Budget be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-150, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET AS AMENDED OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-150 be adopted according to law.

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

Councilman Spinelli thanked Chief Financial Officer Susan Baldosaro and her staff for their work on the budget.

There being no further discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-151, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO CONTRACT NO. 23-0073, ISSUED TO MATHIS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., LITTLE EGG HARBOR, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,599.45.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-151 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-152, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 23-0078, ISSUED TO ARTHUR J. OGREN, INC., VINELAND, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,449.19.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-152 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-153, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOHLIN GROUP, MATAWAN, NEW JERSEY AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTING IN REGARD TO TRANSPORTATION, LOGISTICS AND INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-153 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-154, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-154 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-155, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARGE AGAINST VARIOUS LAND FOR LAND CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGE TO BECOME A LIEN UPON SUCH LAND AND TO BE ADDED TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND LEVIED UPON SUCH LAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-155 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-156, RESOLUTION APPROVING FORGIVABLE LOAN(S) FROM FIRST GENERATION ENTERPRISE ZONE FUNDS FOR PROJECT BEAUTIFY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-156 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-157, A RESOLUTION CANCELING A PORTION OF THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-157 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-158, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REFUND OF TAXES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-158 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-159, A RESOLUTION DETERMINING AND DIRECTING THE FORECLOSURE OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE(S) PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.71.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-159 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-160, 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 Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-160 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-161, 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 Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-161 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-162, 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 Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-162 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-163, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCEANFIRST BANK N.A. AS AN APPROVED DEPOSITORY FOR MUNICIPAL FUNDS FOR COLLATERAL FUNDS AND APPOINTING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AS SIGNATIRES THEREON.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-163 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-164, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNORS ON THE CITY OF VINELAND COLLATERAL FUNDS SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH OCEANFIRST BANK.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-164 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-165, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO RIVER FRONT RECYCLING & AGGREGATE, LLC, LUMBERTON, NJ, FOR 2024 CITYWIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$487,704.42.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2023-165 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci reappointing Rick Dixon to the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for the term of 3 years retroactive to January 1, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2026, and requested it be received and filed.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the communication as presented by the Clerk be received and filed.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented reports from the various departments for the month of March 2024, and requested they be received and filed.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that the reports as presented by the Clerk be received and filed.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The President asked if any Council members wished to be heard.

Councilman Spinelli commented that it was good to see the Boy Scouts here tonight, and we all understand the hard work they do. He mentioned that concerts continue at the Landis Theater and the annual car cruise on Landis Avenue is coming up in June.

Councilman Vargas also noted that it was nice to see the Boy Scouts here tonight.

President Arthur thanked the Boy Scouts from Troop 2 for attending and invited them up for a photograph with City Council members.

There being no further comments, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, to adjourn the meeting.

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The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

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Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
City Clerk