

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. was absent.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli 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 suggested that the issue of K-9 officer health insurance be discussed with their handlers, since it is possible they would want some other assistance for the retired dogs. Administrator Dickenson responded that this issue will be evaluated internally. Many [human] retired employees are not covered by health insurance by the city. Mr. Lewis also questioned the status of the SPCA. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the County still has not finalized their report.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed the agenda. The Clerk also noted the recent passing of Henry Hansen and Robert Middleton. Both were successful entrepreneurs who also were involved in many community civic endeavors. The Clerk also advised Council members that a resolution authorizing school crossing guards may be added to Tuesday's agenda, if the appropriate paperwork is received.

Councilman Vargas reported that the Journey tribute band concert was a success. He also stated the new playground equipment at Gittone Park will be installed soon. PAL activities are on-going.

Councilman Acosta reported that the Planning Board meeting was rather uneventful, other than concerns from neighboring residents about the walls being installed along the perimeter of the new golf course. He also briefly mentioned a few of the other Planning Board actions. He asked for a report of the expenses incurred by the City for the recent Puerto Rican Festival. He also raised concern about swimming lessons advertised at the Plum Street community swimming pool. Administrator Dickenson responded that he took action today to stop the swimming lesson promotion. It was unauthorized and could put the City in peril with liability issues. Solicitor Tonetta noted that he will request the attorney for the golf course development to appear at the planned ordinance public hearing (September 12) to address concerns about the walls and any other issues.

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

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk