

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 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: Anthony R. Fanucci, Mayor
 Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
 Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
 Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
 H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

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.

Mayor Anthony Fanucci sincerely thanked Council for their hard continued work over the last four years. He said thank you doesn't really do it justice. He mentioned it was an interesting eight years actually and he really appreciated all councilmembers' commitment to the community as they all served with integrity and were by his side. He wished parting council members Acosta and Franceschini well in their future endeavors.

At 6:04 P.M. Steve Lewis from Vineland called Councilman Vargas's cell phone (pre-arranged) as he was out of the country but wanted to thank this City Council administration for all the work they have done for the city and citizens of Vineland. He particularly thanked parting members Councilmen Acosta and Franceschini and was grateful for their service to the community and for being a voice for the community. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and the call ended.

There being no one further to be heard, the Deputy Clerk reviewed the changes to the agenda since last week's work session.

Business Administration changed the title of Resolution No. 2024-637 to read, "A resolution rejecting the bids received on December 18, 2024 for interior renovations of 726 e. wood street."

The following resolutions were added on December 19, 2024 by Business Administration: Resolution No. 2024-640, "Resolution accepting a donation of funds from the county of Cumberland for the city of Vineland recreation division;" Resolution No. 2024-641, "Resolution approving a grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 to Vineland Code Blue to fit out 726 e. Wood Street for the purpose of providing community services to at-risk populations;" Resolution No. 2024-642, "A resolution approving participation in the 2025 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety;" Resolution No. 2024-643, "A resolution authorizing the cancellation of taxes for CY 2024 and CY 2025 for the reason recommended by the City of Vineland Tax Collector;" and Resolution No. 2024-644, "A resolution authorizing the issuance of an amendatory supplemental change order no. 2, in the amount of \$99,030.05 to professional services contract no. c23-0007, purchase order no. 23-04221, issued to CME Associates, Camden, NJ."

Parting member, Councilman Franceschini thanked everyone and was glad to be a part of the legislative process.

Parting member, Councilman Acosta remarked it was a real pleasure serving on City Council and he learned a lot from everyone. He thanked his family and friends and mentioned he really appreciated the opportunity and wonderful experience he had to do what he could for Vineland.

Councilman Vargas remarked that it has been a fantastic eight years. The Council members are all like family and he wishes those stepping down all the best and mentioned to please call if they ever need anything and honestly thanked them for their service. It is a lot of work.

Councilman Spinelli said it has been a good four years but he has known David for over forty years and it's always been a pleasure. He also thanked Ron for his work and what he has done and asked them both to take care of themselves and stay healthy.

President Dr. Arthur thanked Ron and David as they help her enter this current position. It was a pleasure with working with both of them. Councilman Franceschini interjected a story in that Acosta was advocating for Arthur to submit for City Council and Ron had to call Dr. Arthur and he mentioned how she initially failed to understand his dry sense of humor however at a luncheon where Ron dialed up the humor, she finally understood his demeanor.

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City Solicitor Tonetta mentioned he is going to miss them both. With David's calm voice and Ron's dry humor on council, they really had a good team and hopes the two new members properly fill those shoes. Tonetta said he's been involved in local government a long time and he lamented how much of an awarding council this has been and was very proud of the accomplishments and that works well with others.

President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting. The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Dr. Arthur

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk