

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025  
5:02 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

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.

The Clerk reminded Councilmembers of the Special Meeting being held Tuesday April 15, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. He also reminded that Joe Henry from Hardenbaugh Insurance will present a short presentation to Council at the Pre-Conference Meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Clerk than noted the only change since the work session was the addition of a “Motion to to refer to the Planning Board a request to amend the center city redevelopment plan at 822 East Wood Street so as to allow online auto sales with parking for not less than 3 automobiles as well as the existing uses including a business office and residential apartment thereon and to provide findings of fact and recommendations therefor.

Councilmember English mentioned his phone started buzzing because of the recent certified and regular letter that were mailed by the City Clerk concerning Ordinance Nos. 2025-27 and 2025-28. He and Dr. Arthur suggested Council be provided with copies that get sent out so they can be prepared should their constituents have questions.

Solicitor Tonetta gave a procedural summary of how City Council got to the current point and the Clerk stated in the future, he will provide Council with copies of notices.

Councilmember English asked for a clarification on Burnt Mill Pond as to how much money the project will cost and how much funding was put aside by the City. Solicitor Tonetta was unsure and a short discussion ensued ending with President Spinelli indicating he will reach out to City Engineer David Maillet for an update.

Vargas gave an update on Recreation.

Director spoke about shutting down West Side Park on Almond Road due to various safety issues. He has a plan to start correcting the issues and to be able to get the park re-opened in a timely fashion. He also mentioned Carl Arthur is planned to be repaved and quotes are currently on Engineering’s desk.

Spinelli was in a meeting with Complete Care and they spoke about their recent loss of funding.

Public Safety Director gave an update on the PAL.

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