

CITY OF VINELAND, N.J.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-44 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF 2040 MAPLE AVENUE, BLOCK 2502, LOT 51 BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:61-1.

The owner of the above the fee simple vacant land is the Vincent Irrevocable Trust “the Trust”. The Vineland Recreation Commission requested the City acquire the land for the expansion of Gittone Park. J. McHale & Associates appraised the 4.926+/- acres and valued it at \$75,000.00. Ordinance 2025-44 then authorized the acquisition of the same by purchase or condemnation. The Trust obtained a more recent appraisal from Robert Cline, SLREA and valued the property at \$180,000.00. Due to the time lapse between McHale’s original appraisal, they updated their initial appraisal to set the value of the property at \$115,000.00. Therefore, this ordinance shall authorize the City to purchase said property for \$115,000.00 or through the city’s right of eminent domain.

The above ordinance was introduced and passed on its first reading at a meeting of the Council of the City of Vineland conducted on March 24, 2026 and is scheduled for a second reading, public hearing, and adoption at a meeting of said Council scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., prevailing time, in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Seventh & Wood Streets, Vineland, NJ.

This ordinance is posted on the official bulletin board on the ground floor lobby of City Hall and full copies may be obtained by anyone without cost from the office of the Municipal Clerk, or by visiting the City’s website, www.vinelandcity.org, under “City Council,” “Current Council Meeting Agenda.”

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