

Call to Order**Pledge of Allegiance****Public Notice****General Public Comment****Resolutions**

- 1) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-46, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISS VINELAND PAGEANT
- 2) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-47, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GREEN ACRES PROGRAM - PARK DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PUBLIC HEARING on RESOLUTION NO. 2026-47 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GREEN ACRES PROGRAM - PARK DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- 3) RESOLUTION NO. 2025-48, 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 FINANCIAL OFFICER AND STAFF AND HEALTH OFFICER AND STAFF CONCERNING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES COMMUNITY SHELTER, FORMERLY SOUTH JERSEY REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER AND 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 THE DISCLOSURE OF MINUTES OF SAID MEETING AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

Privilege of the Floor**Adjournment**

<u>Vineland City Council</u>	
Paul F. Spinelli, Council President	856-364-0085
Cruz Gomez, Jr., Council Vice President	856-364-0191
Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, Councilmember	856-364-0955
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* **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.



Vineland, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - _____

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MISS VINELAND PAGEANT.

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland is proud to recognize and support programs that promote leadership, scholarship, community service, and civic pride among its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Vineland Pageant is a longstanding community tradition dating back to 1900, with the crowning of the first Miss Vineland, Mary E. Edward, reflecting the City's enduring commitment to celebrating its heritage and the accomplishments of its young women; and

WHEREAS, the Miss Vineland Pageant was revived in 2011 by the Friends of Historic Vineland as part of the City of Vineland's 150th birthday celebration, reaffirming the pageant's historical significance and its role in strengthening community identity; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Miss Vineland Pageant continues this proud tradition by emphasizing scholarship, personal achievement, volunteerism, and civic engagement, while fostering confidence, leadership, and positive role modeling among its participants; and

WHEREAS, the newly crowned Miss Vineland will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, along with additional gifts generously provided by local sponsors, in recognition of her accomplishments and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Miss Vineland will declare and actively support a community service platform during her reign and will attend community events throughout the year, serving as an ambassador for the City of Vineland and representing the community with pride, professionalism, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the success of the 2026 Miss Vineland Pageant is made possible in large part through the fundraising and charitable support of Rair Causes, whose commitment and generosity help ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the pageant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland recognizes the outstanding leadership and dedication of Jessica Lucena Muniz, Director of the Miss Vineland Pageant, whose tireless efforts, professionalism, and passion have been instrumental in the planning, organization, and success of the Miss Vineland Pageant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Vineland, that the 2026 Miss Vineland Pageant is hereby commended for its continued contribution to fostering leadership, community involvement, and civic pride; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council extend their sincere appreciation to Rair Causes for its charitable fundraising efforts and ongoing support of the Miss Vineland Pageant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council formally commend Jessica Lucena Muniz for her exemplary leadership and dedication as Director of the Miss Vineland Pageant, and for her commitment to empowering young women and preserving a cherished Vineland tradition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the organizers of the 2026 Miss Vineland Pageant as a token of the City's recognition and gratitude. The Governing Body of the City of Vineland commends and congratulates the many remarkable young women who have worn the crown and represented the City of Vineland. We join in extending best wishes and success to all involved and hope the Pageant continues to inspire young women for generations to come.

Adopted:

President of Council pfs

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk rgf



Vineland, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GREEN ACRES PROGRAM - PARK DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of **\$1,180,000.00**, in the form of a **\$1,180,000.00** grant from the State to fund “**ADA Fitness & Recreation Improvements at Howard Pagliughi Park**” at a total project cost of **\$1,180,000.00**.

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that:

1. Anthony R. Fanucci, or the successor to the office of Mayor, is hereby authorized to:
 - a. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - b. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: February 3, 2026

President of Council pfs

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk rgf

CERTIFICATION

I, Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD, Municipal Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Vineland at a City Council meeting held on the 3rd day of February 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 3rd day of February, 2026.



Vineland, New Jersey

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - _____

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 FINANCIAL OFFICER AND STAFF AND HEALTH OFFICER AND STAFF CONCERNING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES COMMUNITY SHELTER, FORMERLY SOUTH JERSEY REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER AND 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 THE DISCLOSURE OF MINUTES OF SAID MEETING AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from the meeting of a public body where the subject matter of that meeting involves matters relating to contract negotiations and potential litigation in which the public body is or may become a party and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Vineland desires to meet with the Mayor, City Clerk and Staff, Business Administrator and Staff, City Solicitor and Staff, Chief Financial Officer and Staff and Health Officer and Staff to discuss contract negotiations with the South Jersey Animal Shelter and potential litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that:

1. The public shall be excluded from a meeting of the Council of the City of Vineland, Mayor, City Clerk and Staff, Business Administrator and Staff, City Solicitor and Staff, Chief Financial Officer and Staff and Health Officer and Staff immediately following the Special Meeting of City Council, on Tuesday February 3, 2026 in the Caucus Room or Council Chambers, City Hall, Vineland.
2. The general nature of the subject matter of the closed meeting shall pertain to the negotiation of a contract between the City of Vineland and South Jersey Animal Shelter now known as Associated Humane Societies South Community Shelter and potential litigation related thereto.
3. Disclosure of the minutes of the closed meeting authorized above between the Mayor, Council of the City of Vineland, City Clerk and Staff, Business Administrator and Staff, City Solicitor and Staff, Chief Financial Officer and Staff and Health Officer and Staff shall be made following a final decision and determination of said matter excepting information which must remain private.
4. It is anticipated that the minutes of the deliberation conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public within 2 months, however, any personal confidential information may not be released.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk