

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025
5:32 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 Winslow Elementary School 5th Grade Safety Patrol members students lead in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Kaden Colon
Caleb Zimmerman
Loren Gatier
Elian Nunez
Kenley Hetherington
Isabel Sieri
Samantha Pacitto
Angelina Martine

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 March 11, 2025; and the Work Session of March 18, 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
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Mayor Fanucci and Chief Financial Officer Susan Baldosaro supplied City Council with the 2025 budget presentation. Councilmember Spinelli asked on the status of Jake's Park to which Solicitor Tonetta replied there were glitches with the State in allowing the City tie into their sewer system however that has been resolved and the City is ready to break ground in the Spring and move forward.

Councilmember Dr. Arthur asked if resident taxes are going to increase. The Mayor responded that if at all, it may only be a couple cents. He stated the reason of uncertainty at the moment is because some items are still influx with skyrocketing costs including healthcare, benefits, etc... All councilmembers thanked the Mayor, Administration and particularly the Finance Department for all their hard work in preparing the budget.

The City Clerk read: *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.*

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

Georgette Shelton, CEO of the South Jersey Aids Alliance, said she understood Ordinance Numbers 2025-27 and 2025-28 are not on the Agenda tonight however changing the zones may result in more diseases. She stated she is willing to meeting to help provide information or should anyone want to come visit their location.

Alan Nobles from Old Farm Drive spoke about the concerns with the condition of roads, specifically Brewster Road, Spring Road, and Maple Avenue. President Spinelli provided some general answers and mentioned that the City's Business Administrator Bob Dickenson would be able to help him further and got Mr. Nobles in touch with him.

With no one else to be heard, the Clerk presented **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 which was ready public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19 be taken up for a public hearing and open 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 from the public would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19 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. 2025-19 be taken up for a final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council 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. 2025-19 and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-19 to the mayor for his approval or disapproval.

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

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

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The President asked if anyone from the public would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20 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. 2025-20 be taken up for a final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council 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. 2025-20 and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20 to the mayor for his approval or disapproval.

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

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21 be taken up for a public hearing and open 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 from the public would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21 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. 2025-21 be taken up for a final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council 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. 2025-21 and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21 to the mayor for his approval or disapproval.

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

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22 be taken up for a public hearing and open 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 from the public would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22.

There be no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22 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. 2025-22 be taken up for a final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council 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. 2025-22 and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22 to the mayor for his approval or disapproval.

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

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23 be taken up for a public hearing and open 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 from the public would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23 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. 2025-23 be taken up for a final reading and adopted according to law.

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The President asked if there was any discussion by Council 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. 2025-23 and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINNCE NO. 2025-23 to the mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24**, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS AND RELATED DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVMENTS 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, which was ready for a public hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24 be taken up for a public hearing and open 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 from the public would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24 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. 2025-24 be taken up for a final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council 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. 2025-24 and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINNCE NO. 2025-24 to the mayor for his approval or disapproval.

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

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

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The President asked if anyone from the public would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25 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. 2025-25 be taken up for a final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council 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. 2025-25 and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-25 to the mayor for his approval or disapproval.

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

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26 be taken up for a public hearing and open 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 from the public would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26.

The Clerk remarked that because the Daily Journal was unable to accommodate the Clerk's Office request for timely publication, this Ordinance must be continued until the next regular meeting.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-26 be continued to Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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. 2025-29** which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-29 be taken up for a 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

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The Clerk read, ORDINANCE NO. 2025—29 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$800,000 FOR CLOSURE OF THE SANITARY LANDFILL IN AND BY THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$760,000 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. 2025-29 be passed for a First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, April 8, 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 **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-135**, A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-135 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-136**, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM ENABLING RESOLUTION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-136 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-137**, A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE CITY OF VINELAND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-137 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-138**, RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-138 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-139**, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO ALIANO BROTHERS GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC., VINELAND, NJ FOR VINELAND SENIOR CENTER RENOVATIONS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-139 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-140**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BONFIRE FIBER, LLC, DENVER, CO, FOR BROADBAND UTILITY CONSULTING & PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-140 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-141**, 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. 2025-139 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-142**, A RESOLUTION CANCELING THE UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-142 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 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. 2025-143**, A RESOLUTION APPROVING SURETY REDUCTION, RELEASE OR RENEWAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ENGINEER AND DIRECTOR OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-143 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-144**, 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. 2025-144 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-145**, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, THE NEW JERSEY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER, AND CITY OF VINELAND, REGARDING THE VINELAND DEVELOPMENT CENTER INDUSTRIAL PARK AT 860 NORTH ORCHARD ROAD.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-145 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-146**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF A 2018 KME ENFORCER FIRE ENGINE PUMPER FROM LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP CEDARVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR ITS USE BY THE VINELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-146 be 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

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The Clerk presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-147**, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARISSA ESCRIBANO TO THE VINELAND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-147 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-148**, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-583, AS TO ADD THE VINELAND VOICE NEWSPAPER TO THE LIST OF DESIGNATED NEWSPAPERS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC NOTICES AS REQUIRED UNDER THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-148 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-149**, A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING DANIEL J. PERETTI, JR. AS THE RESIDENT MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-149 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-150**, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELIZABETH VIERA AS THE RESIDENT MEMBER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-150 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-151**, A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE APPLICATION OF ARISE CANNABIS NJ, LLC FOR A CANNABIS CLASS 1 CULTIVATING LICENSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-151 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 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. 2025-152**, A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING ALAN ANGELO AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDIS SEWERAGE AUTHORITY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-152 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-153**, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF PAYMENTS TO THE SOUTH JERSEY ANIMAL SHELTER WITHOUT PREJUDICE PENDING FINAL NEGOTIATION OF A SHELTERING AGREEMENT FOR YEAR 2025.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-153 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-154**, A RESOLUTION 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-154 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-155**, A RESOLUTION 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-155 be 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 presented, **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-156**, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-432, A RESOLUTION 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that RESOLUTION NO. 2025-156 be 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 presented, **COMMUNICATION** from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci 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 requested the same to be received and filed in the City Clerk's Office.

The Clerk presented, **COMMUNICATION** from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci appointing Jennifer Hainley, to the Vineland Public Library Board of Trustees, to fill an unexpired term set to expire on December 31, 2028 and requested the same to be received and filed in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Dr. Arthur thanked the Sabater Students for participating in the Pledge of Allegiance and expressed her condolences to the Lillie family in the unfortunate passing of VMEU Director John Lillie.

Councilmember Gomez thanked the students and remarked they were very emphatic in their recitation. He also thanked Rachel Lippoff for her work and also the residents and professionals that testified on zoning issues.

Councilmember Vargas expressed his condolences to the Lillie family. He thanked the Sabater kids for coming out and said he believes Sabater School is number one right now for their loudness and enthusiasm.

Councilmember English thanked the kids and also Dr. Arthur for coordinating each meeting with the schools and said it was nice to get them out and involved in civics. He expressed his condolences to the Lillie family and spoke of John as a personal family friend. He also mentioned his thoughts and prayers went out to the Franklinville community for two Delsea students who recently lost their lives in motor vehicles accidents. He appreciated the education he is receiving on Substance Abuse concerning the zoning ordinances and noted that one's perception sometimes clouds their own vision. He thanked those on both sides of the issue as he continues to educate himself and hopes the public will do the same.

President Spinelli thanked the Red Cross for all they do and to the Sabater students. He commented that the City has owned the errors on the Cavallo Drive issue and are not forcing any property owner to connect to the City system. However if, and when, they do connect, they must pay their fair share. He closed by stating Council has taken a lot into consideration for these zoning ordinances and they all want to make the right decision as to what is best for the majority of the people who live in Vineland.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember 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 6:38 p.m.

Paul F. Spinelli
Council President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Municipal Clerk