

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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

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.

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

Ordinance 2024-33, bond ordinance providing for safety improvements to and the rehabilitation of Chestnut Avenue in and by the City of Vineland, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, appropriating \$27,500,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,225,000 bonds or notes of the city to finance part of the cost thereof, was added. The title of Resolution 2024-231 was revised slightly, which now reads, a resolution amending Resolution 2023-248, a resolution authorizing the execution of an Enterprise Zone Assistance grant application for a new commercial/retail building and authorizing the execution of a grant application amendment and grant agreement for grant funding for renovations of an existing commercial/retail building.

Typographical errors were corrected in the title and body of Resolution 2024-232, which now reads, a resolution authorizing the payment for services rendered for emergency services by ABS Welding and Construction in the amount of \$7,533.00 without competitive bidding. Resolution 2024-251, a resolution authorizing the issuance of an amendatory supplemental change order No. 3 to contract no. 23-0078, issued to Arthur J. Ogren, Inc., Vineland, NJ in the amount of \$50,501.37, was added.

A communication from Mayor Fanucci appointing Jameson Afanador as Alternate No.2, and Cedric Holmes as Alternate No. 3 to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was added. Councilman Franceschini questioned if Mr. Holmes, as a sitting member of the Board of Education, is permitted to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Solicitor Tonetta responded that Board of Education members are not permitted to serve on the Planning Board, but he will research the matter further as it relates to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Resolution 2024-252, ratifying and confirming the appointment of Jameson Afanador as Alternate No. 2 and Cedric Holmes as Alternate No. 3 to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was added. Resolution 2024-253, amending Resolution 2024-33, "a resolution ratifying and confirming the appointment of Albert J. Fisher as Alternate No. 1 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment," to correct the term expiration date, was added.

Resolution 2024-255, authorizing contract awards to various state contract vendors and through the regional cooperative agreement with Educational Services Commission of NJ for furniture for the new fire station, was added.

A motion to refer a request to the Planning Board to consider an amendment to the Center City Redevelopment Plan so as to allow the construction and operation of a 3,000 square foot steel building for a food pantry and meeting space by the addition of a second floor on the eastern side of the existing church and construction of a two story addition in front thereof located at 40 West Landis Avenue in the Plaza Commercial District and B-4 Business Zone and provide findings of fact and recommendations thereto, was added.

Councilman Franceschini reported that he trained the public health nurses in CPR at the Sr. Citizen's Center. He also noted that facility does not have an AED. Future budget funding is being considered for AED equipment in police vehicles.

Councilman Vargas noted that the Gold Star rededication at Landis Park is scheduled for July 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. He also reported that the Plum Street swimming pool is coming along and will be opened when schools let out.

Councilman Spinelli asked about municipal alliance funding. Councilman Franceschini briefly explained that the Southwest Council and PAL are to organizations, but more of an explanation will be given at the quarterly board of health meeting in July. Councilman Spinelli reported that the VDID car cruise was relatively successful. The premier of the "Wedding Zombie" movie will be on Thursday at the Landis Theater. The Landis Theater is also going to be home to a brewery in the restaurant. The food truck festival is planned for September and plans are underway for the Olde Fashioned Christmas event.

President Arthur noted that graduation ceremonies are next Tuesday for both Vineland High School and the Cumberland Technical Education Center. She also stated the Juneteenth ceremony is scheduled for next Wednesday, June 19 on the steps of City Hall.

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

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk