

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020
4:30 P.M.

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:

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

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

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Spinelli stated that due to the current COVID-19 crisis, the City of Vineland is following the CDC and State of NJ Guidelines by utilizing a telephone conference system allowing the public access for participation in the meeting. The toll free telephone number for this meeting is 1-833-247-7123, and the conference ID number is: 3308969.

Anyone having difficulty in connecting to the conference call, or they feel they haven't been properly heard, please email Council President Paul Spinelli, at pspinelli@vinelandcity.org, so your concerns can be addressed.

The Deputy Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 11, 2019 and April 29, 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;
2. Providing written notice to the offices of The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City; and;
3. Filing written notice in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vineland.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that the 2020 minutes of the Work Sessions of April 7, April 21, and May 5, the Pre-Meeting Conferences and Regular Meetings of April 14 and April 28 be approved as submitted.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard at this time.

There being no one to be heard, the Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (SUPERVISOR OF GARAGE SERVICES), which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26 be given a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

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The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26 by title.

The President directed the Deputy Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2020-26 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, CHAPTER 687, ENTITLED "UTILITIES" AND TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 24, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER RATES AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SERVICE BY THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY," AND THE AMENDMENTS THERETO, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27 be given a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27 be closed.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27 be taken up for second and 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27 by title.

The President directed the Deputy Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2020-27 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-28, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-28 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-28, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (DEPUTY MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND SENIOR FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-28 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 4:30 p.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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-29, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas,, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-29 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-29, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR AND PARALEGAL SPECIALIST).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-29 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 4:30 p.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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-30, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-30 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-30, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2008-60, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-30 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 4:30 p.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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-31, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-31 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas

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The Deputy Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-31, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-36, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 56, ARTICLE I, SECTION 56-1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, ESTABLISHING THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-31 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 4:30 p.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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-206, RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING GOVERNOR MURPHY'S DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 103 AND DECLARING SAID EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 2015-36, CHAPTER 542 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAYOR FANUCCI'S PROCLAMATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-206 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-207, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/HOME PROGRAM FUNDING.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-207 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-208, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FY 2020 CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING GRANT PROGRAM.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-208 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-209, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VINELAND A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE MADE AVAILABLE BY REVENUE REALIZED FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,910.58 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-209 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-210, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A KUBOTA R630R43 WHEEL LOADER FOR PUBLIC WORKS FROM FARM-RITE, INC., HAMMONTON, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,176.84, PURSUANT TO A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH SOURCEWELL (FORMERLY NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-210 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-211, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE CITY OF VINELAND TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF THE SECOND QUARTER 2020 TAX BILLS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-211 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-212, A RESOLUTION APPROVING SURETY REDUCTION, RELEASE OR RENEWAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ENGINEER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-212 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-213, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-213 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-214, A RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP OF CHAD R. FABBRI TO FIRE COMPANY NUMBER 3.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-214 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-215, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMBERSHIP OF OMAR C. BERRIOS TO FIRE COMPANY NUMBER 1.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-215 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-216, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. C20-0059, ISSUED TO FUMSEY ELECTRIC CO., CONSHOHOCKEN, PA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54, 312.50.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-216 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-217, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMERGENCY USE AGREEMENT WITH BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE FOR DECONTAMINATION OF COMPATABLE PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT FOR RE-USE WITHOUT COST TO THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-217 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-218, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE FORBEARANCE OF GUARANTY OBLIGATIONS UNDER SECTION 108 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 FOR BOSCOV'S DEPARTMENT STORES, LLC AT THE CUMBERLAND MALL.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-218 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
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The Deputy Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-219, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FY 2020 AFG COVID SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT APPLICATION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-219 be 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: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to approve the Street Lighting Report to Council for May 2020.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President asked if any Council Members wished to be heard.

Councilman Franceschini stated Cumberland County currently has 559 positive COVID-19 cases and unfortunately 10 deaths. Until there is proper treatment and a vaccine, maintain 10 feet from others to practice social distancing, wear a mask when in public to protect yourself from others and vice versa. These guidelines are over 80% effective. Hopefully the warm weather will also help defeat the virus. Our city's Health Dept. and OEM are working very hard. He wished everyone well.

Councilman Vargas stated this week we honor our fallen police officers for National Police Appreciation Week. The memorial services were impacted due to the virus. Please keep our officers in your thoughts as they are on the front lines of this virus. Today is Nurses' day. Please keep them in your prayers as they are working hard battling against the virus. Give thanks and pay tribute to those healthcare heroes on our frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic. Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. All teachers deserve admiration as they've had to become very creative on such short notice to make sure our children still succeed on remote and online classroom learning.

President Spinelli asked that we remember our fallen officers and keep those that are on the frontlines in our thoughts and prayers. He stated he appreciates all the first responders as they deserve our prayers and thanks. Please wear your masks to remember to practice social distancing and try to be patient as things are to get better.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the meeting.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 P.M.

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Richard G. Franchetta, E.J.D.
Deputy Municipal Clerk