

REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020
4:10 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Paul F. Spinelli.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman David Acosta
Councilwoman Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur (*participated remotely*)
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. (*participated remotely*)
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

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

President Spinelli 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 11, 2019 and May 28, 2020 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 Spinelli asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

There being no one to be heard, the Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Vargas reported that new netting was installed at Fiocchi Field. He said the Recreation Commission and staff are getting ready for the start of non-contact sports on June 22.

Councilman Franceschini reported that in Vineland there have been 795 positive COVID-19 cases to date, with 24 deaths. He also advised that today is the official start of hurricane season and OEM personnel are working on preparing for scenarios in light of the challenges the pandemic adds to the mix. He noted concerns about migrant farm workers, particularly with approximately 10,000 migrant workers expected within the month to work the Hammonton area blueberry fields. Through his health contacts and committees, he has alerted Hammonton officials of the concerns in an effort to better plan for the potential of increased COVID-19 cases.

Business Administrator Dickenson announced that the new 'Jersey Fresh' logo has been completed on the city water tower near Oak Road and Main Road.

President Spinelli reported that non-contact sports can begin on June 22, and hair salons are also permitted to open on June 22.

The Clerk described some changes in the way the New Jersey primary election will be conducted on July 7. All Democratic, Republican and Undeclared voters will receive an application for a vote-by-mail ballot. A limited number of actual polling places will be open, but unless a voter has disabilities, they will vote by provisional (paper) ballot.

Solicitor Tonetta stated that he may need to add an ordinance and/or a resolution dealing with condemnation relating to the Garden Road and Mill Road project.

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

Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk