

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 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 Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman Paul F. Spinelli 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;
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 wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also inquired about the status of the SPCA animal shelter issue. Solicitor Tonetta explained that all Cumberland County municipalities appear to be in agreement that a county wide shelter is needed. Once the new County Commissioners take office another attempt will be made to get them on board with the county wide concept.

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

Councilman Franceschini reported that there are 888 positive COVID-19 cases and 7 deaths in Vineland for the month of December, so far. He stated the Omicron variant is very contagious and is now the dominant strain. He urged everyone to be smart at holiday gatherings.

Councilman Acosta noted the first confirmed Omicron variant death. It was a man in his 50s in Texas. He commended Vineland's first responders who had to respond to recent incidents. He encouraged everyone to be responsible, and if you drink alcoholic beverages, don't drive. He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Vargas reported that P.A.L is discussing beginning a culinary program and another basketball program. A boxing exhibition bout is planned for April.

Dr. Arthur wished everyone a safe and healthy Christmas. She urged all to keep our first responders in our prayers. She also noted that no students will be present next week to lead the pledge of allegiance because of the Christmas break.

Solicitor Tonetta wished all a Merry Christmas.

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  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

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Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk