

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 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:

Greg Gallo, Assistant Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Maryanne Wolf, Deputy City Clerk
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works
Brenda Rodriguez, City Clerk's Office

The President asked the Gloria Sabater Elementary School students lead in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Michelina Buglio
Luca Buglio
Jorge M Garcia
Kaylani Rivera
Emma Longo
Gianna Almanzar
Abigail Lucas Cruz
Karen Lucas Cruz
Elisa Luca Cruz
Ky'mani Redfern

City Council observed a moment of silence for Vineland Municipal Utilities Director, John Lillie who passed away due to illness.

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 25, 2025; and the Work Session of March 4, 2025; be approved as submitted.

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

There being no discussion, 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

Council President Spinelli presented a commending resolution to American Red Cross Executive Director, Rachel Lippoff in recognition of American Red Cross Month. Ms. Lippoff thanked the City of Vineland for all they do and help in partnering with the Red Cross for many events which helps both this community and elsewhere.

The Clerk presented THE ASSESSMENT AND LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CAVALLO DRIVE SEWER PROJECT which was ready for a PUBLIC HEARING.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that THE ASSESSMENT AND LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CAVALLO DRIVE SEWER PROJECT be given a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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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

City of Vineland Tax Assessor Brian Conover testified as to the report provided to Council and homeowners as to the cost of the project provided by the Landis Sewerage Authority and the valuation of their homes as a result. The President then asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to discuss the assessment and local improvements for the Cavallo Drive sewer project.

Fausto Castro from Vineland said he was there representing the Bethel Hispanic Presbyterian Church at 2476 Cavallo Drive. He argued they already hooked up to city sewer on Palermo Drive back in 2012 and should not be charged. Solicitor Tonetta stated they were exempt and will not be charged.

Jan Dwyer LoBiondo from Cavallo Drive spoke what sparked the current problem and lack of answers to questions.

Viktor Nechay from Cavallo Drive protested by arguing the residents were not allowed due process in the sewer project. He argued the city should accept full responsibility for the negligence, wrongdoing, and implications instead of putting the additional tax burden on the Cavallo Drive property owners.

Bryan Danner from Cavallo Drive provided a summary of the events as to how he saw it unfold and claimed there was no follow-up meeting following the initial vote back in 2021 concerning connection. He mentioned a city employee lives on Cavallo Drive which poses a conflict of interest. He closed by maintaining the city should be responsible for the cost of the project.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on THE CAVALLO DRIVE SEWER PROJECT be closed.

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. 2025-128, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT IN THE MATTER OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS MADE UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2021-75, AS AMENDED (CAVALLO DRIVE).

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-128 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if Council had any discussion on RESOLUTION NO. 2025-128.

There being no discussion, 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 City 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.

There being no public comment, the 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 reopened for a Continued Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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

Elizabeth Meenan from Oceanview, New Jersey spoke in opposition to the ordinance which limits where facilities can be opened. She argued the ordinance will move professionals that deal with mental health issues, away from the community and which will likely result in an increase in problems.

The Clerk read into the record an email from Courtney and Anthony Mackenzie opposing the needle dispensary. They stated they are not in opposition of a program however they wish it not to be in their neighborhood and would hate to move out of town because of a problem with drug addicts. Also, Andrew Davis, a security officer from Newfield National Bank speaking on behalf of the bank and general security with the area of Landis and Main Avenues mentioned the proximity of the soon to be new offices of the bank in relation to the proposed needle exchange. Davis stated this ordinance would create an environment that could put public safety at risk. He argued that allowing such an exchange program in target rich environments where people may congregate with large sums of money is a recipe for disaster. He also suggested to move the NJ Transit bus-stop currently in front of the bank due east approximately 200 yards east of the Landis and Main Road intersection.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9 be closed.

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 President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-9 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.

Councilmembers Dr. Arthur, English, Gomez, Vargas and President Spinelli all gave reasoning why they voted against the ordinance stating that they would like more clarity on all the definitions, and based on the CME report received, numerous emails and phone calls from Vineland residents, more must be done before something of this nature is adopted and therefore, all voted NO.

The Clerk called the roll: NOs

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

The Clerk noted with a vote of 5 NOs, the Ordinance was defeated.

The 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 a continued public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Ordinance No. 2025-10, be reopened for a continued public hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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

Teresa Booth who lives in Millville is the Senior Director of Child Development at the YMCA. She appreciated all the time and effort Council put in listening to all sides of this ordinance. She made it clear that they are not opposed to the counseling, they are opposed to the needle exchange. She stated the YMCA peruses the grounds daily as a precaution for the children and they consistently find, needles, empty alcohol bottles, etc.... A mistake with a needle could potentially mean the loss of life for an innocent child.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10 be closed.

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 President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10 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.

Councilmembers Dr. Arthur, English, Gomez, Vargas and President Spinelli all gave reasoning why they voted against the ordinance stating that they would like more clarity on all the definitions, and based on the CME report received, numerous emails and phone calls from Vineland residents, more must be done before something of this nature is adopted and therefore, all voted NO.

The Clerk called the roll: NOs

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

The Clerk announced with a vote of 5 NOs, the Ordinance was defeated.

The Clerk presented 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) which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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 President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16.

There being no discussion, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16 be closed.

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 President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16 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 no discussion, 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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

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The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17, ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (VINELAND POLICE CAPTAINS ASSOCIATION), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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 President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17.

There being no discussion, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17 be closed.

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 President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17 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 no discussion, 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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented 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]), which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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 President asked if anyone in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18.

There being no discussion, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18 be closed.

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

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The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18 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 no discussion, 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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19 be taken up for the First Reading.

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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-8, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 5989 OF THE VINELAND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NEWCOMB HOSPITAL SITE, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2018-27 PERMITTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF 4-STORY BUILDING FOR SENIORS ON BLOCK 4216 LOTS 1.01 AND 1.02, SO AS TO FURTHER ALLOW A 4-STORY BUILDING ON BLOCK 4216 LOTS 1.03 AND 1.05

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

There being no discussion, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20 be taken up for the First Reading.

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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-57, ORDINANCE 2022-49 AND ORDINANCE 2022-75, CHAPTER 687, PART 4, ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED WATER-SEWER UTILITY; RIGHTS RESERVED; RATES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

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There being no discussion, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21 be taken up for the First Reading.

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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2011-5, CHAPTER 687, PART I, ARTICLE VIIA, SECTION 687-68.4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED ELECTRIC SERVICE DISCOUNT TO WATER UTILITY; EXPIRATION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

There being no discussion, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22 be taken up for the First Reading.

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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22, ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,800,000 FROM THE WATER UTILITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

There being no discussion, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23 be taken up for the First Reading.

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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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23, ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,600,000 FROM THE ELECTRIC UTILITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY IN AND BY THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

There being no discussion, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24 be taken up for the First Reading.

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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS AND RELATED DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$6,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,700,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

There being no discussion, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25 be taken up for the First Reading.

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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL CONNECTION FEESCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF VINELAND WATER UTILITY FOR THE YEAR 2014 PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 89-105.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

There being no discussion, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26 be taken up for the First Reading.

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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$9,200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,740,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

There being no discussion, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-27, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-27 be taken up for the First Reading.

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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-27, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 96-4, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 425, ARTICLE XV, SECTIONS 425-10 ENTITLED WORD USAGE; DEFINITIONS, TO CLARIFY CERTAIN TERMS INCLUDING "OFFICE" AND "SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING OR TREATMENT CENTER" AND TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL TYPES OF OFFICES AND HARM REDUCTION CENTERS AS DEFINED TERMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 6667 OF THE CITY OF VINELAND PLANNING BOARD.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-27 be passed for First Reading and that said Ordinance be referred to the Planning Board for their review as to whether the proposal is substantially consistent with the City's Redevelopment Plan and to provide findings of fact and recommendations thereto.

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

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There being no discussion, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-28, which was ready for a first reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-28 be taken up for the First Reading.

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 read ORDINANCE NO. 2025-28, 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-28 be passed for First Reading and that said Ordinance be referred to the Planning Board for their review as to whether the proposal is substantially consistent with the City's Redevelopment Plan and to provide findings of fact and recommendations thereto.

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

There being no discussion, 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. 2025-114, A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING ALBERT VARGAS, A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY, AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-114 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll: YEAs

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

Councilmember Albert Vargas abstained.

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2025-115, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER WILSON AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-115 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll: YEAs

Councilmember Scott E. English
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.
Councilmember Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur abstained.

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The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-113, A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING GABRIEL DiTOMASSO TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-113 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-116, A RESOLUTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE COMPLETE STREETS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-116 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-117, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$590,450.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CLEARING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SITE OF THE FORMER VINELAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER-WEST CAMPUS TO CREATE A NEW INDUSTRIAL PARK.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-117 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-118, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE LAW FIRM OF DAMON G. TYNER, LLC, EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR REPRESENTATION IN REGARDS TO CANNABIS LICENSING IN THE CITY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-118 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-119, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MONTROSE ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC., ROBBINSVILLE, NJ TO

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PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PFAS PILOT TESTING AT MULTIPLE WATER UTILITY PUMPING STATIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE EPA/NJDEP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$59,465.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-119 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-120, RESOLUTION EXERCISING OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT C24-0103 FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF LIQUID BLENDED ORTHO/POLYPHOSPHATE FOR WATER TREATMENT, COV BID 2024-04.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-120 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-121, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO CHARLES MARANDINO, LLC, MILMAY, NJ FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF N. SECOND STREET (LANDIS AVENUE TO WOOD STREET), IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$272,373.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-121 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-122, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500.00 TO PURCHASE ORDER NO. 24-05213, ISSUED TO MANDERS MERIGHI PORTADIN FARRELL ARCHITECTS LLC, VINELAND, NJ.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-122 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-123, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR CY 2025 FOR THE REASON RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF VINELAND TAX COLLECTOR.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-123 be adopted according to law.

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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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-124, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REFUND OF TAXES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-124 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-125, 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. 2025-125 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-126, 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. 2025-126 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-127, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND/OR TRANSFERRING MEMBERS TO THE VARIOUS FIRE COMPANIES OF THE VINELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-127 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

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The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-129, 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. 2025-129 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-130, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCEANFIRST BANK N.A. AS AN APPROVED DEPOSITORY FOR MUNICIPAL FUNDS FOR FIRE PREVENTION ONLINE PAYMENTS AND APPOINTING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AS SIGNATORIES THEREON.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-130 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-131, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNORS ON CITY OF VINELAND FIRE PREVENTION ONLINE PAYMENTS CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH OCEANFIRST BANK.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-131 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-132, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 3, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,900.00 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. C23-0011, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 23-04551, ISSUED TO MANDERS MERIGHI PORTADIN FARRELL ARCHITECTS, LLC, VINELAND, NJ.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-132 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-133, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED LETTER AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC, AN EXELON COMPANY (ace) AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR A CONTINUED STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY ACE TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC CAPACITY TO 4087 SOUTH LINCOLN AVENUE AND THE EXECUTION OF A CORRESPONDING AMENDED REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN

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NORTHEAST PRECAST, LLC AND THE CITY OF VINELAND TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SAID FEASIBILITY STUDY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-133 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 presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-134, A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING REASONS FOR REJECTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING BOARD WITH REGARD TO ORDINANCE 2025-9 AND 2025-10 AS SET FORTH ON THE RECORD WHICH ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-134 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 President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that a COMMUNICATION from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci reappointing Josephine Orlando-Spinelli, to the Police Athletic League Board of Directors to fill the term effective immediately retroactive to February 23, 2025 and expiring February 22, 2029 be received and filed in the City Clerk's Office.

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 President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that a COMMUNICATION from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci appointing Leonard Wolf, to the Police Athletic League Board of Directors to fill the term effective immediately retroactive to February 23, 2023 and expiring February 22, 2027 be received and filed in the City Clerk's Office.

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 President asked if any Councilmembers wished to be heard.

Dr. Arthur thanked the Sabater students for participating in the Pledge of Allegiance. She gave condolences to the Lillie family who are mourning the loss of Vineland Municipal Utilities Director, John Lillie.

Councilmember Gomez thanked Sabater School children for coming in. He noted that was one of the most emphatic performances of the Pledge he has witnessed. He thanked Rachel Lippoff from the Red Cross and thanked her for her work. He also thanked the residents and professionals that testified and spoke on the zoning issue and responded Council will work together to get it right.

Councilmember Vargas sent his condolences to the Lillie family noting John had an impact on this City and community. He thanked Sabater school for their support.

Councilmember English said he thought Sabater School students were amazing in their Pledge and welcomed their enthusiasm and thanked Dr. Arthur for taking on that task to bring the students in. He gave condolences to the Lillie family and remarked on some fond memories of John closing that he was a friend that will be missed by many and will leave a legacy of being a man with sincere integrity. English stated his thoughts and prayers are with the Delsea High School/ Franklinville community as they recently lost the lives of 2 students in a motor vehicle accident. He appreciates the education he is getting on the harm reduction and zoning issue. He mentioned the issue hits home for him. He said he does homework on the issues and he hopes the public does the same.

President Spinelli solidified the Sabater kids were fantastic and thanked the Red Cross for all they do. He mentioned the City of Vineland has owned their errors on the Cavallo Drive project and summarized that if they do not want to hook up to the sewer extension, no one is forcing them to. However, if they ever decide to hook up, they pay their fare share to tie into city sewer. Spinelli mentioned both sides are doing their due diligence on the harm reduction zoning issue, and they are committed to make a decision based on the majority of the Vineland community.

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

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 meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Paul F. Spinelli
Council President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Municipal Clerk