

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020
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
Greg Gallo, Business Administration Staff
Susan M. Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer

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 June 30, 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 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 me, Council President Paul Spinelli, at pspinelli@vinelandcity.org, so your concerns can be addressed.

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

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda. A revised version of Resolution No. 2020-284, granting the renewal of alcoholic beverage licenses for the licensing period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, was provided. This revision added additional licensees who filed the appropriate documents to qualify. A revised version of Resolution No. 2020-289, authorizing the execution of a letter of agreement between the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) and the City of Vineland to accept NJACCHO funding for services provided by the Vineland Department of Health for expenses incurred to address covid-19 response activities, was provided to correct wording in the title.

Resolution No. 2020-290, 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 the 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, was added. Resolution No. 2020-291, authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement and general release by and between the Garden State Islamic Center and the City of Vineland regarding claims in the matter of the Garden State Islamic Center v. City of Vineland, et al. Civil Action No.: 1:17-CV-01209, was added.

Resolution No. 2020-292, determining the form and other details of not to exceed \$71,500,000 electric utility refunding bonds (federally taxable) of the City of Vineland, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey or such other amount as determined by the Chief Financial Officer to accomplish the refunding on the terms required by the Local Finance Board pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5 and consistent with the refunding provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and provide for the sale and delivery of such bonds to an underwriter as determined by the Chief Financial Officer, was added. CFO Baldosaro briefly commented and explained this resolution.

Resolution No. 2020-293, authorizing the execution of two settlement agreements by and between the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Vineland, was added.

Councilman Franceschini shared some covid-19 statistics. He also reported that he is working with the Vineland school district to plan for a potential opening of schools in September.

Councilman Vargas noted the PAL board meets tomorrow.

President Spinelli stated the VDID board meets tomorrow and will discuss upcoming events and possible covid-19 implications.

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