

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025
5:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Paul F. Spinelli.

The following members were present at roll call:
Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
Councilmember Scott E. English
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.
Councilmember Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Maryanne Wolf, RMC, Legal Secretary, Municipal Clerk's Office
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

President Spinelli 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 11, 2024 by the Municipal 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 changes to the agenda since last week's work session. The Clerk reminded returning and new Councilmembers not to use cell phones during meetings, and since all email, both from city-owned devices and personal devices, dealing with city business may be subject to OPRA, the use of email to communicate should be strictly limited. Solicitor Tonetta also advised Councilmembers not to respond to any group email notice either, since they may violate the Open Public Meetings Act.

Resolution 2025-21 was amended to add a not-to-exceed amount in the title and now reads, a resolution awarding an open-end contract to Public Safety Unlimited, Barrington, NJ for the supply and delivery of police uniforms, in the amount not to exceed \$130,000.00. Resolution 2025-27, to amend and supplement Resolution No. 2021-641, entitled "A resolution authorizing an open-end contract to a State contract vendor, Morton Salt, Inc., Chicago, IL, for the supply and delivery of sodium chloride (Rock Salt), was added. Resolution 2025-28, authorizing the execution of a shared services agreement by and between the County of Cumberland and the City of Vineland for the provision of the Code Blue warming center, was added. Resolution 2025-29, canceling certain accounts payable items for the City of Vineland, was added. Resolution 2025-30, authorizing the issuance of original, renewal and/or transfer taxicab licenses for the year 2025, was added. Resolution 2025-31, authorizing the issuance of limousine licenses for 2025, was added.

President Spinelli referenced the motion requesting the Planning Board to provide findings and facts regarding an amendment to the Center City Redevelopment Plan relating to Block 3806, Lot 9, 112 South Third Street. He stated the developer now intends to open it up to more than just 'veterans only' as stated in the motion. Solicitor Tonetta advised City Council to remove the motion from this agenda until the intentions are clear.

Councilmember Vargas reported that there was a Recreation Commission meeting last night. He noted the opening of baseball registration, a beef & beer fundraiser at 5-Points, repairs to be made to the track at Romano Park, quotes to replace the Pagliughi Park playground equipment will soon be accepted, and he mentioned that he will be seeking advice from the legal department on an item discussed at the Recreation Commission meeting.

President Spinelli stated that the VDID board meets tomorrow morning.

The Clerk noted that Council members should advise the Clerk of any item on the Consent Agenda for which they will not be casting an affirmative vote. Furthermore, since the titles of the Consent Agenda resolutions are read at the work session or the pre-meeting conference, and also appear on the agenda, they will not be read individually during the regular meeting. Consent Agenda items will be approved by one motion and one vote, but will be spread

to memorialize the action taken in full in the minutes. Additionally, we will be using gender-neutral language on the dialogue sheet and in the minutes, now referencing governing body members as ‘councilmembers.’

President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Arthur, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Arthur
Councilmember English
Councilmember Gomez
Councilmember Vargas
President Spinelli

Paul F.
Spinelli
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk