

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 6:09 p.m.*)
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were: Michael Benson, Esq., Associate City Solicitor
Greg Gallo, Business Administration Staff

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 asked for an update on the water tower cleaning and the SPCA animal shelter issue. Councilman Spinelli noted that Administrator Dickenson and Solicitor Tonetta were both absent tonight. Regarding the animal shelter matter, Councilman Spinelli believes we are waiting for responses to the RFP. Mr. Lewis also noted that there is good progress with the Gold Star Mothers' Garden project and he thanked Councilman Vargas for leading this effort.

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

Resolution 2021-410, a resolution commending Vineland's Pigtail Girls 12U All Stars for winning the Babe Ruth World Series, was added. The resolution approving a memorandum of agreement between the International Association of EMTs and Paramedics, Local R2 074 for temporary terms of employment, was removed from the agenda. Resolution 2021-411 was assigned to a resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) new 2022 Ram 5500 chassis cab (DPOL64) Tradesman 4x4 reg cab from National Auto Fleet Group, Watsonville, CA, in the amount not to exceed \$251,624.16 pursuant to a National Cooperative Contract Agreement with Sourcewell,, which was added.

Councilman Franceschini announced that booster vaccine clinics will begin at the end of September. He also reminded everyone that hurricane season is upon us.

Councilman Acosta noted that 15,000 Afghan refugees are at Ft. Dix.

Councilman Vargas reported that both the PAL Family Fun Day and the VDIID Food Truck Festival were successful events. He added that the Gold Star Mothers' Garden work is progressing and thanked employees and volunteers who are assisting.

Councilman Spinelli congratulated the Pigtail Girls World Series champions. He noted that the Food Truck Festival was supposed to have 25 trucks, but 13 backed out due to the weather implications. Landis Theater resumes their concert events again and auditions are underway for a Halloween play and coming soon for a Christmas play.

President Arthur also congratulated the Pigtail Girls World Series champions and agreed that the Food Truck Festival was successful.

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