

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference 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:

Councilman David Acosta
Councilwoman Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator

President Spinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 12, 2018 by the Municipal 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 and The Press of Atlantic City;
3. Filing written notice in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vineland.

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

Neil Lewis, Vineland, NJ, voiced complaints about the new trash pick-up. President Spinelli stated there was a miscommunication regarding Engineering specifications for the roads and trash and recycling pick-up schedules. He asked for residents to have patience with the new company. He did state cul-de-sacs are problematic.

Darlene Fedeler, Vineland, NJ, spoke in support and thanks from the Vineland Soup Kitchen. She invited all residents to the Super Bowl party. She stated that during the holiday's 19,600 meals were prepared and distributed. She thanked Gateway Community Action and the Salvation Army for providing food and supplies to the kitchen.

Steve Lewis, Vineland, NJ, questioned if City departments met prior to budget reviews for their department's needs. Solicitor Tonetta and President Spinelli both stated this process is already in progress.

Anthony Centeno, Vineland, NJ, invited everyone to the Vineland Soup Kitchen Super Bowl party on February 1.

There being no other public comment, the Deputy Clerk reviewed changes to the agenda since the January 2 work session. Resolution No. 2019-9, awarding a contract to Hydropure Services LLC to complete inspection & rebuild of six PAHT G pumps for the Vineland Municipal Electric Utility in an amount not to exceed \$41,424.00, was revised to change the amount of the contract award to \$44,739.00. Resolution No. 2019-12, providing for the transfer of certain calendar year 2018 reserve budget appropriations balances, was removed. Resolution No. 2019-12, authorizing the issuance of original and renewal taxicab licenses for the year 2019, was added. Resolution No. 2019-14, approving surety reduction, release or renewal, was added. President Spinelli voiced his concerns with the timing and need for this resolution to be placed on the agenda at the last minute. In the body of the resolution it is only to be approved after approval by the Planning Board. Solicitor Tonetta and Business Administrator Dickenson stated this resolution is necessary for the business to move forward with their construction. With the change in the surety law, this project falls in the new law boundaries. President Spinelli still had concerns with why this was necessary. The decision was made by Council and President Spinelli to allow this resolution to stay on the agenda. Communication from Mayor Fanucci regarding the reappointment of Christine A. Scarpa to the Planning Board, was added. Communication from Mayor Fanucci regarding the reappointments of Hernando Perez and Brian Lankin to the Vineland Downtown Improvement District Management Corporation board of directors, was added.

Councilman Franceschini stated EMS Chief Al Links reached out to Emergency Management and Cumberland County coordinator Bob Sanders regarding them committing funding for an ambulance bus. Ambulance busses have been in use for a long time. They are extremely useful as they allow more than one victim or person to be treated at a time. The closest one is in Atlantic County and it is very successful. The Vineland Board of Education has already stated they will provide a bus for the ambulance. Retrofit costs for the ambulance would be approximately \$120,000.00. The Health Department is also working on a healthy vending ordinance.

Solicitor Tonetta updated Council on the reflective material and light ordinance amendment for bicycle riders.

President Spinelli stated the current vaping ordinance may need an amendment. Written suggestions were to be provided by concerned citizens and business owners but as of this date none have been received. He stated the Recreation Commission wants to name the track at Romano Park for Ernest Marcacci. He will confirm this with the Mayor prior to Council deciding anything on it.

Councilman Acosta questioned if notification has been given to the Board of Education regarding the proposed burning resolution. Business Administrator Dickenson stated notice will be given by the NJ Forest Fire Service. Solicitor Tonetta stated there is absolutely no burning, controlled or otherwise, in City parks without the Recreation Commissions' approval.

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President Spinelli asked if public notice had been given regarding the four corners on Landis Avenue. Solicitor Tonetta stated the four corners at Landis Avenue and the boulevards are actually Rights of Way. The police department has the authority to enforce no loitering, eating, sitting, standing, smoking, or drinking on the monuments and fountains there. The Director of Public Works has been directed to have signs posted.

There being no other Council members to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting. The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

ATTEST:

Christine A. Scarpa,
Deputy Municipal Clerk