

REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.  
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were:

Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator  
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor  
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works  
Sheena Santiago, Special Events Coordinator

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Franceschini, that the 2024 Minutes of the Pre Meeting Conference, and Regular meeting of August 27; and the Work Session of September 3, 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 Franceschini  
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.

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51 be closed.

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

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE No. 2024-52, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (INVESTIGATOR LAW DEPARTMENT PART TIME).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, September 24, 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-406, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-406 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-407, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-407 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-408, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-408 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-409, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-409 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-410, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-410 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-411, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-411 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-412, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-412 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-413, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM A COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,231.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-413 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-414, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FOR STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$369,494.35 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-414 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-415, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN OPEN-ENDED CONTRACT TO RICHARD E. PIERSON MATERIALS, CORP., BRIDGEPORT, NJ FOR SUPPLYING AND DELIVERING VOC-COMPLIANT HIGH PERFORMANCE COLD PATCH THROUGH THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM, IDENTIFIER #181-CCCCPS BID #24-26.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-415 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-416, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN OPEN-ENDED CONTRACT TO SOUTH STATE INC., BRIDGETON, NJ FOR SUPPLYING AND LAYING HOT MIX ASPHALT THROUGH THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM, IDENTIFIER #181-CCCCPS BID #24-28.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-416 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-417, A RESOLUTION AWARDING AN OPEN-END CONTRACT TO EUROFINS ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING PHILADELPHIA, LLC, HORSHAM, PA FOR WATER UTILITY REGULATORY WATER SAMPLING, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$167,909.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-417 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-418, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-418 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-419, A RESOLUTION APPROVING VINELAND REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS FOR CCS DEVELOPMENT, LLC (OR ASSIGNS).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-419 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-420, 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 Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-420 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-421, 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 Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-421 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-422, A RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$369,494.35.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-422 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-423, 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 Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-423 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-424, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC, AN EXELON COMPANY (ACE), AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR A STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY ACE TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC CAPACITY TO 4087 SOUTH LINCOLN AVENUE AND THE EXECUTION OF A CORRESPONDING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN NORTHEAST PRECAST LLC AND THE CITY OF VINELAND TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SAID FEASIBILITY STUDY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-424 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-425, 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 Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-425 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-426, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FY 2024 LOCAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VINELAND, CITY OF MILLVILLE, CITY OF BRIDGETON AND COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND FOR SUCH FUNDING.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-426 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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to refer to the City of Vineland Planning Board a request to amend the Center City Redevelopment Plan so as to allow the conversion of a certain property located at Block 3018 Lot 10, 544 E. Wood Street, Vineland from a vacant law/professional office and storage area on the first floor with two residential units on the second floor to a commercial use/barber shop and apartment on the first floor and two residential units on the second floor and to present findings of fact and recommendations thereto.

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 Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

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

Councilman Spinelli congratulated Sheena Santiago for organizing two very successful events last weekend. He also noted the work done by the Department of Public Works employees. This Saturday at Giampietro Park is the Taylor Swift tribute band concert.

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President Arthur offered a reminder that the September 11 memorial ceremony will be tomorrow, beginning at 5 p.m. right here in City Council Chambers.

The President 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

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Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
City Clerk