

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the Presiding Councilman, Paul F. Spinelli.

The following members were present at roll call:

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

Councilman David Acosta was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Greg Gallo, Business Administration Staff
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.

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

Council members questioned the first reading on Ordinance 2023-71, setting forth the terms and obligations required for the replacement of lead service lines on private property to ensure safe drinking water in accordance with N.J.S.A. 58:12A-40 et seq. Solicitor Tonetta explained that Governor Murphy signed a bill into law requiring this. The city will be required to dig to the service connection to determine which private property water lines have lead or galvanized piping, and then replace it. It will be an expensive undertaking, some of which will be paid through state funding.

Council members also had questions relating to the few Ordinance 8 amendments on the agenda. Mr. Gallo will research and report back.

Councilman Franceschini stated his quick internet search revealed that galvanized water pipes deteriorate and also present a lead threat to drinking water.

Councilman Vargas stated the PAL Christmas party is set for December 16. Logistical issues with Sabater School gym need to be resolved. PAL is exploring the possibility of paying coaches. At the Recreation Commission meeting AEDs were discussed and training is the big issue. Romano Park cracks were repaired. Gonzalez Park work is underway. Mini-wrestling has about 108 registered participants and VBA has about 200 registered. Elks Hoop Shoot scheduled for December 5. He also thanked Mr. Lewis for providing transportation for Council members at the Christmas parade.

Councilman Spinelli reported that the tree lighting was excellent, even with the rain. The fireworks were a big hit. The Olde Fashioned Christmas horse & buggy rides were popular and restaurants/vendors seemed to have good results. And the fire pits were popular. Thanks to Director Alicea, Director Neher and Public Works, VPD, Police Explorers, Chief Tramontana. The Barbie movie event is coming up this weekend.

President Arthur reminded all about the Sr. holiday luncheon on Friday at the North Italy Hall, and stated that students from Durand School are expected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at next Tuesday's regular meeting.

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

Councilman Vargas
President Arthur
Presiding Councilman Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli
Presiding Councilman

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk