

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

**City Council convened at 4:00 p.m., with Municipal Clerk Keith Petrosky and Deputy Clerk Richard G. Franchetta, EJD in the lobby of City Council Chambers. Public notice was properly given by the Clerk in the normal manner on August 30, 2022. The purpose of the early session was for members of the governing body and staff to be trained in CPR/AED by Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr., who is a certified Red Cross trainer.*

There were technical issues with the recording of this meeting.

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
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
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 and August 30, 2022, 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 President asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

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

There was some discussion about the proposed ordinance prohibiting sleeping/camping in city rights of way. Apparently the growing homeless problem has created unsafe conditions with people sleeping in rights of way. The ordinance provides for the police to offer any violators a ride to the County homeless shelter, then a range of fines for future violations. Councilman Spinelli noted a recent situation on Landis Avenue where a homeless man was undressing and preparing to defecate on the sidewalk. Police were called and the individual was urged by the officer to move along. Some shared the opinion that moving homeless from one place to another will not solve the problem.

Solicitor Tonetta noted that the video production company planning to locate in the former Amish Market had their approval delayed by the State of New Jersey. A bridge loan is planned pending the state's approval.

Councilman Franceschini thanked his colleagues for participating in the CPR/AED training. He also announced that there will be Covid-19 vaccination clinics in September at various locations.

Councilman Spinelli reported a busy fall for the VDIID, and noting the on-going planning for the Old Fashioned Christmas event.

Councilman Acosta thanked Councilman Franceschini for the training session today. He also reported that the Planning Board meets next week.

President Arthur also thanked Council Franceschini for leading the training session. She said the Vineland Historical & Antiquarian Society is seeking new members. The Patriot Day ceremony is this Sunday, as is the 150th anniversary of the New Bethel Church. Additionally, senior citizens are asking when the Sr. Center will be back in operation.

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