

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020
6:00 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
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
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 of 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 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.

Pamela Owsley-Brunozzi and Kathy Gardner voiced their concern that there is no facility in Vineland for Code Blue. Last year the homeless from Vineland had to be transported to Millville. The Code Blue season goes from November 1 to April 15 each year. President Spinelli announced that he believes we do have a facility in mind and we are just waiting to hear from the county. Ms. Owsley-Brunozzi and Ms. Gardner were pleased.

There being no one further to comment, the Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Solicitor Tonetta described the history of the Center City Redevelopment ordinance. Ordinance 2020-54 is to permit a tattoo parlor in the redevelopment area, which facilities are otherwise prohibited. He suggested that if City Council wanted to, he would amend the overall ordinance to permit these uses without need for special review. President Spinelli and Councilman Franceschini stated their preference to continue as we have been, taking the matter case-by-case.

Councilman Franceschini reported that COVID-19 cases are again increasing in New Jersey. He reported on a few other pandemic issues.

Councilwoman Arthur suggests that all visitors to City Hall sign in for contact tracing.

Councilman Acosta reported that a friend of his who moved to Texas recently died from the COVID-19 virus. He urged everyone to take the pandemic seriously. He also reported that the Planning Board approved the Dunkin' Donuts plan for the Lincoln & Dante shopping center. He noted that unapproved changes were made to the facility at the Garden Road truck gas station, requiring the owner to reappear before the board.

Councilman Vargas reported that the Recreation department employees are pleased with their new trucks. They are working on various park maintenance projects. He also expressed 'happy birthday' wishes to Solicitor Tonetta.

President Spinelli thanked the electric utility for their help at our parks. He also stated that Code Blue will have a Vineland location, noting that Sandy Forsisky is the city contact person for Code Blue. He also noted that the library is open with a 25% capacity limit.

Solicitor Tonetta stated that another resolution will be added to the regular meeting agenda.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, 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