

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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

President Spinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal Clerk noted his recollection from his selection in high school as one of two Vineland High School students selected to attend the American Legion New Jersey Boys State. He explained that a retired admiral shared thoughts about the flag that made a lasting impression. Imagine the white stripes as the sands of a beach, such as the D-Day invasion beaches of Normandy, France, and the red stripes as the blood of the many soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the defense of democracy. The blue field as reminiscent of the ocean, and also the deep blue sky, adorned with stars representing hope and an optimistic future.

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.

Steve Lewis asked if there was a status update concerning the SPCA for animal shelter services. Solicitor Tonetta reported that the report from the consultant is complete and in the hands of Mayor Fanucci. He said some discussions may be planned with the new Rowan University veterinary school. Mr. Lewis also asked if the city has been getting the money from cannabis licensees. Solicitor Tonetta responded that we have, and the host community agreements will also generate additional revenue.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed the changes to the agenda since last week's work session. Resolution 2025-79, authorizing the execution of a shared services agreement by and between the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office and the City of Vineland for the acquisition of automated license plate readers, was added.

Councilmember Arthur offered a reminder about the upcoming blood drive at the library and the rabies clinic at Cunningham Park.

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