

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 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
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 referenced some of his issues with the hiring of police officers, as provided in a recently adopted ordinance. He also inquired about the status of the county-wide animal shelter. Solicitor Tonetta responded that apparently a consultant has been selected by the county, but no information has been shared with us about it yet.

There being no further comment from the public, the Clerk reviewed the agenda.

The Clerk reminded Council members that the next work session, scheduled for March 21, will have two presentations. One from a consultant to report on mobile home parks, and the other by City Engineer D.J. Maillet who will give Council an update on the Chestnut Avenue road diet plan.

Councilman Franceschini reported that he attended last night's Recreation Commission meeting to review the recently adopted AED ordinance provisions. He was surprised that no questions were asked. A Zoom meeting is planned with Cooper University Hospital about a medical director. He also would like the AED ordinance amended to broaden its reach to include all privately owned AEDs. There was some discussion about these provisions and how the matter would be handled and enforced.

Councilman Vargas thanked all involved with Saturday's basketball game. He believes it would be beneficial to have other types of events like that. The PAL basketball season is about over and participants will be treated to a post-season party. PAL is also trying to find a van for their programming use. PAL continues their attempt to bring boxing back. The Recreation Commission plans updates to Gittone Park. The Commission was upset about the move of the Easter Egg Hunt to Giampietro Park without consulting them. They expressed concerns about the prevalent goose droppings as not conducive to an egg hunt. Lifeguard positions are still not filled. The concept of converting the Samuel Clark Park swimming pool into a water park seems to be getting traction. He also noted some concerns about the Karate program.

Councilman Spinelli commented that the basketball game was a good event. An appreciation event for the VDID Christmas volunteers is being planned.

President Arthur noted that D'Ippolito School students are scheduled to lead the Pledge next week.

Administrator Dickenson reminded everyone about the Isiah Pacheco parade on Sunday, April 23, beginning at 11 a.m. ending at Gittone Stadium.

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

Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk