

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 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 (*arrived at 6:06 p.m.*)
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
Greg Gallo, Administration
Kathleen Hicks, Supervising Planner
Susan M. Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer

President Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy 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;
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.

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

Steve Lewis, Vineland resident, stated his neighbors went down to Atlantic City this weekend and all they could smell in the air was marijuana. He rhetorically asked City Council if that's what they want Vineland to become. He again stressed this decision is the biggest decision of their tenure.

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

Ordinance 2021-31 (the lease purchase with the CCIA over the new Fire Station and DPW building) will again need to be continued because of contractual issues. Ordinance 2021-40 was added which addresses the SLEO municipal court liaison officers. 2021-41 which transfers property to the Vineland Industrial Commission was added by Economic Development Director Sandy Forosisky; Ordinance 2021-42 was added by Solicitor Tonetta which provides for standards, qualifications and set fees for adult use cannabis. This ordinance was discussed at length over licensing fees and wording. Solicitor then discussed revisions, made adjustments and re-issued an updated version of the ordinance via email to all council members that would be read into the record tonight. 2021-43 was added to authorize certain municipal transfer and user taxes on sales of cannabis and cannabis items. This ordinance, too, was discussed by Council and Solicitor Tonetta. Adjustments were made, updated and re-distributed to City Council via email as to the updated ordinance that would be read into the record tonight. Ordinance 2021-44 was added to amend Ordinance 86-38, Chapter 425 of the Code of the City of Vineland as to provide for medical and adult use cannabis in certain zones. Resolution 2021-287 was revised to add the contract commencement date to the resolution body. Resolution 2021-303 was added by Business Administration which authorizes an amendment to a City agreement with Demetrica Todd-Ruiz, Esq., for municipal court services. Resolution 2021-304 was added granting renewal of ABC licenses for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 by the City Clerk. This was due to an applicant previously failing to file for a special ruling which is all now rectified and in order. A communication was added by Mayor Fanucci re-appointing John Pierantozzi and Ryan Flam and appointing Victoria Lods to the Vineland Zoning Board of Adjustment for the term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025. A motion from Solicitor Tonetta was added to amend the City's redevelopment plan to allow a conversion of existing and vacant professional office to a single family home at 700 East Wood Street and requested the Planning Board to render findings of facts and recommendations.

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

Richard G. Franchetta, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk