

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman David Acosta was absent.

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, 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.

Steve Lewis questioned the 'hidden expenses' associated with trash collection, wondering if the \$24/month charge to residents covers the actual costs. Solicitor Tonetta explained that a cost analysis was performed and over time this is the best way.

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

The Clerk was authorized to add two commending resolutions to the agenda. They would be to honor Shelby Watts, Miss Nothern Lights 2024 and Rylee Howerton, Miss Cumberland County 2024.

Councilman Vargas reported that PAL activities with the Vineland Public Schools was approved by the Board of Education, thanks to board member Eugene Medio.

Council members briefly discussed Gonzalez Park and the need to get an agreement with the school board. The original agreement still has not been located. Councilman Franceschini advocated for the creation of a new agreement.

Councilman Spinelli noted that the VDID executive committee meets tomorrow to review the by-laws.

President Arthur advised that Mennies School students are scheduled to lead the Pledge of Allegiance next Tuesday.

Solicitor Tonetta stated that a resolution will be added relating to the Public Defender.

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

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

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk