

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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.

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. 2020-50, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (CLERK 1 PART-TIME), which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-50 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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 on ORDINANCE NO. 2020-50.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-50 be closed.

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, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-50 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 to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-50 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2020-50 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-51, 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 Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-51 be taken up for a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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 on ORDINANCE NO. 2020-51.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-51 be closed.

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, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-51 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 to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2020-51 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2020-51 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2020-52, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-52 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. 2020-52, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (I.B.E.W., LOCAL UNIT #1).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-52 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, November 10, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2020-53, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-53 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. 2020-53, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (CHIEF ACCOUNTANT).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-53 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, November 10, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2020-54, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-54 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. 2020-54, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-25, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CENTER CITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 5203 OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF VINELAND SO AS TO AMEND BLOCK 4003 LOT 1 CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 6413 OF THE PLANNING BOARD.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-54 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, November 10, 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2020-55, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-55 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. 2020-55, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PRODUCTS, INC., MILLVILLE, NEW JERSEY AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 1909, LOT 56.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2020-55 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, November 10, 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. 2020-420, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VINELAND AS THE REDEVELOPMENT ENTITY AND NEP REAL ESTATE OF VINELAND NJ URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-420 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 2020-421, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF VINELAND WITH RESPECT TO MILL ROAD (DESIGN) – LANDIS AVENUE TO ALMOND ROAD (CR 540).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-421 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. 2020-422, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FY 2021 LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUNDS (LFIF) FOR RESURFACING OF FOREST GROVE ROAD (DELSEA DRIVE TO MILL ROAD).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-422 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. 2020-423, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FY 2021 LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUNDS (LFIF) FOR RESURFACING OF FREDDY LANE (FOREST GROVE ROAD TO DEAD END).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-423 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. 2020-424, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ASSOCIATION OF FOOD AND DRUG OFFICIALS (AFDO) FOR FUNDING FOR THE FDA CENTRAL REGIONAL SEMINAR - 2021 UNDER THE VOLUNTARY NATIONAL RETAIL FOOD REGULATORY PROGRAM.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-424 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. 2020-425, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE VOLUNTARY NATIONAL RETAIL FOOD REGULATORY PROGRAM STANDARDS, MENTORSHIP PROGRAM.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-425 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. 2020-426, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VINELAND RE-AUTHORIZING "DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES" FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITY BUSINESS WITHIN NJDEP AND EPA EMISSION TRADING PROGRAMS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-426 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. 2020-427, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NO_x, SO₂, AND CO₂ ALLOWANCES FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND ELECTRIC UTILITY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-427 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. 2020-428, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-497, TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT ISSUED TO J. BISHOP CONSTRUCTION INC., MILLVILLE, NJ FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-428 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. 2020-429, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO EDMUNDS GOVTECH, NORTHFIELD, NJ, FOR EDMUNDS 2021 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,335.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-429 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. 2020-430, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, WINNER FORD, CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR BASE VEHICLE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY – ADMINISTRATION DIVISION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,716.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-430 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. 2020-431, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, WINNER FORD, CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD 4X4 UTILITY BODY WITH PLOW, FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,122.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-431 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. 2020-432, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AWARD TO A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, WINNER FORD, CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD F250 4X4 UTILITY BODY WITH PLOW, FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,237.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-432 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. 2020-433, 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. 2020-433 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. 2020-434, 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. 2020-434 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. 2020-435, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY FUND GRANT APPLICATION PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-435 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. 2020-436, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE (ATM) SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND FROM OCEAN FIRST BANK TO DOLPHIN DEBIT AND THE EXECUTION OF A LANDLORD CONSENT/WAIVER.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-436 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. 2020-437, A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY JAILS AS DIRECTED BY GOVERNOR MURPHY IN ACCORDANCE WITH S 2519 UNLESS RELEASED BACK TO THE COUNTIES IN WHICH THEY WERE SENTENCED TO JAIL INSTEAD OF RELEASING THEM IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2020-437 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 President asked if any Council Members wished to be heard.

Councilman Franceschini reported that we are now in “yellow” status for COVID-19 and likely will soon move to “orange” because of incident increases. He also reported that there was a low turnout at the flu clinic today at the flea market.

Councilman Acosta reminded everyone that Election Day is next week and encouraged everyone to vote.

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