

REGULAR WORK SESSION & QUARTERLY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024
5:33 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council and the quarterly Board of Health meeting of the City of Vineland was called to order by the Council President, Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman David Acosta (*arrived at 5:47 P.M.*)
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were:

Alan Giebner, Esq., Associate Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administration
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works
Macleod Carre, Director of Health
Robert Dickinson, Health Officer

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 12, 2023 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.

President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Spinelli, to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meetings conducted on July 5, 2023.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Dr. Arthur

Director Macleod Carre provided a reporting of the Health Department staffing, Social Worker update and Opiate funding. A new hire under a grant is being used to assess programs' impact on the community. There is another new hire funded by funds from the opiate settlement that is assisting with the Municipal Alliance.

Health Officer Bob Dickinson gave a report on COVID-19 and explained a bit about "long Covid" and its impact on public health. He noted they are still working with the State on a COVID-19 after action report. The Department is seeking of hiring an accreditation coordinator. The Health Dept. received a \$85,000 grant to digitize department records and data is currently being scanned and retained in OnBase software. He mentioned there is an ongoing pilot for STD clinics weekly offering both day and night appointments. He also mentioned they received two NEHA – FDA grants; one for \$24,000 and another for \$17,5000 which will need adopting resolutions on the next Agenda for accepting funds.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the quarterly Board of Health meeting at 6:08 P.M.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Dr. Arthur

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

Steve Lewis from Vineland handed out pamphlets about K9 insurance for a company he located that will provide insurance to retired police K9s. He briefly mentioned this could be an option the City may want to look at however the insured can only attend this one doctor location. Mr. Lewis stated he would like to see a program adopted in the City and see that this City takes responsibility of these animals somehow and not give up on them at their retirement. He stated he will continue to push the issue.

The Deputy Clerk then reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Spinelli wished Councilman Franceschini Happy Birthday.

Dr. Arthur mentioned students from Petway School will be at the January 23rd regular meeting for the Pledge of Allegiance. She also stated that the public schools were on a two-hour delay for tomorrow morning.

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

YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Vargas
Councilman Spinelli
President Dr. Arthur

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M

Elizabeth A. Arthur
Council President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk