

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 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 (participated remotely)
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman Albert Vargas was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

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 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.

Steve Lewis referenced Ordinance 2022-36, allowing an alternate method of hiring police officers, without taking the Civil Service examination but providing they successfully complete the police academy. Mr. Lewis suggested that City Council members take a sample Civil Service examination, just to see what it's all about.

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

Resolution 2022-169, appointing school crossing guards for the school year 2021-2022, was added. Resolution 2022-170, authorizing the issuance of original and renewal taxicab licenses for the year 2022, was added. Resolution 2022-171, authorizing special law enforcement officers for the year 2022, was added. Resolution 2022-172, recognizing Michael Cifaloglio, Jr. upon retiring from public service effective May 1, 2022, was added.

Councilman Franceschini reported that there were approximately 40 people at the vaccination clinic on Friday. The Health Department is endeavoring to catch up on inspections. He reported attending the Municipal Alliance meeting last night where the topic of Fentanyl was discussed. He also stated that Project Graduation for Vineland High School I being planned.

Councilman Acosta asked what is being planned about bamboo. Solicitor Tonetta explained that he has been approached about crafting an ordinance prohibiting or restricting the planting of bamboo. There are many questions to be answered regarding the enforcement and penalties. City Council members asked to see a sample ordinance. There was also brief discussion about our shade tree committee, which is part of the Environmental Commission. Apparently they planted trees at Giampietro Park without discussion or planning, particularly from Public Works. Solicitor Tonetta described some of the differences between a shade tree committee versus a shade tree commission, which has broader powers.

Solicitor Tonetta will also explore legislation regulating children's 'bouncy houses.'

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

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk