

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur.

The following members were present at roll call:
Councilman David Acosta (*arrived at 6:05 p.m.*)
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety

President Arthur 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 13, 2022 by the City Clerk in the following manner:

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

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

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda. Minor typographical errors in grammar were corrected in the titles of eight resolutions (2023-580 to 2023-587).

Resolution 2023-606, approving surety reduction, release or renewal as submitted by the Director of Licenses and Inspections, was added. Resolution 2023-607, authoring exclusion of the public from a meeting between the Mayor, City Council, City Clerk and staff, Business Administrator and staff, City Solicitor and staff, Director of Public Safety, Chief of Police and staff and law firm of Brown and Connery, LLP concerning matters relating to litigation in which the public body is or may become a party and matters falling under the attorney-client privilege and authorizing disclosure of minutes of said meeting as provided herein, was added.

Resolution 2023-608, authoring the person-to-person transfer of alcoholic beverage plenary retail distribution license No. 0614-44-009-005 from RJ Jaswal LLC to Rudram Liquor, Inc., t/a Liquor Xpress, for premises located at 1849 N. Delsea Drive, Vineland, NJ, effective December 13, 2023, was added. Resolution 2023-609, providing for the insertion in the calendar year 2023 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, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over year-end holiday grant, in the amount of \$3,500.00 and an appropriation in said budget for like sum and purpose, was added. Resolution 2023-610, authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement by and between Inspira Medical Centers, Inc. and the City of Vineland regarding tax appeals, was added.

The communication from the mayor appointing Fire Chief Luigi Tramontana as Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management for a period commencing January 1, 2024 and expiring October 31, 2024, was revised to correct the expiration date.

A communication from the mayor reappointing Gina Randazzo-Dawkins to the Public Library Board of Trustees, was added.

A motion to refer to the City of Vineland Planning Board a request to amend the Center City Redevelopment Plan so as to allow the use of the first floor of 604 East Landis Avenue, Block 3020, Lot 18 for small social events such as baby showers, children events and an even planner office in the Landis Avenue Main Street District and to present findings of fact and recommendations thereto, was added.

Reports of the various departments for the months of October and November 2023, was added.

Councilman Franceschini noted that the Health Department received the vaccine shipment. Hospitalizations for Covid-19 is moderate.

Councilman Vargas reminded all that the PAL Christmas party is this weekend.

Councilman Spinelli stated that the Barbie movie event was nice. Last Friday approximately 150 attended. Saturday's turnout was quite a bit less. He commented that it was a good event particularly for the children in center city. The Olde Fashioned Christmas went well despite the rain. Over \$10,000 was collected from sponsorships to help defray costs. Chrystal Gayle is performing at the Landis Theater this weekend. He also thanked Director Alicea for the Class I special law enforcement officers who assisted with the Olde Fashioned Christmas event.

President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk