

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 (arrived at 6:04 P.M.)  
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.  
Council Paul F. Spinelli  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were:

Alan Giebner, Esq., Associate City Solicitor  
Robert E. Dickenson Jr., Business Administrator  
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety (arrived at 6:02 P.M.)  
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works

The President 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;
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.

Steve Lewis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to have a happy holiday and said he was very appreciative of what the governing body does.

There being no one else to be heard, the Deputy Clerk introduced and reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Franceschini reported the Health Department stated there were presently 248 COVID positive cases so far this month. A new anonymous reporting system was established by the State to hopefully get better data of those who test positively from home. The COVID grant was extended to June 30, 2024. The new RSV virus is prominent in infants however adults "can" also contract the virus.

Councilman Vargas reported the PAL Christmas party last Saturday was a huge success. Basketball signup season is to start in January.

Councilman Spinelli stated the downstairs restaurant of the Landis theatre has opened softly and will have a dinner menu set in January. The olde fashion Christmas on the Ave. was a huge success, the VDID is having a meeting tomorrow night to begin preparations for next year's event. He noted Councilman's Vargas' remarks about the PAL Christmas party and said the HVAC system in the eating area portion of the PAL building was not working. He asked for volunteers to get involved with the PAL. Spinelli mentioned a large portion of letters to Santa mentioned a wish to bring back PAL Boxing. A discussion ensued and Councilman Vargas stated he will liaise with the Committee to uncover their thoughts on the subject. Spinelli stated Mayor Fanucci paid the postage for the return Santa mail out of his own pocket so that children could receive responses from Santa.

Councilman Acosta mentioned he attended an SPCA meeting and said our funding based on the City's 2020 population is roughly \$6.94 per person. SPCA administration also skirted the issue of their 1.7 million spending and budgetary questions. Spinelli stated 82% of their budget is salary. Acosta closed stating it seemed the SPCA had no interest in negotiations because they know they are the only game in town. Spinelli closed by stating the City should continue to explore what we need and can do on our own.

The Deputy Clerk alerted Council that taxicab drivers came into office noting a potential problem with the recently passed ordinance whereby the technician who programs the taxicab meters cannot program them at the amended rate. The Clerk and Deputy asked the drivers to relay to the meter technician to document the problem and present it to the City Clerk and we will notify the governing body. Dr. Arthur mentioned is sounded like a programming issue more than anything.

Dr. Arthur stated there will be no students for the Pledge of Allegiance next week due to the holidays however Council members can bring in their grandchildren if they wish to assist in the Pledge.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

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Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD  
Deputy Municipal Clerk