

REGULAR WORK SESSION
& QUARTERLY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022
5:30 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 Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman David Acosta was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor (*arrived at 5:34 p.m.*)
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
Macleod Carre, Director, Health Department
Robert Dickinson, Health Officer

President Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 15, 2021 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 entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meetings conducted on February 1, 2022.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Department of Health Director Macleod Carre gave a brief update on Health Department personnel, noting the promotion of new Registrar Theresa Lopez and gave credit for getting the job done with limited staffing. He mentioned Sara Paciocco stepped into the position of Health Educator left by Holmes' resignation.

Health Officer Robert Dickinson reviewed the Covid-19 statistics, case counts and deaths for Vineland. Current case numbers appear to be dropping however numbers may be artificially low due to home test kits which may not be reported. Vineland ranks 2nd in the County in all vaccination categories second only to Hopewell Township. 70 percent of all cases are now the Omicron BA2 variant. The City will continue clinics at the Amish market for another month. They will hold mobile clinics at various workplaces, schools, churches and community events. Vineland Community Policing's Sticker Shock campaign has started which encourages those purchasing alcohol to be 21 + years of age. The Health Dept. is recruiting underage volunteers to begin inspection on vaping / tobacco retailers. First round of inspections is to be completed by the end of April. Health handed out 34 eligible Five Star Awards. The Nursing programs is wrapping up immunization audit of the schools/daycares. A free Rabies clinic will be held on April 30th in the parking lot behind the Annex Bldg. 9:30am-12:00p dogs; 11am-1pm cats. The Dept. had a storage freezer fail so they are in the search for another. Dir. Carre stated money is currently included in the capital budget for the replacement. The City's Pharmacist be performing medication review and mgmt. service at screening and wellness clinics. Councilman Franceschini suggesting recognizing all those volunteers that helped at the vaccination clinics. Director Carre spoke about the issue of transportation for the elderly and those in need and spoke about the CATS County program. Carre is to supply B.A. Dickenson with more information.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Acosta to adjourn the quarterly Board of Health meeting and continue directly into the Work Session.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

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

Steve Lewis mentioned he was very impressed with Mother's Garden in Landis Park and it is a true star for the City. He mentioned the L.S.A. is giving 10% reduction in sewer bill to gold star families which he thought was very nice. He also mentioned they are closing Southern State prison which could mean approximately 1200-2000 workers out of jobs.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President of Council

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk