

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Due to technical difficulties there is no audio recording of this meeting.

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.
President Paul F. Spinelli

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

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.

Steve Lewis offered his cars again for City Council's use during the VDIG Christmas parade. President Spinelli thanked him and said details would follow. Mr. Lewis congratulated Council members on their re-election. He also suggested expanding upon the benefits conferred to veterans. He believes that in the case where a veteran and spouse are deceased, property tax and utility discounts should be given to the living parents within a Gold Star family. President Spinelli responded that it will be examined.

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

The annual Best Practices Inventory was discussed. Administrator Dickenson noted that our score preserves our full state aid. A resolution is on Tuesday's agenda memorializing this discussion.

Councilman Franceschini reported that the Health Department is planning their COVID-19 vaccine strategy. He noted over 200 positive cases already in November, due to indoor gatherings. A flu clinic was conducted last Saturday, but only about 30 people were vaccinated.

Councilman Acosta announced that at last week's Planning Board meeting an expansion for a storage facility on Vine Road was approved.

President Spinelli stated the VDIG meets tomorrow morning. There will be changes to how the Christmas parade is normally conducted to accommodate COVID concerns. The Landis Theater is planning some cover bands and President Spinelli urged everyone to support these activities. PRAC is handling the Code Blue for Vineland and Millville. Out of the three Cumberland County cities, only Vineland has a facility secured for this season, so far. Administrator Dickenson noted that COVID restrictions do not apply to Code Blue facilities, but masks and social distancing still do. He also noted receipt of a letter from a Vineland resident requesting the governing body to adopt a resolution to let Trenton know we support preserving 2nd Amendment rights.

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
President Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk