

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 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 6:02 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
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works (*arrived at 6:02 p.m.*)

President Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy 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 from Vineland presented City Council with a photograph plaque of the Gold Star Mother in Landis Park for all their work and dedication and restoring area of remembrance. Mr. Lewis requested the plaque be hung in the Caucus Room.

There being no one else to be heard, the Deputy Clerk reviewed the agenda changes and additions. Resolution No. 2024-383 was revised by City Solicitor Richard P. Tonetta, Esq. to correct the "not to exceed" language in the body of the resolution. Resolution No. 2024-404, A Resolution Awarding An Open-End Contract To Integrated Power Services, LLC, Philadelphia, PA For The Rigging Motor Overhaul & Services (Unit 11) In The Amount Of \$98,600.00 was added by Business Administrator, Bob Dickenson. Resolution No. 2024-405 which appoints Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, A Member Of City Council, To The Planning Board (Class III), Filling The Unexpired Term Of Councilman David Acosta, Who Resigned was added by City Council President, Dr. Arthur.

Councilman Franceschini remarked how well EMS and Fire Station 5 did on the recent accidents in the eastern part of the City. He remarked that nationwide, 4 wheelers and ATVs on roadways are a problem and must be dealt with. He lamented there must be another alternative than people dying.

Councilman Vargas, as a retired police officer, mentioned officers' hands are tied by the laws of Trenton. He suggested maybe some type of surveillance to see where these bikes are coming from. He asked about drone using for surveillance and confiscation. Solicitor Tonetta responded that the City has confiscated some bikes and they have been sold. One issue is that law enforcement cannot chase a vehicle unless they were involved with a 1st/2nd degree crime and the public knows that. Councilman Spinelli added that these 4 wheelers and bike riders ride along side your vehicle and/or play "chicken" as they ride head-on towards vehicles only maneuvering at the last second.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk