

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JULY 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 (*arrived at 6:02 P.M.*)
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety (*arrived at 6:13 P.M.*)
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

President Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Resolution No. 2022-303 was retitled and moved out of Consent. Solicitor Tonetta changed the title of the resolution per City Council's wishes. Councilman Acosta requested that Solicitor Tonetta go on record during the Regular Meeting to explain what this Resolution is about so the public can understand. Resolution No. 2022-316 which authorizes the issuance of original and renewal taxicab license for the year 2022 was added on July 20th by Deputy Clerk Franchetta. Resolution NO 2022-317 authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement and general release by and between the City of Vineland and Kristian Kirchner in the matter filed in Superior Court... was added on July 26th by Solicitor Rick Tonetta and Tonetta mentioned the resolution is the same as what was originally proposed and only the change was with language and the signors of the attached agreement.

The Deputy Clerk reminded all present that the next Work Session will be on Monday, August 1, due to National Night out on Tuesday, August 2nd.

Councilman Vargas asked if anyone had approached the City Clerk's office regarding fees for Taxicab fares as he had two people approach him and ask that fare fees be adjusted accordingly for inflation. B.A. Dickenson stated he received a proposal and would forward to the City Solicitor. Solicitor Tonetta stated once he sees the proposal, comparatively speaking, he would look to other municipalities to see what fees are charged, will research and provide guidance to Council at the next work session.

Solicitor Tonetta stated at the last Council meeting, Councilman Franceschini asked for legislation on the City's AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillator). He is requesting to limit the City's liability by properly training personnel and maintaining a log of the devices. Tonetta met with Director of Fire-EMS Franchetta who will spearhead a Committee with Fire, EMS and Councilman Franceschini so the City can qualify and enact the proper legislation. Franchetta will begin the process and advise of any progress.

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

Councilman Spinelli abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
Council President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy City Clerk