

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the Vice President, David Acosta.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. (*participated remotely*)
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
Vice President David Acosta

President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur was absent.

Also present were:

Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works
Aaron Melnick, Community Development Program Director
Melissa Walsh, Triad Associates
William Hartman, CDP Advisory Board member

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.

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

There being no one to be heard, the Vice President invited Aaron Melnick, Melissa Walsh and William Hartman forward. Mr. Melnick referenced the report provided to Council members outlining the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME program action plan and budget for the FY 2022. It was noted that the Vineland Midget Football League is a new applicant and is proposed to receive \$5,500. Their target audience falls into the categories for the program. All disbursements are requested with submitted receipts.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Vargas stated that the PAL board meeting is tomorrow. He asked about the animal shelter issue. Solicitor Tonetta responded that necessary information from the county's fourteen municipalities is being gathered by the consultant retained by Cumberland County. The county is finally participating – at least for this phase of the project.

Councilman Spinelli reported that the VDIG is moving forward with all activities and events. A volunteer recognition dinner was held recently. He encouraged everyone to enjoy the upcoming Fourth of July festivities.

Councilman Franceschini inquired about the status of the trash contract. Solicitor Tonetta responded that no bids have been received. At this point preliminary numbers are being prepared to extend the ACUA contract for another year, although the pickup schedule will reduced to once per week. All options are being explored, including the possibility of purchasing trucks to be operated by a third party. Councilman Franceschini also asked if the police and EMS are prepared for high school graduations tomorrow at Vineland High School and the Cumberland County Technical School. Administrator Dickenson responded that they appear to be prepared. Councilman Franceschini will not be in attendance for next week's meeting.

Solicitor Tonetta indicated that the addition of a resolution for professional services will likely be added for the municipal court.

Vice President Acosta congratulated all graduating seniors.

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

David Acosta
Vice President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk