

The City of Vineland  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026  
5:30 PM

**Call to Order**

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. Arthur, Councilmember English, Councilmember Vargas, Council Vice President Gomez, Council President Spinelli

Also present were:

Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., 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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The President introduced the following students from the Veterans Memorial Middle School Safety Patrol students to lead the Pledge of Allegiance:

Jordan Nichols  
Avadina Pisani  
Vitale Bossi  
Issa Holguin Daniel  
Heidy Quinilla Ramirez  
Karen Flores Vazquez  
Emili Cruz Matias  
Vianey Leon Matias  
Nathalie Ramos Cortes  
Andrew Ridgeway  
Rachelly Ocasio

**Public Notice**

The City Clerk stated that Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 12, 2025, 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, The Press of Atlantic City and the Vineland Voice; and;
3. Filing written notice in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vineland.

## **Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

- 1) Pre-Meeting Conference and the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2026, and the Work Session of March 3, 2026.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the minutes of the Pre-Meeting Conference and the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2026, and the Work Session of March 3, 2026. be approved as submitted.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

### **General Public Comment**

Vineland resident Elora Malet opened by referencing a comparable site in New Brunswick that was recently repurposed as a park. While she acknowledged the completion of the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed data center, she expressed frustration regarding the timeline and the perceived lack of responsiveness to public opposition. Ms. Malet argued that the project is being prioritized for its projected financial gain over community welfare. She raised concerns regarding the long-term sustainability of the jobs created, noting that construction roles are temporary. She concluded by stating that the project is an environmental liability and that a lack of alignment with constituent interests constitutes a failure of leadership.

Vineland resident Edward Ruiz addressed recent remarks made by Council President Spinelli. He criticized what he characterized as an attempt to suppress public dissent, specifically referencing Anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) laws designed to protect citizens' First Amendment rights. Mr. Ruiz urged the Council to prioritize community comfort over technological development and cited the successful cancellation of similar projects in other municipalities as a precedent for Vineland to follow.

Vineland resident Jameson Matlock echoed the call for greater transparency, contrasting the Council's current trajectory with the community-centric response seen in New Brunswick. He questioned the tangible benefits of the data center for the average resident, suggesting that municipal focus should instead be directed toward infrastructure improvements and the revitalization of abandoned buildings. Furthermore, he raised ethical concerns regarding the Council's agenda and joined previous speakers in cautioning against the use of legal threats to silence public inquiries regarding financial transparency and project compensation.

Mr. Watts, a local educator, spoke on the dangers of civic inaction and the "social contract" between the government and its people. He noted that the project site was originally presented to the public as a golf course, and its transition to a data center lacks community investment. Citing academic research, Mr. Watts highlighted the risks associated with data centers, including

increased utility rates and high resource consumption. He emphasized that New Jersey's current water deficit makes the use of millions of gallons of freshwater for data cooling particularly irresponsible, urging the Council to prioritize the needs of local farmers and residents over corporate interests.

Larry Garrity, a Vineland resident, expressed dissatisfaction with the City Council's perceived stagnation regarding the data center project, asserting that a lack of decisive action to date indicates a lack of intent to intervene. Additionally, Mr. Garrity questioned the necessity of the increased law enforcement presence at the meeting and formally opposed the Council's decision to reduce the public comment period from five minutes to three.

### **Ordinances for Public Hearing and Final Reading**

- 1) **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (VARIOUS TITLES).**

The Clerk presented, **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (VARIOUS TITLES)**, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11** be taken up for a public hearing and open to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11**.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11** be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11** be taken up for a Final Reading and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

- 2) ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-92, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8 WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (VARIOUS UNIT 3/N3 TITLES) TO CORRECT AN ERROR THEREIN.

The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-92, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8 WHICH REVISED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (VARIOUS UNIT 3/N3 TITLES) TO CORRECT AN ERROR THEREIN., which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12 be taken up for a public hearing and open to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12.

There being no one from the public to be heard, the President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12 be taken up for a Final Reading and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

### **Ordinances for First Reading**

- 1) ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13, ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 4378 JUNIPER STREET A/K/A BLOCK 7304, LOT 19 FOR \$70,000.00.

The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13 which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13 be taken up for a First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13, ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 4378 JUNIPER STREET A/K/A BLOCK 7304, LOT 19 FOR \$70,000.00.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 2) ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-25, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CENTER CITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 5203 OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF VINELAND CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 6361 OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR BLOCK 4001 Lot 1.01, 501 EAST LANDIS AVENUE.

The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14 which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14 be taken up for a First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-25, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CENTER CITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 5203 OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF VINELAND CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 6361 OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR BLOCK 4001 Lot 1.01, 501 EAST LANDIS AVENUE.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

## **Resolutions**

- 1) **[out of consent]** RESOLUTION NO. 2026-86, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LAURA MICHAEL UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-86, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LAURA MICHAEL UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-86 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul

Spinelli

- 2) **[out of consent]** RESOLUTION NO. 2026-106, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING BETWEEN THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY CLERK AND STAFF, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF, CITY SOLICITOR AND STAFF AND HEALTH OFFICER AND STAFF CONCERNING MATTERS RELATING TO LITIGATION IN WHICH THE PUBLIC BODY IS OR MAY BECOME A PARTY, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND MATTERS FALLING UNDER THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND AUTHORIZING THE DISCLOSURE OF MINUTES OF SAID MEETING AS PROVIDED HEREIN.  
**Added by: Legal Department on March 10, 2026.**

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-106, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM A MEETING BETWEEN THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY CLERK AND STAFF, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF, CITY SOLICITOR AND STAFF AND HEALTH OFFICER AND STAFF CONCERNING MATTERS RELATING TO LITIGATION IN WHICH THE PUBLIC BODY IS OR MAY BECOME A PARTY, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND MATTERS FALLING UNDER THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND AUTHORIZING THE DISCLOSURE OF MINUTES OF SAID MEETING AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-106 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 3) **[out of consent]** RESOLUTION NO. 2026-107, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF LITIGATION IF NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY OF VINELAND  
**Added by: Legal Department on March 10, 2026.**

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-107, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF LITIGATION IF NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY OF VINELAND

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-107 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English,  
Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 4) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-87, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR 2026 BLOCK GRANT FUNDING.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-87, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION FOR 2026 BLOCK GRANT FUNDING.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-87 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English,  
Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 5) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-88, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-88, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-88 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English,  
Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 6) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-89, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE RETROFIT NJ GRANT PROGRAM.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-89, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE RETROFIT NJ GRANT PROGRAM.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-89 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 7) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-90, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LIVE STREAMING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-90, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LIVE STREAMING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE VINELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-90 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 8) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-91, A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 18, 2025, FOR NJBIDE FTTP ENGINEERING SERVICES, RFP 2025-35.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-91, A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE

PROPOSALS RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 18, 2025, FOR NJBIDE FTTP ENGINEERING SERVICES, RFP 2025-35.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-91 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 9) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-92, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (INCREASE) TO CONTRACT NO. C25-0280, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 25-06997, ISSUED TO SJ HAUCK CONSTRUCTION, LLC, ABSECON, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,800.00.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-92, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (INCREASE) TO CONTRACT NO. C25-0280, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 25-06997, ISSUED TO SJ HAUCK CONSTRUCTION, LLC, ABSECON, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,800.00.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-92 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 10) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-93, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (INCREASE) TO CONTRACT NO. C25-0262, ISSUED TO VIRGINIA TRANSFORMER CORPORATION, ROANOKE, VA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-93, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (INCREASE) TO CONTRACT NO. C25-0262, ISSUED TO VIRGINIA TRANSFORMER CORPORATION, ROANOKE, VA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-93 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 11) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-94, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BONFIRE FIBER, LLC, DENVER, CO, FOR BROADBAND UTILITY CONSULTING MANAGEMENT AND NETWORK OPERATIONS CONSULTING SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$263,610.37.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-94, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BONFIRE FIBER, LLC, DENVER, CO, FOR BROADBAND UTILITY CONSULTING MANAGEMENT AND NETWORK OPERATIONS CONSULTING SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$263,610.37.

The President entertained a motion moved by Council Vice President Gomez, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-94 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 12) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-95, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARGE AGAINST VARIOUS LAND FOR LAND CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGE TO BECOME A LIEN UPON SUCH LAND AND TO BE ADDED TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND LEVIED UPON SUCH LAND.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-95, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARGE AGAINST VARIOUS LAND FOR LAND CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGE TO BECOME A LIEN UPON SUCH LAND AND TO BE ADDED TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND LEVIED UPON SUCH LAND.

The President entertained a motion moved by Council Vice President Gomez, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-95 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English,  
Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

13) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-96, A RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 PENDING FINAL ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 BUDGET.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-96, A RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 PENDING FINAL ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 BUDGET.

The President entertained a motion moved by Council Vice President Gomez, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-96 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English,  
Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

14) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-97, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CALENDAR YEAR 2025 RESERVE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-97, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CALENDAR YEAR 2025 RESERVE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-97 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English,  
Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

15) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-98, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-98, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-98 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

16) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-99, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 0614-33-036-006 FROM SILICA SANDS LLC TO TROUT NATIONAL – THE RESERVE, FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 1800 MAYS LANDING ROAD, MILLVILLE NJ, EFFECTIVE MARCH 11, 2026.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-99, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 0614-33-036-006 FROM SILICA SANDS LLC TO TROUT NATIONAL – THE RESERVE, FOR PREMISES LOCATED AT 1800 MAYS LANDING ROAD, MILLVILLE NJ, EFFECTIVE MARCH 11, 2026.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-99 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 17) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-100, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF VINELAND UEZ TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,250,000 FOR RENOVATIONS OF THE LANDIS THEATER.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-100, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF VINELAND UEZ TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,250,000 FOR RENOVATIONS OF THE LANDIS THEATER.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-100 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

- 18) ~~RESOLUTION NO. 2026-101, RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL RECEIVED FOR CITY OF VINELAND WAR ON TERROR MEMORIAL – LOCATION: LANDIS PARK, 600 E PARK AVE, VINELAND.~~  
**Removed by: Finance Department on March 5, 2026.**

- 19) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-101, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ADOPTING AN “AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN” FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND.  
**Added by: Business Administration on March 6, 2026.**

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-101, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ADOPTING AN “AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN” FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-101 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

20) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-102, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF PAYMENTS TO ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES F/K/A SOUTH JERSEY REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER WITHOUT PREJUDICE PENDING FINAL NEGOTIATION OF A SHELTERING AGREEMENT FOR 2026.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-102, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF PAYMENTS TO ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES F/K/A SOUTH JERSEY REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER WITHOUT PREJUDICE PENDING FINAL NEGOTIATION OF A SHELTERING AGREEMENT FOR 2026.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-102 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

21) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-103, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO CONTRACT C23-0124 TO RTR FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR DELINQUENT FEE COLLECTIONS.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-103, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO CONTRACT C23-0124 TO RTR FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR DELINQUENT FEE COLLECTIONS.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-103 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

22) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-104, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ADOPTING AN AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MANUAL.

**Added by: Legal Department on March 6, 2026.**

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-104, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ADOPTING AN AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MANUAL.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-104 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

23) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-105, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ORIGINAL, RENEWAL AND/OR TRANSFER TAXICAB LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2026.

**Added by: Deputy City Clerk on March 6, 2026.**

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-105, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ORIGINAL, RENEWAL AND/OR TRANSFER TAXICAB LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2026.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-105 be approved and 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 Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

## **Reports**

1) REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2025.

The Clerk presented REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2025 and requested the same to be received and filed in the City Clerk's Office.

## **Privilege of the Floor**

Councilmember Dr. Arthur extended congratulations to the retiree and expressed

gratitude to the Memorial Middle School Safety Patrol for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Vargas congratulated Laura Michael on her retirement and offered her best wishes to the staff and students at Memorial Middle School.

Councilmember English echoed the sentiments of his colleagues. He also extended a special thanks to Mr. Tanetta for his guidance and for explaining complex matters in accessible terms during his transition into the role.

Vice President Gomez thanked the Memorial Middle School Safety Patrol for their participation and thanked the residents in attendance for providing their public input.

President Spinelli congratulated retiree Laura Michael and expressed appreciation to the students and the public for their attendance.

### **Adjournment**

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

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, Councilmember Scott English, Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

Meeting adjourned at 06:20 PM

ATTEST:

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Paul F. Spinelli  
Council President

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Richard G. Franchetta, RMC  
City Clerk