

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 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 6:05 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
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator

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.

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

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

The Clerk noted that Ordinance 2021-50, designating the intersection of Columbia Avenue and Lake Road as a four-way stop intersection, was revised by the City Engineer. Ordinance 2021-51, to amend and supplement Ordinance No. 8, which established the classification and compensation plans for the City of Vineland (Road Inspector), was added. Resolution 2021-371, authorizing the execution of a shared services agreement by and between the Vineland Downtown Improvement District Management Corporation and the City of Vineland for the implementation of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Neighborhood Preservation Program, was revised to correct a typographical error. Resolution 2021-388, ratifying and confirming the re-appointment of John Pierantozzi and Ryan Flaim, and the appointment of Victoria Lods to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was added. Resolution 2021-389, rejecting the bid received on July 27, 2021 for the installation of Carbon Monoxide catalyst on existing Down Unit 11 (Trent 60) turbine and authorizing the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise for bids, was added. Resolution 2021-390, rejecting the proposals received on July 16, 2021 to provide construction management services for the City of Vineland new fire station and authorizing the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise for new proposals, was added.

Councilman Franceschini reported that in July Vineland had 99 positive COVID-19 cases and 2 deaths. So far in August there are 97 positive cases and no deaths. 27% of the positive cases are under the age of 19. Governor Murphy has mandated masks for the start of the school year.

Councilman Acosta inquired about the status of the chicken ordinance. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the cannabis issue took priority. A draft of the chicken ordinance will be provided for review and discussion. The Solicitor also reported that no responses have been received yet for the animal shelter RFP.

Councilman Spinelli announced the upcoming food truck festival on Landis Avenue, and urged everyone to wear a mask. 'Heathers – The Musical' is at the Landis Theater for the next two weekends.

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

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk