

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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:

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

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 Vice 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.

Amit Darji, resident of Gloucester Township, referenced his redevelopment project at 716 E. Plum Street, clarifying that the bedroom count is reduced from seven to five. He explained how disappointed he was about the way this project is going. Even though the police department is two blocks away from his project it has been vandalized and equipment and supplies have been stolen. He expressed displeasure about the delays and stated that work on the project is halted until the issues are resolved. He claimed to have done everything requested to get to this point.

Josie Spinelli distributed flyers about the Olde Fashioned Christmas event, which is one month away. She spoke about the six foot high Santa's mailbox that will be placed in front of the post office, the new 'Christmas Village' structures which will house various vendors, and the donations from City Solicitor Richard P. Tonetta, Esq. and Associate Solicitor Michael Benson, Esq. to fund a Christmas storefront decorating contest.

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

Councilman Franceschini reported that October ended with 327 positive Covid-19 cases in Vineland. A rabies vaccination clinic is scheduled for November 6. The Health Department was interviewed by the Newark Start Ledger about the negative statistics relating to Cumberland County and Salem County. He also stated that free Covid-19 testing continues at the Patrick R. Fiorilli Senior Center.

Councilman Vargas noted that the PAL basketball program practices continue. They hope to get the program back to the point it was prior to the pandemic. The new playground equipment was delivered for Landis Park and it will take approximately three weeks to complete installation. The delivery of equipment ordered for other parks has been delayed until March.

Councilman Spinelli noted the work at Gittone Park tennis courts and the pickleball courts. He said pickleball nets should be acquired. The popularity of the game is high, particularly among older people. He noted cracks in the tennis courts at Pagliughi Park. The VDiD Christmas parade will honor firefighters. Santa's mailbox will be ready by the time of the parade. The Landis Theater restaurant is looking to open in December. The theater continues to host concerts almost every week. He also reviewed the positive reaction from the movie production company about their new Vineland base of operations at the former Amish Market.

President Arthur was relieved to hear the progress on pickleball courts, as she has received calls about this issue.

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

President Arthur  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
Councilman Acosta

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David Acosta  
Vice President of Council

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk