

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 (*arrived at 6:06 p.m.*)
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
Greg Gallo, Business Administrator's Staff
Richard G. Franchetta, EJD, RMC, Director of the Fire Department
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works
Maryanne Wolf, Clerk's Office Legal Secretary
Sheena Santiago, Special Events Coordinator (*arrived at 6:11 p.m.*)

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 and June 18, 2024 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 the agenda changes and additions. Corrections to the title and body were made on Ordinance 2024-47, amending Ordinance 2022-89, as amended, Chapter 266, Article I, Section 266-3 of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Licensing, Applications, Qualifications and standards. The title was amended on Ordinance 2024-48, amending Ordinance 2021-29, Chapter 620, Article III, Section 620-7 of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Responsibility for solid waste and recycling collection removal and disposal. Ordinance 2024-50, an ordinance in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-4 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 approving easement agreements accepting grants of easements for the purpose of constructing drainage easements, was added. The resolution recognizing Rafael Lopez upon retiring from public service effective August 1, 2024, was re-assigned to be number 2024-363.

Resolution 2024-364, a resolution amending Resolution No. 2023-543 to comply with the provisions of the Department of Community Affairs for the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant, was added. Resolution 2024-365, authorizing the execution of a grant application for grant funding for Vineland Fire Station #2 from the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant to provide first responders with proper protective and cleaning equipment, protect against the strain of emergency fire requests and maintain proper virus protection, was added. Resolution 2024-366, authorizing the execution of a grant application for grant funding for Vineland Fire Station #3 from the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant to provide first responders with proper protective and cleaning equipment, protect against the strain of emergency fire requests and maintain proper virus protection, was added. Resolution 2024-367, authorizing the execution of a grant application for grant funding for Vineland Fire Station #4 from the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant to provide first responders with proper protective and cleaning equipment, protect against the strain of emergency fire requests and maintain proper virus protection, was added. Resolution 2024-368, authorizing the execution of a grant application for grant funding for Vineland Fire Station #5 from the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant to provide first responders with proper protective and cleaning equipment, protect against the strain of emergency fire requests and maintain proper virus protection, was added. Resolution 2024-369, authorizing the execution of a grant application for grant funding for Vineland Fire Station #6 from the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant to provide first responders with proper protective and cleaning equipment, protect against the strain of emergency fire requests and maintain proper virus protection, was added.

Resolution 2024-370, authorizing electronic tax sale and cost of mailing, was added. Resolution 2024-371, approving an employment agreement with Pedro Casiano, Chief of Police, from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 4A:4-1.6(b)(3), was added. Resolution 2024-372, approving an employment agreement with Steven Triantos, Deputy Chief of Police, from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 4A:4-1.6(b)(3), was added.

Councilman Franceschini asked about the status of PPE for any upcoming pandemic. Director Franchetta responded that the inventory is monitored and that a report will be forthcoming. Councilman Franceschini also reminded everyone that their CPR certification expires in September. A date for recertification training will be arranged.

Councilman Vargas reported that new plaques have been ordered for a playground and the dog park. North Vineland Little League has a new president. The Soccer Association requested new lighting for some fields and the costs and logistics are being explored. The issue of fingerprinting youth league coaches is also under scrutiny. IDs have been discussed. It was noted that part of the Recreation Director's job is to ensure compliance with fingerprinting and background investigation of youth league coaches.

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