

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 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 (*arrived at 6:04 p.m.*)
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 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.

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

Neil Lewis, Vineland, NJ questioned Council regarding the potholes located on West Avenue getting deeper. President Spinelli stated all of West Avenue is getting paved and that issue will be addressed.

Director of Municipal Utilities John Lillie was present to discuss the issue of trees being pruned. He stated seventy percent of power outages are caused by tree limbs falling down. He explained that sometimes a healthy tree may look pruned uneven because of the strict standards specifically N.J.A.C. 14:5-9, by the NJ Board of Public Utilities Vegetation Management Standards to be followed. He read to Council the State regulations which define the necessary amount of pruning, and will be specific to: each tree type and growth patterns; health of the tree; and relative location of the tree to the power lines. He stated that he takes all resident's complaints and comments seriously. He urged all resident's with any Utility concerns to contact him.

There being no one else to be heard, the Deputy Clerk advised Council there are no changes to the agenda since the March 19 work session.

President Spinelli asked if any Council members wished to be heard.

Councilman Franceschini reminded Council of the May 2, 2019 dedication of the new middle School on Lincoln Avenue in honor of Sgt. Dominic Pilla.

Business Administrator Dickenson told Council the VDID will not put any info or signs on buildings until contracts are in place.

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