

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the Presiding Councilman, Paul F. Spinelli

The following members were present at roll call:
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
Presiding Councilman Paul F. Spinelli

Councilman David Acosta was absent.
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur was absent.

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

Presiding Councilman Spinelli 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.

Presiding Councilman Spinelli asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis questioned the status of the SPCA animal shelter issue. Solicitor Tonetta explained that Request for Proposals was released to hire a consultant. The consultant will research the issue and provide a report with estimated costs, suggested locations, etc. The County government refuses to be a part of the effort, but so far all municipalities are cooperating. Once the details are outlined in the report, municipalities will either commit to the new project, or remain with the SPCA.

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

The Clerk noted that Director of Fire/EMS, Richard Franchetta will be leading the recognition of two firefighters, presenting them with medals of meritorious conduct. This will occur at the beginning of the regular meeting immediately after the approval of minutes. Solicitor Tonetta made some minor changes to the body of Ordinance 2021-46, ordinance amending Ordinance No. 89-104, as amended, Chapter 341 of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled 'Excavations' by adding a new section entitled 'Siting of poles, cabinets and antennas' and amending Ordinance 51, as amended, Chapter 630 of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled 'Streets and Sidewalks' by adding a new section entitled 'Siting of poles, cabinets and antennas.' It is scheduled for a public hearing and final reading tonight. Resolution 2021-367, authorizing the execution of a contract renewing membership in the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties municipal joint insurance fund, was added. Resolution 2021-368, authorizing the award of a broadband consulting services contract in accordance with the recommendation set forth in the evaluation report dated July 23, 2021, in connection with the city's broadband program, was added. Resolution 2021-369, authorizing special law enforcement officers for the year 2021, was added.

The Clerk reminded Council members that next week's work session will be on Monday, August 2 beginning at 6 p.m., because of National Night Out which is scheduled on Tuesday evening.

Councilman Franceschini briefly mentioned COVID issues, particularly the revised CDC guidelines recommending the resumption of masks for indoor gatherings.

Presiding Councilman Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the meeting.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
Presiding Councilman Spinelli

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
Presiding Councilman

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk