

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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
Greg Gallo, Business Administration Staff
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.

Steve Lewis suggested that a statement be read directing all who wish to talk to move outside the Council Chambers vestibule, because there is frequent loud chatter that can be heard in the meeting room. He also questioned the special meeting conducted earlier this evening, and wondered why the items couldn't be taken care of at next week's regular meeting. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the State has timelines established, and if all items aren't taken care of, licenses could be in jeopardy. Mr. Lewis commented that it doesn't seem to be the right way to handle it. Councilman Franceschini did not believe these matters couldn't be handled next week.

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

Solicitor Tonetta advised the governing body that a few additional resolutions would be added. Councilman Franceschini inquired if the money we receive from cannabis licensing goes into the general fund, or to specific departments. Solicitor Tonetta believes it all goes into the general fund.

The Clerk noted that he may add a resolution for the place-to-place transfer of the liquor license for Leo Entertainment LLC. Solicitor Tonetta cautioned City Council that there is currently no evidence of infractions, as to the issues raised by the recent objector. Reducing the hours of operation would diminish the value of the license. The Clerk noted that the governing body always has the option to impose special conditions at the time of annual renewal.

Councilman Vargas advised that the PAL board meets tomorrow.

Councilman Spinelli stated the VDID board meets tomorrow, and they are planning for many events coming up.

Councilman Acosta reported that the Planning Board met last week, with two projects approved. One of them was for Fabbri Concrete Contractors for a property on Doris Avenue, where the Boy Scout headquarters is located. There was some discussion about the ingress and egress for vehicles relating to the business.

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

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk