

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020
6:30 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
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

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

The Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 11, 2019 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 Franceschini, that the 2020 minutes of the Work Sessions of July 6 and July 21; the Closed Meeting of July 14; and the Pre-Meeting Conferences and Regular Meetings of July 14 and July 28 be approved as submitted.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, the 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.

Chris Wilson, Vineland. [Participated virtually.] He was interested in the outcome of the use of force resolution.

Hassan Hameed, Vineland. [Participated virtually.] He, too, was interested in the outcome of the use of force resolution.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-317, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF VINELAND AS LESSEE AND THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AS LESSOR REGARDING 57 WEST PARK AVENUE, VINELAND, NJ.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-317 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-318, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., WHARTON, NJ, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIFTEEN (15) MOTOROLA APX4000 PORTABLE RADIOS, FOUR (4) MOTOROLA APX4500 PORTABLE RADIOS, TWO (2) CONTROL STATIONS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY – ENGINEERING DIVISION, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,929.50.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-318 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-319, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORPORATION, CHICAGO, IL, FOR INTEGRATION OF ITS CAYENTA CIS SOFTWARE WITH DATAVOICE OUTAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (OMS) SOFTWARE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,920.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-319 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-320, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED PROCUREMENT POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND PURCHASING DIVISION.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-320 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-321, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SECOND GENERATION ENTERPRISE ZONE ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN TO SYNERGY TATTOO STUDIO, LLC.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-321 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-322, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARGE AGAINST VARIOUS LAND FOR LAND CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGE TO BECOME A LIEN UPON SUCH LAND AND TO BE ADDED TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE TAXES TO BE ASSESSED AND LEVIED UPON SUCH LAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-322 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-323, A RESOLUTION CANCELING THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF PRELIMINARY EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE VINELAND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE AREA.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-323 be 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 to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-324, A RESOLUTION CANCELING THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF PRELIMINARY EXPENSES IN CONNECTIN WITH THE REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION OF THE POLICE TRAINING FACILITY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-324 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-325, 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 Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-325 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-326, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO D'AMATO INC. PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING, VINELAND, NJ, FOR FURNISHING AND INSTALLING FOUR 4 NEW HVAC SYSTEMS AT FIRE STATION NO. 2.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-326 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-327, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, NAT ALEXANDER COMPANY, LAUREL SPRINGS, NJ, FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) SCOTT X# PRO SCBA AIR PAKS AND THIRTEEN (13) 45 MINUTE BOTTLES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,397.60.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-327 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-328, A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE GOVERNING BODY REVIEWED THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 ANNUAL AUDIT ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-328 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-329, A RESOLUTION 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, CITY ENGINEER AND STAFF, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND LAW FIRM OF TESTA, HECK, TESTA AND WHITE 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-329 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-330, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF VINELAND WITH RESPECT TO LANDIS AVENUE, PHASE 0 (CON), MAIN ROAD TO MYRTLE STREET RESURFACING.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-330 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-331, A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES FOR THE LICENSING PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-331 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-332, 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 STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION GRANT ALLOCATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,117,935.00 AND AN APPROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-332 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-333, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-333 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-334, RESOLUTION RE-AFFIRMING THE VINELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POLICIES RESTRICTING THE USE OF FORCE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-334 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-335, RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING GOVERNOR MURPHY'S DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE ISAIAS AND DECLARING SAID EMERGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 122, CHAPTER 542 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAYOR FANUCCI'S PROCLAMATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY CONTRACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-335 be adopted according to law.

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

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

The Clerk presented reports of the various departments for the month of June 2020, and requested the reports be received and filed.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the reports as presented by the Clerk be received and filed.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, 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 Franceschini, to refer to the Planning Board a request to amend the Energy and Minerals Condemnation Redevelopment Area plan so as to allow a 9-hole golf course, driving range, clubhouse, indoor firearms training/shooting range and soccer field with attendant site improvements on property known as 4031 South Lincoln Avenue, Vineland, Block 7503, Lots 35.01, 35.02, and 35.03 and request findings of fact and recommendations thereto.

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

There being no discussion to be heard, 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 that we are very fortunate to have our own electric utility, in the way they handled the recent storm damage. He urged everyone to be prepared for the coming storms.

Councilman Vargas thanked the police, road department, and the electric utility for their work during the recent storm.

President Spinelli noted the quick response from the utility and he thanked all first responders.

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The President 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

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli,
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk