

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Regular Work Session 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
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. was absent.

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

President Arthur 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 8, 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 Arthur asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis questioned if City Council had any questions or comments about his proposal to offer Gold Star military families utility rate reductions. Council members appeared to embrace the concept.

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

Councilman Acosta noted that the Planning Board met last week and one item on their agenda needs Zoning Board action.

Councilman Vargas provided brief updates on repairs and work on recreation fields and facilities. He thanked first responders to a recent house fire on Sherman Avenue.

Councilman Spinelli stated that the VDID meets tomorrow. They are planning activities. The Vineland Rotary Club is advocating the repair of the Operation Desert Storm clock on Landis Avenue. The Electric Utility is assisting. He congratulated and thanked the Department of Public Works on their handling of the snow and ice with the recent winter storms. He also noted that there is currently more demand for UEZ loan funds than funds available. The Vineland Development Corporation meets this Thursday.

President Arthur stated that the Health Department COVID-19 vaccination clinic is scheduled for tomorrow, with the clinic for second doses on Friday.

Public Safety Director Alicea reported on the phenomenal job by first responders to a recent house fire on Sherman Avenue. He also reported that eight candidates are ready to enter the police academy.

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

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk