

SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
4:05 P.M.

The Special 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: Alan Giebner, City Associate Solicitor

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on September 16, 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;
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 asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard.

Attorney Lou Maggazu from the office of the Weiner Law Group presented a binder along with Special Council Damon Tyner, Esq. for the Cannabis applicant Bud Bazaar and provided a summary of interaction with the City and plead their case for a six-month extension for their Class V retail cannabis license. Councilman Spinelli asked what was anticipated turnaround time from hearing from State to which Mr. Maggazu responded indicating he believed 6 months was a good estimate.

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-427, RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-432, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS V ANNUAL CANNABIS RETAIL LICENSE TO BUD BAZAAR LLC, VINELAND, NEW JERSEY, SO AS TO GRANT A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SAID RESOLUTION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-427 be adopted according to law.

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

Councilman Spinelli mentioned to counsel to please not wait until the last minute if there ever needs an extension therefore the City can rightfully accommodate all needs.

There being no further discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-428, RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-434, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS II ANNUAL CANNABIS MANUFACTURING LICENSE TO WISECO NJ, LLC, VINELAND, NEW JERSEY, SO AS TO GRANT A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SAID RESOLUTION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-428 be adopted according to law.

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

Councilman Spinelli asked Special Council Tyner if WiseCo have a host agreement in their hands. He stated WiseCo does have an agreement they are reviewing as well as Bud Bazaar as of today. Both entities have yet to come before the Planning Board said Tyner but are pending in the next month. Councilman Spinelli speaking on the behalf of the City Committee that the process to open continues to move forward.

There being no further discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2024-429, RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2023-430, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS I ANNUAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION LICENSE TO SHIV LEELA NJ LLC SO AS TO GRANT A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SAID RESOLUTION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2024-429 be adopted according to law.

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

Councilman Spinelli asked where they were in the process. Mr. Tyner said they are scheduled for the November Planning Board meeting.

There being no further discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Dr. Arthur

The Deputy Clerk presented a position in support of extension binder from the law office of Weiner Law Group and requested the binder to be received and filed in the City Clerk's office.

With no council members asking for privilege of the floor, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, to adjourn the meeting.

the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Dr. Arthur

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 P.M.

Council President

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk