

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020
5:00 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 (*participated via telephone*)
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Robert E. Dickenson Jr., Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Susan M. Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety

President Spinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 11, 2019 and March 20, 2020 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.

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk reviewed the agenda. Note: The Work Session originally scheduled for March 17, 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. President Spinelli requested an explanation regarding the Senior Pharmacist position referenced in Ordinance 2020-19. Administrator Dickenson explained that this establishes the position. It was the belief of the Director of the Health Department and the administration that this individual would be helpful in a number of ways, including the dispensing of NARCAN. President Spinelli noted that this is only the introduction/first reading for this ordinance, so if Council members need additional information, it can be obtained prior to the April 14 public hearing and adoption.

Councilman Vargas noted that people are camping at Landis Park. Director Alicea will advise the police department to have patrols check on it.

President Spinelli received a letter concerning the cancelled Greek flag raising ceremony. It was a cordial letter appreciative of the city's involvement.

Administrator Dickenson explained that city employees are working since government is considered to be an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Departments are using alternate scheduling to accommodate concerns.

The Clerk advised that there is no meeting scheduled next week, the fifth Tuesday of March. If consideration is given to cancelling the April 7 work session and the quarterly Board of Health meeting, the Clerk should be notified next week in order to give timely notice of any cancellation. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 14.

President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk