

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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 David Acosta  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli  
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor  
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator  
Stephen Barse, Associate Solicitor  
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety  
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 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 Deputy Clerk noted the first order of business is a closed meeting adopted by Resolution 2023-607 on December 12, 2023 and mentioned all those not privy or listed in the Resolution must remove themselves from the Caucus Room until the Closed Meeting adjourns and the doors re-open.

The doors re-opened and President Dr. Arthur asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

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

Commenting on Ordinance 2023-76, Dr. Arthur asked if the businesses in the area were notified of where the trucks are parking and inquired as to if they could find another solution. Business Administrator replied he believed it was one business in which they were notified and apparently taken care of.

Resolutions 2023-612, 2023-613 and 2023-614 were all removed from the Agenda per Solicitor Tonetta and Public Safety Director Alicea and they wish to be recognized on January 9, 2024. Council inquired as to if Administration received retirement papers for Bowers and Harris. The Deputy Clerk and Business Administrator will check into the matter.

Dr. Arthur asked, for Resolution 2023-618, as to if this was a new position that does payroll process with Vineland Revolving Loan Fund. Business Administrator Dickenson replied this is all part of what Sandy's [Forosisky] office handles.

The Deputy Clerk also stated the January 2, 2024 Board of Health Meeting will be moved to January 16, 2024 beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the request of the Health Department.

Councilman Vargas commented they had a holiday party recently over at the PAL building which well attended and heard it was the best in years. He also mentioned they are continuing with the Basketball program.

Councilman Acosta noted he will be abstaining from voting on Resolution 2023-611 as it pertains to a relative. He also commented that the dedication of the VHS Gym in Ed Harvard's name was well attended and was a very nice ceremony.

Councilman Spinelli noted the mailbox for Santa is out and that anyone who dropped off letters and wishes for Santa and placed return addresses on their letters, he received word from the North Pole that Santa has answered all of the letters.

President Dr. Arthur commented stating it was nice to see we have some new police officers graduating academies to which Director Alicea affirmed they have five cadets from Camden County Police Academy and three cadets from Gloucester County Police Academy and many of them received prestigious academic awards. Alicea noted these officers should be in the field by themselves by mid-March. Dr. Arthur noted the Harvard affair was very nice and it was great to see Ed Harvard's son.

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

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Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M

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Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Council President

ATTEST:

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Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD  
Deputy Municipal Clerk