

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025
5:00 P.M.

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

The following members were present at roll call:

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

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

President Spinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 11, 2024 by the Municipal Clerk in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board in the lobby of the City Hall on;
2. Providing written notice to the offices of The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City;
3. Filing written notice in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vineland.

The President asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk reviewed the changes to the agenda since last week's work session. the Clerk reminded everyone there will be a budget presentation by the Mayor immediately following the adoption of the meeting minutes. He reminded Council that Ordinance No. 2025-26 will be continued to April 8th due to the Daily Journal's inability to publish the display ad as requested by the City. The Clerk noted that Ordinance Nos. 2025-27 and 2025-28 are tabled which is why they are not on the Agenda. The legal department, Damon Tyner added Resolution No. 2025-151 "rejecting the application of Arise Cannabis NJ, LLC, for a cannabis class 1 cultivating license," Resolution No. 2025-154, "rejecting the request of Shiv Leela NJ, LLC Naperville, Illinois to grant an additional six-month extension to comply with the requirements contained in resolution no. 2023-430;" Resolution No. 2025-155, "amending resolution no. 2023-434, a resolution authorizing the issuance of a class ii annual cannabis manufacturing license to Wiseco NJ, LLC Vineland, New Jersey so as to grant an additional six-month extension to comply with the requirements contained in said resolution;" and Resolution No. 2025-156, "amending Resolution No. 2023-432, " authorizing the issuance of a class v annual cannabis retail license to Bud Bazaar, LLC, Vineland, New Jersey so as to grant an additional six-month extension to comply with the requirements contained in said resolution." Resolution No. 2025-152 was added by the City Clerk with Consent from President Spinelli "re-appointing Alan Angelo as a member of the Landis Sewerage Authority. Resolution No. 2025-153 was added by Alan Giebner from the Law Department, "rejecting the request of Shiv Leela NJ LLC, Naperville, Illinois to grant an additional six-month extension to comply with the requirements contained in resolution no. 2023-430. Mayor Fanucci added two communications: re-appointing Eugene Medio and Hussan Hameed-El, as members of the Recreation Commission, with their terms set to expire on September 15, 2029 and appointing Jennifer Hainley, to the Vineland Public Library Board of Trustees, to fill an unexpired term set to expire on December 31, 2028.

Councilmember Dr. Arthur noted she attended a Municipal Alliance meeting and the topic of discussion was vaping and was very educational.

Councilmember Vargas asked for an update on the Tradition Homes / Bokma. Solicitor Tonetta responded that he believed project was being held up by the needing for a creation of an Easement. Vargas stated it's been over a year and both Tonetta and President Spinelli agreed that the County said they were going to get it done last year and here we are. Bob Dickenson stated he believed it should start this July but Bokma should contact Doug Whittaker at the County. Vargas also gave an update on the PAL and a scheduled "Family Fun Day" scheduled for August 16, 2025.

President Spinelli noted that the PAL is growing and this is the time to make it shine and the City must support it fully. VDDID is preparing for their Spring events and Executive Director Swanson has been working on the homeless issue.

Business Administrator Dickenson remarked that Gonzalez Park they are moving full steam ahead to be ready for the grand reopening.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 P.M.

Paul F. Spinelli
Council President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Municipal Clerk