

The City of Vineland
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 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

Pledge of Allegiance

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 10, 2026, and the Work Session of February 17, 2026.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Arthur, that the minutes of the Pre-Meeting Conference and the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2026, and the Work Session of February 17, 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 Elizabeth Arthur, Councilmember Scott English,

Councilmember Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez, Council President Paul Spinelli

General Public Comment

The Clerk read the following: 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.

MaryAnn Laielli, Vineland resident, opposed the reduction of public comment from five minutes to three minutes, stating that complex matters require adequate time for thorough presentation. She inquired whether the City had received an Independent Environmental Study from DataOne. Council President Spinelli referred the question to City Solicitor Rick Tonetta, who stated that the City has not yet received the study but anticipates receiving it shortly. Tonetta further advised that, upon receipt, it will be filed with the Municipal Land Use Board and made available for public inspection.

Kate Delaney, Collingswood, NJ, South Jersey Organizer for Food & Water Watch, expressed significant concern regarding the proposed inclusion of a Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) storage tank in the data center plan. She cited potential safety risks and stated that residents have not been adequately informed of associated dangers.

Heidi Yeh, Cherry Hill Township, NJ, Policy Director for the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, stated that her review of the plans indicates substantial changes to the data center project. She expressed concern regarding potential environmental impacts and urged Council to exercise due diligence, thoroughly review amendments, and hold the developer accountable.

Bailey Winder, Mays Landing, stated that the project may increase utility costs and negatively impact the environment. He called for transparency and prioritizing residents over profit. He questioned whether the reduction in public comment time reflects diminished regard for public input and stated that DataOne representatives should attend meetings to address community concerns. Mr. Winder indicated he submitted a petition with approximately 1,600 signatures to Governor Miki Sherrill. Council President Spinelli clarified that no Council member or their families are financially benefiting from the project. Mr. Winder reiterated his opposition to reducing public comment time.

Diane Garrity, Vineland resident, expressed dissatisfaction with the data center proposal and the reduction of public comment time.

Matt Williams, Vineland resident, requested clarification regarding preventative

maintenance procedures for the proposed closed-loop system, specifically asking how wastewater generated from flushing, cleaning, and priming would be handled. He stated that conflicting information exists and that plans currently on file with the city differ from more recent revisions. He also requested clarification regarding digital citizen cards for weekly free produce.

Larry Garrity, Vineland resident, inquired whether any Council members hold stock in Northeast Precast and whether Council or City officials were aware of upcoming site plan changes in advance. He referenced a discussion with officials in Bridgeton regarding a similar data center proposal.

Elora Malet, Vineland resident, stated that no environmental study has been completed and asserted that amendments to the project should have been presented to the public for a vote. She expressed concern regarding long-term water sustainability related to artificial intelligence operations. She also opposed the reduction in public comment time.

Brianna Shaw, Brooklawn, NJ, expressed concern regarding corporate oversight and potential impacts to local water resources, including lakes near the Malaga area, due to projected water usage by the data center.

Nicole Alvarez, Vineland resident, objected to the reduction in public comment time, stating that public comment is a vital component of civic engagement. She expressed concern that limiting speaking time restricts meaningful participation and urged Council to vote against the change. She also referenced amended site plan elements, including an above-ground LNG tank and bio sludge storage and requested notification when the matter proceeds before the Planning Board.

Mary Gaunt, Vineland resident, expressed concern that the project is located in a sensitive area affecting the City's water supply. She stated that industrial expansion may degrade natural resources and reduce quality of life. She further referenced concerns regarding the project's emissions filtration process and prior attention from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Trista Cleevs, Vineland resident, stated that she perceives tension between Council and residents during public comment. She expressed concern regarding long-term project management and the potential erosion of public trust resulting from reducing public comment time. She urged Council to vote against the reduction.

Steve Lewis, Vineland resident, commended Public Works Director Jim Neher and staff for snow removal efforts following the recent blizzard and recognized the Vineland Municipal Electric Utility for its response to outages. He expressed concern regarding Atlantic City Electric's ability to reliably supply power to the data center while expressing confidence in Vineland's local electric utility.

Daniel Carrabello, Vineland resident, stated that while conducting research at the Vineland Historical Society for a City-commissioned mural, he developed a deeper appreciation for the community. He expressed opposition to the data center, stating he

believes financial motivations are driving the project and that it has moved forward too quickly.

Angie Ianucci, Rosenhayn, NJ, expressed opposition to the data center and raised concerns regarding the societal impacts of artificial intelligence, suggesting financial incentives are the primary motivation behind the project.

Jeff Lindsey, Vineland resident, acknowledged that construction appears to be progressing and suggested that, if the project continues, Council should seek tangible community benefits such as funding for youth facilities, sports programs, schools, or explore potential public investment opportunities

Donna Gallina from Newfield emailed a statement to the Clerk and City Council which argued governments and corporations have historically approved or concealed information about harmful substances that were once considered safe but later shown to pose risks. She described growing up near the former Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corp. site in Newfield, now a Superfund cleanup location, and expressed concern that prolonged exposure may have contributed to cancers and illnesses in their family and community. Ms. Gallina's two concerns were: 1. The proposed AI/golf course project, questioning whether it could pose long-term environmental and health risks similar to past projects, and asking who would be accountable if harm occurs; and 2. The infusion of chemicals into indoor retail environments, which they say triggers adverse reactions for chemically sensitive individuals and may pose broader health risks to employees and customers. She emphasized concerns about widespread chemical production and exposure in the U.S., argued that chemical exposure is a root cause of many health problems, and urged council to prioritize public health, reconsider potentially harmful projects, and ensure strict monitoring of businesses that release chemicals into the environment. The letter was received and filed in the City Clerk's Office.

Ordinances for Public Hearing and Final Reading

- 1) ORDINANCE NO. 2026-7, ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO SUPPLEMENT THE \$10,600,000 APPROPRIATED BY BOND ORDINANCE #2025-23, FINALLY ADOPTED MARCH 25, 2025, OF THE CITY FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY.

The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2026-7, ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO SUPPLEMENT THE \$10,600,000 APPROPRIATED BY BOND ORDINANCE #2025-23, FINALLY ADOPTED MARCH 25, 2025, OF THE CITY FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-7 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. 2026-7

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2026-7 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 Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-7 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. President Spinelli commented this was upgrading and updating the Electric Utility's meter program and electricity storage for the city to become more energy efficient and has nothing to do with the data center.

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. 2026-7 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2026-7 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

- 2) ORDINANCE NO. 2026-8, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1074, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 687, ARTICLE I, SECTION 687-8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED RIGHT OF ACCESS; RIGHT TO PLACE INSTRUMENTS.

The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2026-8, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1074, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 687, ARTICLE I, SECTION 687-8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED RIGHT OF ACCESS; RIGHT TO PLACE INSTRUMENTS., which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-8 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. 2026-8

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2026-8 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember 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 Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-8 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. 2026-8 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2026-8 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

- 3) ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 86-46, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 687, ARTICLE XV, SECTION 687-110 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED REMOTE METERS.

The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 86-46, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 687, ARTICLE XV, SECTION 687-110 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED REMOTE METERS., which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9 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. 2026-9

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember 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. 2026-9 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. 2026-9 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2026-9 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

- 4) ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2005-100, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 425, ARTICLE VIII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Clerk presented, ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2005-100, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 425, ARTICLE VIII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED AFFORDABLE HOUSING, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10 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. 2026-10

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas and seconded by Councilmember Arthur, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember 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. 2026-10 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. 2026-10 by title and announced the vote tally.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10 to the Mayor for approval or disapproval.

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

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:30P.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. 2026-12, 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 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. 2026-12 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. 2026-12, 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 President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur, that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:30P.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. 2026-61, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CARMEN COURTER UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-61, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CARMEN COURTER 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. 2026-61 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. 2026-62, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DAVID DONAHUE UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-62, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DAVID DONAHUE 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. 2026-62 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. 2026-63, RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF TESTA, HECK, TESTA & WHITE, VINELAND, NEW JERSEY, AS PART-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF VINELAND AND S. DANIEL HUTCHISON, ESQ, WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY AS ALTERNATE/CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT THEREFORE.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-63, RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF TESTA, HECK, TESTA & WHITE, VINELAND, NEW JERSEY, AS PART-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF VINELAND AND S. DANIEL HUTCHISON, ESQ, WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY AS ALTERNATE/CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT THEREFORE.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-63 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 Albert Vargas, Council Vice President Cruz Gomez

Councilmember English and Council President Spinelli abstained.

- 4) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-64, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-64, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-64 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. 2026-65, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT WITH CRAIG SCARPA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE, FROM DECEMBER 16, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C. 4A:4-1.6(b)(3).

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-65, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT WITH CRAIG SCARPA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE, FROM DECEMBER 16, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.A.C. 4A:4-1.6(b)(3).

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-65 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. 2026-66, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-CAMDEN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF

PROJECT SERVICES UNDER THE SOUTH JERSEY INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION HEALTH (SJIPH) CATALYST GRANT.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-66, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY–CAMDEN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT SERVICES UNDER THE SOUTH JERSEY INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION HEALTH (SJIPH) CATALYST GRANT.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-66 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. 2026-67, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RETAIL FLEXIBLE FUNDING MODEL GRANT PROGRAM – 2026 TRACK 2 DEVELOPMENT BASE FROM THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (NEHA) AND THE U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA).

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-67, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RETAIL FLEXIBLE FUNDING MODEL GRANT PROGRAM – 2026 TRACK 2 DEVELOPMENT BASE FROM THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (NEHA) AND THE U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA).

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-67 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. 2026-68, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RETAIL FLEXIBLE FUNDING MODEL GRANT PROGRAM – 2026 MENTORSHIP/MENTOR OPTION FROM THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (NEHA) AND THE U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA).

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-68, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RETAIL FLEXIBLE FUNDING MODEL GRANT PROGRAM – 2026 MENTORSHIP/MENTOR OPTION FROM THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (NEHA) AND THE U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA).

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-68 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. 2026-69, RESOLUTION APPROVING FOREGIVEABLE LOAN(S) FROM FIRST GENERATION ENTERPRISE ZONE FUNDS FOR PHASE TWO OF PROJECT BEAUTIFY.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-69, RESOLUTION APPROVING FOREGIVEABLE LOAN(S) FROM FIRST GENERATION ENTERPRISE ZONE FUNDS FOR PHASE TWO OF PROJECT BEAUTIFY.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-69 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. 2026-70, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT C24-0141, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 24-07272, ISSUED TO PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC., HADDON HEIGHTS, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$652,028.61.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-70, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT C24-0141, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 24-07272, ISSUED TO PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC., HADDON HEIGHTS, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$652,028.61.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by

Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-70 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. 2026-71, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARDS TO VARIOUS STATE CONTRACT VENDORS, OMNIA COOPERATIVE VENDORS, AND THROUGH THE NATIONAL TIPS USA PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR FURNITURE FOR THE CITY MUNICIPAL COURT RENOVATION.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-71, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARDS TO VARIOUS STATE CONTRACT VENDORS, OMNIA COOPERATIVE VENDORS, AND THROUGH THE NATIONAL TIPS USA PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR FURNITURE FOR THE CITY MUNICIPAL COURT RENOVATION.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-71 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. 2026-72, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 1500KW DIESEL GENERATOR 3-PHASE 480/277V POWER FEED WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH AS A CITY HALL BACKUP FROM WESCO/ANIXTER, SMYRNA, DE, IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$770,835.00, PURSUANT TO A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH SOURCEWELL.
Title changed by: Purchasing Department on February 20, 2026.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-72, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 1500KW DIESEL GENERATOR 3-PHASE 480/277V POWER FEED WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH AS A CITY HALL BACKUP FROM WESCO/ANIXTER, SMYRNA, DE, IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$770,835.00, PURSUANT TO A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH SOURCEWELL.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by

Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-72 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. 2026-73, A RESOLUTION IMPOSING LIENS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.12s3 AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR UNPAID PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SAID STATUTE AND VINELAND CITY CODE § 530-13.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-73, A RESOLUTION IMPOSING LIENS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.12s3 AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR UNPAID PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SAID STATUTE AND VINELAND CITY CODE § 530-13.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-73 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. 2026-74, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE TO THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY FOR 2026-2027 ANNUAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-74, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE TO THE NEW JERSEY PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY FOR 2026-2027 ANNUAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-74 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. 2026-75, A RESOLUTION REVERSING THE CANCELOATION OF GRANTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE GRANT APPROPRIATION RESERVES.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-75, A RESOLUTION REVERSING THE CANCELOATION OF GRANTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE GRANT APPROPRIATION RESERVES.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-75 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. 2026-76, A RESOLUTION CANCELING GRANTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCES OF GRANT APPROPRIATION RESERVES.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-76, A RESOLUTION CANCELING GRANTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCES OF GRANT APPROPRIATION RESERVES.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-76 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. 2026-77, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELOATION OF TAXES FOR CY 2025 & CY 2026 FOR THE REASON RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF VINELAND TAX COLLECTOR.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-77, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELOATION OF TAXES FOR CY 2025 & CY 2026 FOR THE REASON RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF VINELAND TAX COLLECTOR.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by

Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-77 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. 2026-78, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REFUND OF TAXES.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-78, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REFUND OF TAXES.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-78 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

19) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-79, A RESOLUTION APPROVING SURETY REDUCTION, RELEASE OR RENEWAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ENGINEER.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-79, A RESOLUTION APPROVING SURETY REDUCTION, RELEASE OR RENEWAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ENGINEER.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-79 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. 2026-80, 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. 2026-80, 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 Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-80 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. 2026-81, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CALENDAR YEAR 2025 RESERVE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-81, 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. 2026-81 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. 2026-82, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-82, 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. 2026-82 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. 2026-83, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF ORIGINAL, RENEWAL AND/OR TRANSFER TAXICAB
LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2026.

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-83, 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. 2026-83 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

24) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-84, RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINDINGS AND
CONCLUSIONS AND DECISION OF RESOLUTION NO. 6750 OF THE
PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF VINELAND THAT THE PREMISES
IDENTIFIED ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP AS BLOCK 4301 LOTS 1.02,
1.03, 1.04, 1.05 AND 1.06 BE DECLARED A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA
IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY
HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT LAWS
Added by: Legal Department on February 24, 2026

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-84, RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS AND DECISION OF RESOLUTION NO. 6750 OF THE
PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF VINELAND THAT THE PREMISES IDENTIFIED
ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP AS BLOCK 4301 LOTS 1.02, 1.03, 1.04, 1.05 AND 1.06
BE DECLARED A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT
PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT LAWS

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by
Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-84 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

- 25) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-85, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO STATE CONTRACT #23-FOOD-47763, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 25-06916, ISSUED TO FRANK MAZZA AND SON, INC., HAMMONTON, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,924.73.

Added by: Purchasing Department on February 24, 2026

The Clerk presented, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-85, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO STATE CONTRACT #23-FOOD-47763, PURCHASE ORDER NO. 25-06916, ISSUED TO FRANK MAZZA AND SON, INC., HAMMONTON, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,924.73.

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Dr. Arthur that, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-85 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

Privilege of the Floor

President Spinelli removed a citizen for outbursts and disruption before councilmembers had a chance to speak.

Councilmember Vargas thanked the retirees for their public service and wished them well.

President Spinelli removed another individual for loud, disruptive outbursts in the room.

Councilmember English expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Department for their exceptional efforts in maintaining the roads during the recent snowstorm. He also shared that he personally observed EMS personnel responding to a medical emergency in his neighborhood amid the storm conditions and commended them for their outstanding service. He emphasized that these positive efforts deserve recognition. Mr. English further addressed the recent adjustment of public comment time from five minutes to three. Drawing on his experience serving on the School Board, where a similar change was implemented, he noted that speakers were never curtailed when they presented substantive and meaningful input. He expressed confidence that President Spinelli would exercise similar discretion. He thanked those who spoke respectfully and acknowledged the courage it takes to address the Council, stating that public input provides valuable perspective. He also emphasized that the Council cares deeply about the issues raised by residents—often more than the public may realize. He concluded by thanking individuals who had sent emails and encouraged continued communication.

President Spinelli stated that the data center application had been properly approved through the appropriate permits and processes, and that voting against it could have exposed the City to potential legal action. As a lifelong resident of Vineland, he affirmed that he would not support any measure he believed would harm the community. He clarified that any future amendments to the plan would be reviewed by the Planning Board or Zoning Board, as applicable, and would not fall under the Council's authority. Addressing concerns about public comment, President Spinelli remarked that he has rarely interrupted speakers and emphasized that "it's not what you say, but how you say it." He respectfully requested civility from members of the public, noting that mutual respect is essential and that false accusations may carry consequences.

Adjournment

The President entertained a motion moved by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember 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 06:49 PM

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
Council President

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC
City Clerk