

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
6:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting 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
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were:

Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
Sharon Flaim, Director of Solid Waste

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 15, 2021 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.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the 2021 minutes of the Pre-Conference and Regular Meeting of December 28; and the 2022 minutes of the Work Session of January 4, 2022 be approved as submitted.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Councilman Franceschini introduced Meghan Spinelli, the new president of the Vineland Board of Education. Ms. Spinelli stated that she was looking forward to the Board of Education and City Council to be working together. She welcomed City Council members to visit all Vineland public schools.

The President invited Sharon Flaim, Director of Solid Waste, to the podium. Ms. Flaim explained the current status of trash-recycling collection. She explained that the City of Vineland does not collect trash or recyclables. That task is contracted to outside entities. Currently, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) is in a five-year contract that began in 2019. The contract calls for twice-a-week trash pickup and once-a-week recyclables pickup. Collection, especially over the past year, or so, has been sporadic. ACUA has not met its contractual obligations and the matter is in legal review to consider all options.

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard at this time.

Steve Lewis commented that it is not right that City Council members have to bear the burden of complaints relating to trash and recycling collection. He urged concerned residents to call the ACUA directly. He questioned how the ACUA could expand service to Millville, when they can't handle Vineland. He said Vineland residents are paying for a service and they deserve to get the correct service.

Rick Dovey, President of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority. He introduced himself and two staff members who were also present in the audience. He said he was very sorry about the poor service. A severe labor shortage, due to the COVID-19 pandemic brought an unprecedented and unpredictable labor situation. The latest surge has negatively impacted their recruitment efforts, and it's the same in Vineland and in the municipalities served in Atlantic and Cape May counties. Each morning 25%-35% of the workforce calls out. He explained that ACUA is dedicated to do the job as scheduled. He assured City Council that ACUA has enough equipment, but it's the labor – CDL drivers and laborers – that strains the effort. The recent snow storms have also presented operational challenges. He explained that problems were minimal prior to the pandemic and explained that all haulers are having the same difficulties.

Councilman Spinelli commented that Vineland's issues seemed to appear when ACUA started their service in Millville. Mr. Dovey responded that they don't favor one town over another. Vineland has the challenge of twice-a-week pickup that does not exist in any of their other contracted towns, but it's the pandemic and labor shortages causing the problem.

Councilman Franceschini asked Mr. Dovey what ACUA can tell us about handling the Vineland contract the way it should be. Administrator Dickenson asked for a written plan to share with our constituents. Mr. Dovey responded that they can't do that. They just don't know about the labor issues. But they will try to create a plan.

President Arthur suggested identifying and prioritizing the areas that are behind schedule. Mr. Dovey explained that Ms. Flaim is consistently persistent to identify to the ACUA problem areas that need to be addressed. This concept of identifying and prioritizing areas seemed to be accepted by Mr. Dovey.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2021-82, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PILOT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT TAX EXEMPTION FOR VARIOUS APPLICANTS, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2021-82 be taken up for a public hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2021-82.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2021-82 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2021-82 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2021-82 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2021-82 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2021-83, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (INVESTIGATOR, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL PART-TIME), which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2021-83 be taken up for a public hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on ORDINANCE NO. 2021-83.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the public hearing on ORDINANCE NO. 2021-83 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2021-83 be taken up for second and final reading and adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE NO. 2021-83 by title and declared that with a vote of five yeas this ordinance is adopted.

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The President directed the Clerk to submit ORDINANCE NO. 2021-83 to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval.

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-01, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (CHIEF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-02, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (POLICE CHIEF).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03, which was ready for a First Reading.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 be taken up for the First Reading.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk read ORDINANCE 2022-03, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 8, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND (EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINEE).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 be passed for First Reading and that a Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT WITH PEDRO CASIANO, CHIEF OF POLICE, FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT WITH KELLY SORACCO, CHIEF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO PURCHASE ORDER NO. 21-06551, ISSUED TO VORTEX SERVICES LLC, FREEHOLD, NJ, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,496.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04, A RESOLUTION MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 PENDING FINAL ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 BUDGET.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CALENDAR YEAR 2021 RESERVE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BALANCES.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY OF VINELAND.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented the Assessment Roll for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2022, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Assessment Roll for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2022 be given a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on the Assessment Roll for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2022.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2022 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE VINELAND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THAT THE BUDGET OF THE VINELAND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 BE READ BY TITLE ONLY AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SAID BUDGET.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented the Budget of the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2022, which was ready for a Public Hearing.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Budget for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2022 be given a Public Hearing and opened to the public for discussion.

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The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on the Budget for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2022.

There being no one to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the Public Hearing on the Budget for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District for Calendar Year 2022 be closed.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE VINELAND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMENDATORY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO PURCHASE ORDER NO. 21-07220, ISSUED TO HYDROPURE SERVICES LLC, MARYSVILLE, IN, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$651.57.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL TAXICAB LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2022.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12, A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO MARINO GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, INC., WILLIAMSTOWN, NJ FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND FINANCE DEPARTMENT RENOVATIONS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$396,950.00.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF NO_x, SO₂ AND CO₂ ALLOWANCES FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND ELECTRIC UTILITY.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID ACOSTA, A MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL, TO THE PLANNING BOARD (CLASS III).

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll:
YEAS: Councilman Franceschini ABTAINED: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15, A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE ISSUANCE OF A "NEW" ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE, 0614-33-015-008, UPON FAILURE TO TIMELY RENEW, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.18 FOR THE 2021-2022 LICENSE TERM.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE VINELAND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16 be adopted according to law.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented a COMMUNICATION from Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci appointing Justin White, Esq. to the Vineland Downtown Improvement District Management Corporation Board of Directors for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024, and requested the communication be received and filed.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the communication as presented by the Clerk be received and filed.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The Clerk presented the street lighting report for the month of January 2022, and requested the report be received, filed and approved.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, that the street lighting report for January 2022 as presented by the Clerk be received, filed and approved.

The President asked if there was any discussion by Council members on this motion.

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There being no discussion to be heard, the Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

The President asked if any Council members wished to be heard.

Councilman Franceschini reported that so far for the month of January there have been 1,542 positive COVID-19 cases in Vineland. He opined that things will hopefully start to turn around by the end of the month. NJ Governor Murphy extended New Jersey's State of Emergency, mandating masks in schools. This will expire in thirty days. There is a booster clinic at the former Amish Market on Friday.

Councilman Acosta stated that he was sympathetic to the labor shortage in reference to the City's trash and recycling contract with the ACUA, but at the same time there are obligations not being met. We need to be sure that we don't pay for services we are not receiving.

Councilman Spinelli commented that the VDID meets next week. He stated that the City needs to explore ways to ween the VDID off their large dependence on UEZ funding. He also agreed with the posture of Councilman Acosta, while we are sympathetic to unforeseen labor shortages, we need to protect our taxpayers. He also noted that the Landis Theater is back with shows.

The President 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