

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024
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: Alan Giebner, Esq., Associate 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, 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.

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

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

The Clerk reminded everyone that no Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, since it is the fifth Tuesday of the month.

Councilman Franceschini commented on the recent number of ribbon cuttings, specifically noting the Barbera's new ice cream shop opening. He also commented that the Columbus Day ceremony was nice.

Councilman Vargas added that elected city officials should be afforded seating at special ceremonies.

Councilman Spinelli commented that the retirement dinner for Fire Chief Luigi Tramontana was a nice event. He stated the Columbus Day Italian flag raising was nice, and not drawn out. He noted that some of the set up and hors d'oeuvres could use refinement, and suggested that he was willing to help in the future, and other Council members may also be interested in helping. He reported that an estimated 75-90 people attended the homemade wine competition at the Greenview Inn on Sunday. He also noted that some recent concerts at the Landis Theater have been nearly sold out.

Councilman Acosta referenced an email sent to Council members concerning the police chief. Associate Solicitor Giebner advised that it is a personnel matter and should not be discussed in an open public meeting.

President Arthur reported that she attended the Planning Board meeting last week. The former Rite Aid store at Sherman Avenue and Delsea Drive is scheduled to become a car wash. She also said the board considered a new townhouse project on Walnut Road and the fact that Walmart is shifting and enlarging its shop-from-home pick up area from the west side of the building to the east side.

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 Dr. Arthur

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk