

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023
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 Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman David Acosta 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

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 13, 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.

Steve Lewis stated that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Way dedication went well. He inquired about the status of the SPCA contract. Solicitor Tonetta responded that nothing is new. The study commissioned by the County concludes that it is best to stay as is. The City may review other options in the future. Mr. Lewis also opined that the number of cannabis licenses should be reduced.

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

The Clerk reminded all Council members and staff that October 31 is the fifth Tuesday of the month, and no meeting will be conducted on that date.

Councilman Franceschini reported that the Health Department set two Covid-19 vaccination clinic locations, dates will be announced shortly. The Covid-19 levels are currently at the 'medium' level. The Health Department has scheduled a free STD testing clinic. He concluded by requesting a report from the Department of Licenses & Inspections. Either an in-person report or written report would be acceptable.

Councilman Spinelli stated that the VDID board meets tomorrow to discuss their upcoming events. The dedication of the repaired downtown clock is scheduled for next Monday. He also noted that consideration is being given to utilizing the current fire headquarters at 4th and Wood Streets as a soup kitchen/Code Blue facility, after the fire department moves to their new facility. The Catalana family has indicated interest in assisting in establishing the soup kitchen at that site.

President Arthur stated that students from Barse School are expected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at next Tuesday's regular meeting. She also reported that police officers have been patrolling Campanella Park, and all has been quiet so far. Cameras are being considered to help monitor the grounds, and a gate will be installed in an effort to control the park activity after hours.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk