

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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 (*arrived at 6:06 p.m.*)
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
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 advised City Council that they should meet him at 4 p.m. in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church on Saturday for the Christmas parade.

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

The Clerk noted a change in the 2024 City Council meeting calendar, recommended by Solicitor Tonetta. The November 2024 work session originally scheduled for Tuesday, November 19 was moved to Monday, November 18, so as not to interfere with the annual New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. Solicitor Tonetta added that many education and informative sessions are scheduled, urging Council members to plan to attend next year.

Councilman Franceschini reported that he has received complaints about the cannabis odor from neighbors near the facility on the Boulevard. He reiterated his concerns about the odors and the proximity to a school. He also noted how patriotic and nice the recent Veterans/First Responder event at Petway School was.

Councilman Vargas announced the Elks Hoop Shoot scheduled for December 5.

Councilman Spinelli suggested that perhaps now is the time to consolidate the two Vineland youth football leagues. There allegedly exists a video of one of the Vineland coach's infractions which caused the Vineland teams to be suspended from the league. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. The Christmas parade details are being finalized, as well as the arrangements for the Olde Fashioned Christmas.

President Arthur reminded all about the upcoming Barbie movie in Council Chambers, and stated that students from Wallace School are expected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at next Tuesday's regular meeting.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, 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