

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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

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 commented that the Juneteenth ceremony was very good. He questioned the status of the SPCA animal shelter issue. Solicitor Tonetta explained that he recently spoke to the new director of the SPCA, who has expressed an interest in coming to a Council meeting to dialogue. Mr. Lewis also opined that he believes retired K-9 officers have medical benefits paid by the city.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed the agenda. The Clerk also noted that the next work session is on Wednesday, July 5, due to the Independence Day holiday. It is also the scheduled quarterly Board of Health meeting.

Councilman Franceschini requested a report of fuel expenses for city vehicles. He added that the AED ordinance was reviewed in-house again. Apparently all is good for municipal facilities as adopted by the recent ordinance. The questions revolve around concerns for AEDs in private businesses. He also reiterated his request for an Office of Emergency Management update.

Councilman Vargas stated that the PAL summer camp started today, and a bus from the Vineland Public Schools is being used.

Councilman Spinelli reported that the VDIM Cruise event went well. There are many more events through the summer and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilman Acosta provided a brief report from the Planning Board, which he characterized as a short agenda.

President Arthur noted that a Cannabis Committee meeting is scheduled for this Thursday. She also gauged Council's opinion about the recent request Vineland High School students to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a street dedication. It was decided to name Plum Street from West Avenue to the Boulevard as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

The meeting with the new SPCA director will be arranged for the July 18 work session. Council members were reminded about the new Fire Department headquarters ribbon cutting tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk