

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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 President asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

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

Councilman Franceschini inquired about cooling centers in light of the hot weather this week. Administrator Dickenson responded that the city is utilizing its usual locations. His understanding is that OEM will be posting the sites on social media. The Health Department has scheduled some vaccination clinic dates and they are working on obtaining the new Covid variant vaccines when they become available. Hospitalizations and deaths are increasing due to new Covid cases. The situation with the Cambridge Street building, originally suggested as a possible vaccination/Code Blue/etc. facility was briefly discussed.

Councilman Vargas reported that the Recreation Commission meets tomorrow. PAL basketball registrations are beginning soon. Benches at the Gold Star section of Landis Park are being installed tomorrow and the statue is supposed to be here soon. No definite date has been selected for the dedication, pending the final arrival and installation of the statue. He noted that the Carl Arthur Center is being shifted under the control of the Recreation Commission. Policies will be established for the activities and usage. Associate Solicitor Jeff Medio was briefed by Solicitor Tonetta about the issues. It was acknowledge that the community swimming pool at Sam Clark Park had a successful season.

Councilman Spinelli stated that the recent VDID Food Truck Festival had reduced attendance compared to recent such events, but it was still successful. The VDID volunteer appreciation event is coming up. The Olde Fashioned Christmas plans are underway. The Halloween activities are also coming up.

Councilman Acosta reported that the Planning Board meets next week.

President Arthur noted the upcoming September 11 ceremony. Former Congressman Frank LoBiondo will be the speaker. Also upcoming is an event honoring Mayor Fanucci; the dedication of Dr. Martin Luther King Way on October 11 (at 10 a.m.); and a fundraiser benefiting Code Blue at Serene Custard on September 21.

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 Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.  
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli  
Councilman Vargas  
President Arthur

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Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
President

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk