

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini Jr. was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator

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.

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

Ordinance 2021-69, ordinance to release, vacate, and extinguish any public rights in an to a portion of Grove Lane in the City of Vineland, was revised, to correct an error of the street name. Resolution 2021-524, authorizing award of a contract to Datavoice International Inc. Chicago, IL, for Datavoice annual software maintenance and subscription, in an amount not to exceed \$46,763.80 was revised to correct the contract date. Resolution 2021-539, authorizing the purchase of motor vehicles from National Auto Fleet Group, Watsonville, CA in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$386,205.47, pursuant to a national cooperative pricing agreement with Sourcewell was revised to add vehicles for the Electric Utility. Resolution 2021-540, authorizing a contract awarded to a stat contract vendor, Axon Enterprise Inc., Scottsdale, AZ for the purchase of additional body worn cameras (BWC) in the amount not to exceed \$171,670.10 was added and then revised to amend the amount, title and additional language. Resolution 2021-541 authorizing the purchase of automated external defibrillators for the Fire Department and EMS from VE Ralph and Son Inc., Kearney, NJ in the amount not to exceed \$25,998.00 pursuant to a regional cooperative pricing agreement with Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) cooperative pricing system was added. Resolution 2021-542, designating Oceanfirst Bank N.A. as an approved depository for Municipal funds for bond anticipation notes and appointing the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Business Administrator, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer as signatories thereon was added. Resolution 2021-543 designating Oceanfirst Bank N.A. as an approved depository for Municipal funds for general bond proceeds Oct 2020 and appointing the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Business Administrator, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer as signatories thereon was added. Resolution 2021-544, designating Oceanfirst Bank, N.A. as an approved depository for municipal funds for a certificate of deposit and appointing the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer as signatories thereon was added. Resolution 2021-545 designating Oceanfirst Bank N. A. as an approved depository for municipal funds for a certificate of deposit and appointing the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer as signatories thereon was added. Resolution 2021-546, authorizing the issuance of original and renewal taxicab licenses for the year 2021 was added.

The Deputy Clerk reminded everyone that there will be a closed meeting this evening immediately following the Regular Meeting.

Councilman Spinelli inquired as to why so many resolutions were added on to the Agenda late. He also asked for a report and/or findings on electric vehicles and would like Council to see a report as to whether the City could benefit from such technology.

Councilman Acosta noted it took him over three hours to vote in last week's General Election. He saw many voters walk away in disgust. His polling location at Petway Elementary School is the largest Ward in the City was very disappointed in how the election was handled on many levels and heard similar stories from other municipalities and counties across the state.

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

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Meeting adjourned at 6:18 P.M.

ATTEST:

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk