

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024
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
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 (*arrived at 6:07 p.m.*)
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

There were technical problems with the audio recording for this meeting.

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, 2023 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.

Steve Lewis wished everyone Happy Valentine's Day.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda.

Ordinance 2024-06, to accept a piece of property to be used for the extension street to be known as Arcadia Place, was revised to correct typographical errors in the body.

Ordinance 2024-09, amending Ordinance 98-42, as amended, Chapter 372, Article I, Section 372-14 of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Public Water Supply for firefighting, had a title revision changing the last word from 'firefighters' to 'firefighting.'

Ordinance 2024-10, to release, vacate and extinguish any and all public rights in and to Pennsylvania Avenue, a dedicated but unbuilt street, was revised to change the date in the third paragraph.

Resolution 2024-43, a resolution of consent for the expansion of Siloam Cemetery, Valley Avenue, as approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in accordance with Resolution 2022-55, had a title revision by Solicitor Tonetta. Resolution 2024-44, authorizing the issuance of an amendatory supplemental change order No. 1 to contract No. 23-0107, issued to Zone Striping, Inc., Glassboro, NJ, in the amount of \$5,034.80, was revised by the Administrator to correct a typographical error in the last paragraph. Resolution 2024-54, approving surety reduction, release or renewal as submitted by the City Engineer, was revised to match the Engineer's memo.

Resolution 2024-65, commending Shellby Watts as Miss Northern Lights, was added. Resolution 2024-66, commending Rylee Howerton as Miss Cumberland County 2024, was added.

A communication from Mayor Fanucci appointing Beth White, Esq. to the position of part-time municipal court public defender, was added. Resolution 2024-67, ratifying and confirming the appointment of Beth White, Esq., Vineland, NJ as part-time municipal court public defender for the municipal court of the City of Vineland and authorizing the mayor and clerk to execute a professional services agreement therefore, was added.

Councilman Franceschini reported that the current Covid-19 status is 'medium.' He also stated that he is working with Associate Solicitor Barse on an amended AED ordinance. He also announced that a special planning board meeting is scheduled for February 29 for the new golf course development. Finally, he requested that a new use agreement relating to Gonzalez Park be prepared, if the current one cannot be located by the end of March.

Councilman Spinelli stated that agenda items should be proofread more carefully to prevent so many typographical errors.

Councilman Acosta asked for an explanation about the differences between the Chief Prosecutor and the Prosecutor. Solicitor Tonetta explained briefly that the Chief has more basic responsibilities with prosecutorial issues at the municipal court.

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