

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022
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
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli (*participated virtually by conference call*)
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were: Michael Benson, Esq., Associate City Solicitor
Greg Gallo, Business Administration
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
Susan M. Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

President Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Municipal 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 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 further to be heard, the Deputy Municipal Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda.

Lucia Ruggiero, Conservation Coordinator for the American Littoral Society an organization that does conservation work in Cumberland County. Wanted the City to know there is funding available for communities to improve their storm water management. They worked previously with the City's Environmental commission. She reached out to the Commission and also VDID Russell Swanson as she's heard there is some interest by the public for some 'tree-pits' on the Landis Avenue noting the pits would replace the existing trees but also catch storm water so it not only provides an esthetic but environmental benefit as well. They very much would like a letter of support or letter of interest if interested so they can proceed further and provide the City with more information. Dr. Arthur asked if we could get her in touch with the gentlemen that created the tree plan for 2022. Deputy Clerk Franchetta stated he would speak with her after the meeting to exchange information.

Revisions to the Agenda since the Work session of March 15th included the removal and addition of O2022-28 which AMENDS ORDINANCE 2001-10, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 123, ARTICLE VI OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS FROM 11 TO 9. O2022-29 was added and revised by Solicitor Tonetta which ADOPTS THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF RESOLUTION 6499 OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF VINELAND TO AMEND ORDINANCE 86-38, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 425 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND ENTITLED LAND USE SO AS TO REZONE BLOCK 7503 LOTS 1.01, PART OF LOT 3.01, PART OF LOT 4.01, PART OF LOT 5.01, LOT 6, LOT 6.1, PART OF LOT 7, PART OF LOT 35, LOT 47 AND 48.01 TO I-B, INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS AND TO REZONE PART OF BLOCK 7503 LOT 19.01 TO A-5 AGRICULTURAL AND ADOPT A ZONE MAP CHANGE; Councilman Franceschini commented he is not in favor of changing Agricultural zoning bounds; O2022-30 was added by Solicitor Tonetta which AMENDS ORDINANCE 2017-72, AS AMENDED, AND ORDINANCE 2019-48, AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 5 SECTIONS 5-12 AND 5-11, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, ENTITLED DIVISION OF PLANNING AND DIVISION OF ENGINEERING, RESPECTIVELY; Resolution No. 2022-117 to Amend the Budget and R2022-118 to adopt the Calendar year 2022 Budget of the City of Vineland were added by Chief Financial Officer Susan M. Baldosaro. Councilman Franceschini asked what was being amended. CFO Baldosaro stated prior to introduction of the Budget, the certification for state aid had not yet come in from the State of NJ. It was certified and came in six-thousand dollars less so the line item needed to be changed to the exact amount to anticipate. It was a very small amendment. Councilman Franceschini jokingly commented he thought it may have been a raise for our Deputy Clerk here. Res No. 2022-119 was added by Eco. Dev. Director Sandy Forosisky AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ACCESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN T & M ASSOCIATES, MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY AND THE CITY OF VINELAND FOR THE CITY RIGHT OF WAY ON PEACH STREET TO INVESTIGATE A UST LOCATED THEREON; A Report was provided by Tax Collector Carmen DiGiorgio for the month of February 2022 and will request it be received and filed.

Councilman Franceschini noted that as of today the City only has 57 positive cases of the virus for this month. We are to anticipate another surge, but nothing like previous surges (Omicron B-2). The Amish Market vaccine station will go mobile and hit various locations in community. Councilman Vargas asked what percentages are we currently for vaccinations. Franceschini responded for those with second doses the City is in the high sixty percent range and forty percent range for the booster. Health officials are discussing a possible fourth or second booster shot which will likely be your 'seasonal' shot. There's an increase in illegal food establishments whereby people are cooking food from home and selling it to the public. The health department is on the hunt for these popup businesses.

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President Arthur announced that Cunningham School student will not be present for the Pledge of Allegiance this evening.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk