

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur.

The following members were present at roll call:
Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

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

President Arthur 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 8, 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 Arthur asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis distributed questions he is posing concerning the legalization of recreational cannabis. He said he expects answers at the special meeting next week.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda.

The resolution to amend the CY2021 municipal budget was removed by the Chief Financial Officer. Resolution 2021-230, accepting the generous donation of a table saw from Marco Ricci to be used in the Road Department of Public Works, was added. Resolution 2021-243, authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 4x4 reg cab work trucks for Electric Utility from Mall Chevrolet, Inc., Cherry Hill, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$121,887.42, pursuant to a regional cooperative pricing agreement with Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) cooperative pricing system, was amended, changing the department from Water Utility to Electric Utility. Resolution 2021-246, authorizing the purchase of a 2021/2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 crew cab work truck for the Fire Prevention Bureau from Mall Chevrolet, Inc., Cherry Hill, NJ, in the amount not to exceed \$43,580.01, pursuant to a regional cooperative pricing agreement with Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) cooperative pricing system, was amended to correct the amount in the title. Resolution 2021-252, approving surety reduction, release or renewal as submitted by the City Engineer, was amended to remove items already approved. A communication from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci was added reappointing Josephine Orlando-Spinelli to the Police Athletic League Board of Directors, retroactive to February 23, 2021, and expiring February 22, 2025.

Councilman Franceschini announced that he would not be attending the work session on June 1. He also stated that nationally, 50% of the population have received the COVID-19 vaccination.

All members expressed birthday greetings to Councilman Acosta.

Councilman Spinelli announced that he cannot make the proposed June 3 special meeting. He also stated that VDID projects and activities are moving forward, including the banners honoring veterans and the Old Fashioned Christmas.

Council members decided to have a special meeting to discuss the recreational cannabis issue on Wednesday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. The Clerk will issue the public notices for the meeting.

Director Alicea reported the veteran banners are going 'like hot cakes.' Everything appears to be on track for the Memorial Day parade. Councilman Spinelli suggested trying to get improved newspaper coverage about the veteran banners.

President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk