

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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 David Acosta  
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.  
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

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 Clerk introduced Sean Lopez who is working in the Clerk's office for a few months through a State funded program.

The President asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

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

The Clerk reminded everyone that no meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, which is the fifth Tuesday of the month.

Councilman Franceschini reported that Saturday, June 3 is the Vineland Green & Wellness Fair at Vineland High School. He also noted that an audit of our Covid-19 vaccination program is due within a week. The auditor commented that ours was the best program of approximately 1,000 they have audited. A new generator for emergency power at City Hall is planned.

Councilman Vargas noted that the PAL board meets tomorrow. Their summer camp enrollments are going well. He also reported about the poor attendance at the annual Police Memorial service conducted yesterday. He suggested to Director Alicea that the former tradition of family members presenting a flower at the photo of the deceased officers be reintroduced. Director Alicea responded that it is the intention to have the photographs displayed on the second floor of the new police headquarters building.

Councilman Spinelli stated that the VDID board meets tomorrow morning. June 10 is the annual downtown car show. He also noted an outdoor event at Landis Theater on June 3 and 4.

Councilman Acosta reported that last week's Planning Board meeting had a light agenda.

President Arthur stated that students from Dallago School are scheduled to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at next week's Council meeting. She asked about the cannabis committee. Solicitor Tonetta reported that new RFPs were issued and we await the responses. She also inquired about the status of the County-wide animal control effort. Solicitor Tonetta responded that the committee is working to obtain information from the municipalities.

At Council's direction, the Clerk will prepare a resolution endorsing the application of the Natural Vineland Committee for certification as a Community Wildlife Habitat to be added to next week's agenda.

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

Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

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Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk