

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
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 Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

The President 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 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;
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.

Diane Amico, Environmental Commission Chairperson, was present. She discussed the Environmental Commission and its activities. She explained that projects undertaken by the Commission always obtain approval before they are accomplished. She also outlined the work of the Tree Committee, explaining some of the initiatives they have done.

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

Steve Lewis referenced an article from The Daily Journal about the Ruga re-zoning request along S. Lincoln Avenue and Sheridan Avenue.

Kathy Skogel also addressed the Ruga re-zoning request and explained that they had no problem with the original golf course development plan, but with industrial zoning she fears adverse traffic implications. There is already unsafe traffic conditions since the opening of the Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the latest request removed a great majority of the property with Sheridan Avenue frontage, and the overall project was scaled back from over 100 acres to the current 14.5 acres requested to be rezoned.

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

Councilman Vargas announced the Youth Fishing Derby on June 4 at Campanella Park.

Municipal Clerk Petrosky reviewed the City Council meeting schedule for the next few weeks. Next week will be the regular meeting. The following week, the day after Memorial Day, no meeting is scheduled because it is the fifth Tuesday of the month. The first work session of June is scheduled for Monday, June 6, because the NJ Primary Election is on Tuesday, June 7.

The 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 Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk