

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-290

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, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND LAW FIRM OF DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE AND GIBLIN 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 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 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, Director of the Department of Health, Chief Financial Officer and Law Firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin to discuss the ongoing litigation in the matter of Garden State Islamic Center v. City of Vineland, et al, Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-01209.

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

1. The public shall be excluded form a meeting of the Council of the City of Vineland on July 14, 2020 immediately following or during the Regular Session of City Council, in the Caucus Room, City Hall, Vineland.
2. The general nature of the subject matter of the closed meeting shall pertain to the litigation in the matter of Garden State Islamic Center v. City of Vineland, et al.
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, Director of the Department of Health, Chief Financial Officer and Law Firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin 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 30 days, however, any personal confidential information may not be released.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk