

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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.

Steve Lewis read an article about Dr. Arthur’s involvement with an educational foundation and congratulated her. He also expressed congratulations to retiring Clerk Keith Petrosky.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed the changes to the agenda since last week’s work session. Ordinance No. 2025-18, an ordinance to amend and supplement Ordinance No. 8, which established the classification and compensation plans for the City of Vineland (Vineland Superior Officers Association {the VSOA}), was added. Resolution 2025-111, approving agreement with the Vineland Superior Officers Association from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, was added. Resolution 2025-112 commending the American Red Cross and designating March 2025 as ‘American Red Cross Month,’ was added.

Councilmember Arthur did note that March is Red Cross month.

Councilmember Vargas reported that there was a PAL board meeting and the new director introduced a new boxing coach.

President Spinelli stated that the PAL attorney is drafting a job description for the executive director. He noted that Public Safety Director Alicea has volunteered to assist with PAL. The PAL board will develop a 5-year plan and the goal is to make it a vibrant and effective program for kids. There was a meeting with Cumberland County about technology. The convention center at the former Amish Market should be ready in the Fall, as events are already being booked. The Olde Fashioned Christmas event will be reformatted to be an indoor event using the new convention center.

Councilmember English related a program at Delsea Regional High School for vocational programs, including encouraging police officer recruits.

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