

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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
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 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 asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard at this time.

There being no one to be heard, the Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-41, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-41 be taken up for the First Reading.

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

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-41, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ANTENNA SITE LEASE AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2010, BETWEEN THE CITY OF VINELAND AND CALVARY CHAPEL OF VINELAND, INC.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-41 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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. 2020-336, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PEARL THOMPSON UPON RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-336 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

President Spinelli read the resolution in its entirety.

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-337, RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY AND THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO AUTHORIZE VOTERS IN NEW JERSEY TO VOTE UTILIZING VOTING MACHINES IN ADDITION TO VOTE-BY-MAIL.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-337 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. 2020-338, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GENEROUS DONATIONS FOR THE DAILY JOURNAL PENNIES FOR PUPS CAMPAIGN TO BE USED FOR THE VINELAND POLICE K-9 OFFICERS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-338 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. 2020-339, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-276, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SECOND GENERATION ENTERPRISE ZONE ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO BENNY ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, INC. (OR ITS ASSIGNS).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-339 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. 2020-340, 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 A STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION 2021 GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,020.00 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. 2020-340 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. 2020-341, 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 US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM – COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL (AFG-S), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,945.24 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. 2020-341 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. 2020-342, 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 A COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,131.00 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. 2020-342 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. 2020-343, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT RELATED TO HURRICANE ISAIAS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR SERVICES, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND RELATED ITEMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-343 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. 2020-344, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,765.00 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NO. C17-0025, ISSUED TO O.R. COLAN ASSOC., LLC, UNION, NJ.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-344 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. 2020-345, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, TO CONTRACT NO. C20-0064, ISSUED TO DAN SWAYZE & SON INC., SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,248.99.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-345 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. 2020-346, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, DELL INC., ROUND ROCK, TX, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELEVEN (11) REPLACEMENT LAPTOPS FOR VINELAND MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY - CUSTOMER SERVICE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,605.29.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-346 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. 2020-347, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, SPACESAVER c/o DIVERSIFIED STORAGE SOLUTIONS, FORT ATKINSON, WI, FOR TEN (10) SPACESAVER FREESTYLE LOCKERS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,132.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-347 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. 2020-348, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 2019-336, APPROVING CHARGE AGAINST VARIOUS LAND FOR LAND CLEARANCE AND AUTHORIZING SAID CHARGE TO BECOME A LIEN UPON SUCH PROPERTY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-348 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. 2020-349, 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 Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-349 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. 2020-350, 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 US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS FY2020 CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM (CESF) ALLOCATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,633.00 AND AN APROPRIATION IN SAID BUDGET FOR LIKE SUM AND PURPOSE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-350 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. 2020-351, 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. 2020-351 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. 2020-352, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL TAXICAB LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2020.

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The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-352 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. 2020-353, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF VINELAND AND THE LAW FIRM OF SURENIAN, EDWARDS & NOLAN LLC, BRIELLE, NEW JERSEY FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION WITH RESPECT TO VINELAND'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-353 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. 2020-354, A RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP OF VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL TO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-354 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. 2020-355, RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$9,650,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2020, OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-355 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. 2020-356, 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. 2020-356 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 a communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci re-appointing David Catalana to the Planning Board, Alternate #2, for the term commencing September 1, 2020 and expiring August 31, 2022, and requests the communication be received and filed.

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

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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 reports of the various departments for the month of July 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 asked if any Council Members wished to be heard.

Councilman Acosta recognized David Catalana's service on the Planning Board.

Councilman Vargas extended congratulations to Pearl Thompson upon her retirement.

President Spinelli also congratulated Pearl Thompson. Additionally, he urged parents to be diligent about children taking golf carts on city streets.

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