

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 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 Clerk called the roll:

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

Also present were:

Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Alan Giebner, Esq., Associate City Solicitor
Brenda Rodriguez, City Clerk's Office
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

The President asked the following National Junior Honor Society students from Edward R. Johnstone School to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Logan	Gentile-Adamson	Auden	Madgey
Nayelis	Perez Torres	Adrian	Tirado
Theodore	Love	Angela	Mendez
Sridhar	Jupudi	Anthony	Oquendo
Anya	Martinez	Selicea	Bailey
Selin	Ozdemir	Aubrey	Dudzik
Elisena	DeNovellis		

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 and May 13, 2025; and the Work Session of May 20, 2025 be approved as submitted.

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

There being no discussion by Council, 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: *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.

Steve Lewis from Vineland commented that the City held a wonderful Memorial Day parade and said it was really outstanding. He thanked Directors Neher and Alicea for their work to make it a nice, attended event.

Lou Magazzu spoke about the upcoming resolution for the 1667 Wellness Park projecting indicating that lot numbers were changing however he thought that were to be immaterial as to Council's vote. He appreciated the time and mentioned he and he has another project and would like to present their plan to Council at an upcoming meeting.

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The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2025-41, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 99-7, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 537 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-41 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 in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-41.

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. 2025-41 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. 2025-41 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 by Council, 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. 2025-41 and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINNCE NO. 2025-41 to the mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2025-42, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (VARIOUS BOARD 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. 2025-42 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 in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-42.

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. 2025-42 be closed.

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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 entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-42 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 by Council, 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. 2025-42 and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-42 to the mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2025-43, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-2 TO ALLOW FOR UP TO FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEAR RENEWAL TERMS FOR AN EXISTING CELL TOWER LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND SPRINT SPECTRUM, L.P. FOR SPACE ON A MUNICIPAL WATER TOWER LOCATED AT 382 WEST BUTLER AVENUE, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-43 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 in the audience would like to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2025-43.

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. 2025-43 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. 2025-43 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 by Council, 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. 2025-43 and announced the vote tally.

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The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2025-43 to the mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2025-44, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-44 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. 2025-44, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF 2040 MAPLE AVENUE, BLOCK 2502, LOT 51 BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:61-1.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-44 be passed for a first reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

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

There being no discussion by Council, 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. 2025-45, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE. NO. 2025-45, 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. 2025-45, ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,000,000 FROM THE ELECTRIC UTILITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUNICIPAL LANDFILL NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-45, be passed for a first reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

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

There being no discussion by Council, 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. 2025-46, which was ready for a First Reading.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-46 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. 2025-46, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (PURCHASING AGENT).

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-46, be passed for a first reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

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

There being no discussion by Council, 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. 2025-47, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-47 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. 2025-47, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$3,397,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JOSEPH E. ROMANO SPORTS COMPLEX IN AND BY THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,397,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2025-47, be passed for a first reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.

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

There being no discussion by Council, 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. 2025-236, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EMANUEL MERCADO UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-236 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 President read RESOLUTION NO. 2025-236 into the record.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-237, A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO KELLER ENGINEERS OF NJ, LLC, HADDONFIELD, NJ FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR RESURFACING OF MILL ROAD FROM GARDEN ROAD TO FOREST GROVE ROAD – PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PHASE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,439.10.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-237 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. 2025-238, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ATLANTIC COAST ALARM, MAYS LANDING, NJ, FOR SECURITY CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION FOR 78 W. PARK AVENUE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$94,450.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-238 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. 2025-239, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2, TO CONTRACT NO. C21-0058, ISSUED TO SIEMENS ENERGY, HOUSTON, TX, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$521,820.31.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-239 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. 2025-240, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (NEHA) AND THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) FOR THE RETAIL FLEXIBLE FUNDING MODEL (RFFM) – 2025 TRACK 2 DEVELOPMENT BASE GRANT PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,500.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-240 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. 2025-241, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (NEHA) AND THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) FOR THE RETAIL FLEXIBLE FUNDING MODEL (RFFM) GRANT PROGRAM–2025 MENTORSHIP/MENTOR OPTIONAL ADD-ON, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-241 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. 2025-242, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, TO CONTRACT NO. C25-0231, PURCHASE ORDER 25-02811, ISSUED TO SUBSURFACE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., ROCK TAVERN, NY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,475.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-242 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. 2025-243, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM A STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY, 2025 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN, U DRIVE, U TEXT, U PAY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,250.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-243 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. 2025-244, A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS ON JULY 4, 2025, WITH A RAIN DATE OF JULY 5, 2025, BETWEEN 9:00 P.M. AND 10:00 P.M., AT THE VINELAND HIGH SCHOOL / JOHNSTONE SCHOOL COMPLEX, CHESTNUT AVENUE AND BREWSTER ROAD.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-244 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. 2025-245, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. C24-0142, ISSUED TO MATHIS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., LITTLE EGG HARBOR, NJ.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-245 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. 2025-246, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-246 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. 2025-247, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2, TO PURCHASE ORDER NO. 24-06606, ISSUED TO MARTINE'S COUNTRYSIDE FLORIST, VINELAND, NJ FOR THE PROJECT BEAUTIFY FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-247 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. 2025-248, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-220, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES-PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-248 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. 2025-249, A RESOLUTION AWARDDING AN OPEN-END CONTRACT TO ATLANTIC ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, LLC, LEBANON, NJ FOR SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF NATURAL GAS, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED OF \$89,830.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-249 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. 2025-250, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 3 AMBULANCE REMOUNT UNITS FOR VEHICLES: 623, 626, AND 629 FROM VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS, BERLIN, NJ IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$486,433.50, PURSUANT TO A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT ESTABLISHED BY HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (HGACBUY).

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-250 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. 2025-251, A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO FRED M. SCHIAVONE CONSTRUCTION, INC., MALAGA, NJ FOR VINELAND PUBLIC WORKS YARD - SITE IMPROVEMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,854,638.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-251 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
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The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-252, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT, ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, HAMMONTON, NJ, FOR THE 2025 PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$748,177.78.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-252 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. 2025-253, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR, INC, CHANDLER, AZ FOR IBM MAXIMO APPLICATION SUITE SUBSCRIPTION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-253 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. 2025-254, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PAVING PLUS, LLC, GLASSBORO, NJ FOR THE RESURFACING OF SHIRLEY COURT, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,050.00, PURSUANT TO A COOPERATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION Co-Op #66CCEPS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-254 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. 2025-255, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PAVING PLUS, LLC, GLASSBORO, NJ FOR THE RESURFACING OF NORMANDIE LANE PARK, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$96,670.00, PURSUANT TO A COOPERATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION Co-Op #66CCEPS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-255 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. 2025-256, RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE ONE YEAR OPTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT C24-0120 FOR POLE INSPECTION, TREATMENT AND REINFORCEMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-256 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. 2025-257, A RESOLUTION CANCELING UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF APPROPRIATION AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-48.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-257 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. 2025-258, A RESOLUTION CANCELING OUTDATED CHECKS ISSUED BY THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-258 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. 2025-259, 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. 2025-259 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. 2025-260, 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. 2025-260 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. 2025-261, 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. 2025-261 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. 2025-262, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 ANNUAL ROSTER OF VOLUNTEERS TO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-262 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. 2025-263, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENDORSE THE APPLICATION OF PRIME CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER LINE EXTENSION, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS LISTED.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-263 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. 2025-264, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-225 TO CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO TIPS CONTRACT NO. 210305, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 25-02398, ISSUED TO GROUPE LACASSE LLC, CHICAGO, IL.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-264 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. 2025-265, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, DELL, ROUND ROCK, TX FOR DELL PRO RUGGED TABLETS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-265 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. 2025-266, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERCONNECTION SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN GARDEN RESERVE ENERGY, LLC, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE AND THE CITY OF VINELAND

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-266 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. 2025-267, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN 1667 E. LANDIS WELLNESS PARK LLC, BERWYN, PENNSYLVANIA AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR THE PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-267 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. 2025-268, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER OF SONITROL SECURITY SYSTEMS OF DELAWARE VALLEY INC. and ADVANTAGE SECURITY, INC. V CITY OF VINELAND, VENUED IN SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, DOCKET NO. CUM-L-695-22.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-268 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. 2025-269, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT WITH STEVEN TRIANTOS, CHIEF OF POLICE, FROM MAY 21, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C. 4A:4-1.6(b)(3).

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-269 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. 2025-270, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT WITH GREGORY PACITTO, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE, FROM MAY 21, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C. 4A:4-1.6(b)(3).

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-270 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. 2025-271, 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, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER AND STAFF AND SPECIAL COUNSEL DAMON TYNER, ESQ. CONCERNING THE NEGOTIATIONS OF A CONTRACT IN WHICH THE PUBLIC BODY IS OR MAY BECOME A PARTY AND AUTHORIZING THE DISCLOSURE OF MINUTES OF SAID MEETING AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-271 be adopted according to law.

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

There being no discussion by Council, 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. 2025-272, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MENTOR ON THE GREEN, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR USING GOLF TO EMPOWER AND EDUCATE LIFE SKILLS TO THE YOUTH WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that Resolution No. 2025-272 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

Dr. Arthur thanked the students from Johnstone School for leading in the flag salute and also the mentors and mentees of Mentor on the Green and wished them all the best.

Councilmember Gomez thanked Johnstone School for sending their children to City Council for the flag salute and then to the Mentors on the Green. He loves what they are doing. He said he was a product of Center City and what Mr. Cooper is doing with that that group so they can have a chance and an opportunity to do great things.

Councilmember English echoed the comments of the previous members and thanked James Cooper. He never forgot where he came from and his hometown of Vineland. It takes courage to ask for support which takes courage. He said he's sure James got a lot of no answers but he never backed down. To see a mentor like James for the kids, that's what it is really all about. Thank him for keeping the dream alive.

Councilmember Vargas thanked the parents for involving their kids in Mentor on the Green and bringing them to the program as they are an important foundation to that education. Education is one of the most important things in life and no one can take your education away from you. He also congratulated Emanuel Mercado on his retirement from the Police Department.

President Spinelli wished Mr. Mercado well in retirement. He also said he can't say enough about a program like Mentor on the Green and thanked the mentors for everything they are doing. Being an educator for years, providing this education and life skills is ever so important in how one makes it in this world. Connections and networking is all part of being a successful person and we should all be helping people to become successful.

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 6:15 p.m.

Paul F. Spinelli
Council President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Municipal Clerk

*****REMINDER – “Summer Schedule is now in effect. Next Meeting Cycle is:**

- Work Session – Monday, June 9, 2025 at 5:00 PM
- Presentation – Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM *followed by*, the Pre-Conference and Regular Meeting immediately following.