

REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025  
5:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting 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:

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

The President asked the following Petway Safety Patrol students lead in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Ava Swain	Gabriella Vargo
Peyton O'Donnell	Gianna Rodriguez
Charlotte Gregor	Ava Kelley
Tidus Frelish	Loralai Torres
Mason Proquin	Harper Giordano

The City Clerk stated that Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 11, 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 entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the minutes of the Pre-Meeting Conference and Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025; and the Work Session of February 18, 2025; be approved as submitted.

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

There being none, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Arthur  
Councilmember English  
Councilmember Gomez  
Councilmember Vargas  
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-81, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LAURA GILROY UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2025.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-81 be adopted according to law.

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

There being none, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Arthur  
Councilmember English  
Councilmember Gomez  
Councilmember Vargas  
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-82, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ARMANDO PINEDA UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2025.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-82 be adopted according to law.

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

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There being none, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-83, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD G. FRANCHETTA, RMC, EJD, AS MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-83 be adopted according to law.

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

There being none, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Clerk administered the oath of office to Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD.

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-84, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARYANNE WOLF, RMC, AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur,, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-84 be adopted according to law.

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

There being none, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Clerk administered the oath of office to Maryanne Wolf, RMC.

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-85, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING KEITH PETROSKY UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2025.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-85 be adopted according to law.

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

There being none, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

Municipal Clerk Keith Petrosky, RMC handed a ceremonial “quill” and the meeting over to Municipal Clerk Designee Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD for an official transition of power from the retiring Municipal Clerk to the incoming Municipal Clerk.

The Deputy Clerk read the following: *Public comment provides an opportunity for members of the public to inform the governing body about their views. The governing body prescribes to City Council’s by-laws and the NJ Statutes on Open Public Meetings when engaging during public comment. As such, each individual shall have a 5-minute limit to comment; cannot yield time to another individual; may only approach the podium once during public comment for any one topic; vulgar/offensive language is prohibited; and City Council will not engage in dialogue with the public during this time. The governing body maintains model courtesy and respect and requires members of the public to do the same.*

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard.

Georgette Shelton, stated the City is making these health services unable to get to them by adopting Ordinance 2025-9 and stated the State of NJ just passed a law requiring municipalities make it easier to obtain services for opioid use disorder.

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Jeffrey Madelana from Vineland spoke concerning a water and sewer issue at his property on Cavallo Drive. He spoke of an easement adjoining his and a neighbor's property and that he mentioned the reason he was present because there is water coming onto his property and would like to work with the City to solve the problem. He closed with mentioning he understood the City took a different approach to the Cavallo Drive sewer extension and he believed that to be a bad idea.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 96-4, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 425, ARTICLE XV, SECTIONS 425-293 ENTITLED B-1 BUSINESS ZONE STANDARDS, SECTION 425-294 ENTITLED B-2 BUSINESS ZONE STANDARDS, SECTION 425-295 ENTITLED B-3 BUSINESS ZONE STANDARDS, 425-298 ENTITLED IN-1 INSTITUTIONAL ZONE STANDARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 6667 OF THE CITY OF VINELAND PLANNING BOARD, which was ready for a continued public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9 be taken up for a Continued Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9.

The following people spoke in person for both advocating and defeating the proposed ordinance. Sheila Hand from Bridgeton, David Antebi, landlord for Maryville and who is from West Long Branch, Teresa Anderson, Stephanie Mazzoni-Engle, Lee Ann Upshaw, Carolyn Rush, Bonnie Pantateo, Jennifer Webb-McCrae spoke on the zoning concerns of Ordinance #2025-9 asking where it will be allowed and who will benefit from this change. Because of the complexity of the issue, the President opted to continue the public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9 be continued to Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

Solicitor Tonetta then announced, due to the inclement weather prediction for Tuesday February 10, the City Council determined it to be best for the safety of all who wished to comment on proposed legislation, to allow public comment in person and electronically. After the public hearing on proposed Ordinance 2025-9 was continued, City Council opened and closed the public hearing on Ordinance 2025-10 and adopted the same. It was later learned that members of the public had appearing electronically but were inadvertently not recognized and therefore were not given the proper opportunity to comment on Ordinance 2025-10. As a consequence, and to give all of the public the opportunity to present comment on Ordinance 2025-10, City Council will "reconsider" Ordinance No. 2025-10, reopen the public hearing and again consider its merits to adopt or defeat the Ordinance.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur,, to "reconsider" Ordinance No. 2025-10, and reopen the public hearing.

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

There being none, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 96-4, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 425, ARTICLE XV, SECTION 425-270 ENTITLED WORD USAGE; DEFINITIONS TO CLARIFY THE TERM "OFFICE" AND "SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING OR TREATMENT CENTER" AND TO CONSIDER OTHER TYPES OF OFFICES AS DEFINED TERMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 6667 OF THE CITY OF VINELAND PLANNING BOARD, which was ready for reconsideration and a reopened public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

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The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10.

Teresa Anderson from Middle Township mentioned that this proposed is using terms which are stigmatizing and asked they be re-visited and reworked to use the proper disorder terminology.

Stephanie Mazzoni-Engle mentioned to be more consciences when looking at the definitions of the different offices that are being discussed. She stated that “all encompassing” terminology and definitions may be detrimental to how this continues to move forward.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10 be continued to Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 122 LOT, 1 AND BLOCK 122, LOT 3, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur,, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12.

There being none, the he President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12 be taken up for a Final Reading and adopted according to law.

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

There being none, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Deputy Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TO THE VINELAND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 AND APPROVING THE SALE OF SAID INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY BY VINELAND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55 B – 1 et seq, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

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The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13.

There being none, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur,, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13 be taken up for a Final Reading and adopted according to law.

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

There being none, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (VARIOUS TITLES OF I.B.E.W., LOCAL 210 UNIT 1, UNIT 2, UNIT 3, NON UNION 2, NON UNION 3 AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14.

There being none, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14 be taken up for a Final Reading and adopted according to law.

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

There being none, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Deputy Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

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The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (TENTATIVE TITLE LOCAL GOV'T 10103), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15.

There being none, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15 be taken up for a Final Reading and adopted according to law.

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

There being none, the Deputy Clerk called the roll:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Deputy Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE No. 2025-16, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (PUBLIC DEFENDER).

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

There being none, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE No. 2025-17, which was ready for a first reading.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (VINELAND POLICE CAPTAINS ASSOCIATION).

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

There being none, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read 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}).

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

There being none, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented [RESOLUTION NO. 2025-86](#), A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE VINELAND POLICE CAPTAINS ASSOCIATION FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-86 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-87, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00 FOR PHASE II OF THE BUILDING FAÇADE, LANDSCAPE, AND PARKING IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR URBAN ENTERPRISE SMALL BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-87 be adopted according to law.

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

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There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-88, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,660,000 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE LANDIS MARKETPLACE IN ORDER TO CREATE A CONVENTION CENTER IN THE DOWNTOWN THAT CAN BE UTILIZED FOR CONVENTIONS, EXPOSITIONS, FILM PRODUCTION AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-88 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented [RESOLUTION NO. 2025-89](#), A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF DISABILITY SERVICES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-89 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-90, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR 2025 BLOCK GRANT FUNDING.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-90 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-91, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY 2025 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT - "PUT THE PHONE AWAY OR PAY" FORMERLY KNOWN AS "U DRIVE, U TEXT, U PAY".

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-91 be adopted according to law.

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



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There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-92, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM BASS PRO SHOPS AND CABELA’S OUTDOOR FUND FOR THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT’S HOOKED ON FISHING EVENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-92 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-93, RESOLUTION EXERCISING OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT C22-0074 TO CINTAS CORP., ASHTON, PA, FOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PRODUCTS & SOLUTIONS (UNIFORM RENTAL & CLEANING).

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-93 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented [RESOLUTION NO. 2025-94](#), RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT C24-0085 TO CTX INFRASTRUCTURE, HAMMONTON, NJ FOR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING SERVICES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-94 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-95, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT C24-0083 TO K. MOOREA CO. LLC DBA, TRAFFIC PLAN, FARMINGDALE, NJ, FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-95 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
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The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-96, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT C23-0070 ISSUED FOR MEDICAL BILLING SERVICES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-96 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-97, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MONTROSE ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC., ROBBINSVILLE, NJ TO PROVIDE W4/T4 WEEKLY (26 VISITS) AND ON CALL AS NEEDED LICENSED OPERATOR SUPPORT THE WATER UTILITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,070.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-97 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-98, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS TO BROWN AND CONNERY, WESTMOUNT, NJ, UNDER CONTRACT NO. C25-0218 FOR PROFESSIONAL LABOR ATTORNEY SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT RELATED MATTERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025, IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-98 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-99, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE TO THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY FOR 2025-2026 ANNUAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-99 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-100, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS TO QBE SPECIALTY INSURANCE C/O SUMMIT RISK SERVICES, HORSHAM, PA FOR REIMBURSEMENTS DUE TO INSURANCE CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY THROUGH JIF/SUMMIT RISK FOR C.Y. 2025 FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-100 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-101, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SIEMENS ENERGY, HOUSTON, TX FOR SIEMENS PARTS AND SERVICES FOR UNIT 11 AND CLAYVILLE GENERATING STATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LONG TERM SERVICE AGREEMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-101 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-102, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PRINT & MAIL AT HARRIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NIAGARA FALLS, NY TO PROVIDE MANAGED PRINT AND MAIL SERVICES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-102 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-103, A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SOUTH STATE, INC., BRIDGETON, NJ FOR RESURFACING OF FREDDY LANE (CUL-DE-SAC TO W. FOREST GROVE ROAD), IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$182,669.98.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-103 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-104, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARGES AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR DEMOLITION OF UNFIT STRUCTURES, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 99-7, AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGES TO BECOME LIENS UPON SUCH LANDS AND TO BE ADDED TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND LEVIED UPON SUCH LANDS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-104 be adopted according to law.

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

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There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-105, A RESOLUTION IMPOSING LIENS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.12s3 AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR UNPAID PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SAID STATUTE AND VINELAND CITY CODE § 530-13.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-105 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-106, A RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 PENDING FINAL ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 BUDGET.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-106 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-107, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-107 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-108, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ORIGINAL, RENEWAL AND/OR TRANSFER TAXICAB LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2025.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-108 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

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The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-109, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS TO ISSUE VARIOUS ORIGINAL AND/OR RENEWAL LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2025.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-109 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-110, A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-110 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-111, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE VINELAND SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-111 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-112, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND DESIGNATING MARCH 2025 AS 'AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH.'

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-112 be adopted according to law.

The President read the verbiage of the resolution into the record then asked if there was any discussion by Councilmembers on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

The President asked if any Councilmembers wished to be heard.

Councilmember Dr. Arthur is working with the Red Cross to conduct a Blood Drive for sickle cell anemia in the month of March.

Councilmember Gomez thanked the students who participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Vargas also thanked the Safety Patrol for their participation. He also congratulated all the retirees and also Richard Franchetta and Maryanne Wolf on their new assignments. Vargas said Franchetta has some pretty big shoes to fill with the retiring of Keith Petrosky however they truly know he will handle it well.

Councilmember English congratulated the new Clerks and mentioned he knew Keith a long time and is true professional with his work. He wished the other retirees as well. He mentioned there will be an Irish Flag Raising on the steps of City Hall on Monday March 3, 2025 beginning at 11:00 AM. He then commented on those who spoke on Ordinance 2025-9 mentioning he appreciated getting educated on this and other subjects. He takes the time to do the research and said the public should do the same. Everyone is here trying to do what is best for Vineland.

President Spinelli asked Business Administrator Dickenson to coordinate with Licenses & Inspections to address and determine what is going on with Cavallo Drive in respect to Mr. Madelena’s concerns. He thanked everyone who came out and spoke on the issues. He stated collectively they understand and have researched the issues despite the public rumors and they are there to do what is best for the City as a whole. Council understands they are between a rock and a hard place on this issue. However, they will do what is best for the majority of the people in Vineland. Spinelli quelled a rumor that was stirring about the city trying to shut down these services. He said that was far from the truth and their intentions are to get these services in a place in town that will work for everyone. If passed, those non-conforming entities can stay exactly where they are located however, they will not be able to expand upon the services they provide.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, to adjourn the meeting.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilmember Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

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Paul F. Spinelli  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD  
Deputy Municipal Clerk