

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 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.

Sheena Santiago, Special Events Coordinator distributed biographical information about Mario Romero and briefly spoke about his background. She also distributed a listing of upcoming events.

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

Councilman Spinelli raised concerns about the introduction of the ordinance amending the Center City Redevelopment Plan, and relating to a proposed triplex at 834 E. Elmer Street. After a brief discussion Council decided to remove this ordinance from the agenda and invite Planning staff to attend a future meeting to better explain the proposal.

Alan Giebner, Associate Solicitor, was present for the set of resolutions confirming the sale vacant land to the highest bidder. Unfortunately, most of the parcels had only one bidder and each was well below the assessed value. Four of the six proposed resolutions will be amended to reject all bids and they will be re-advertised. Administrator Dickenson asked why the assessed value wasn't noted as the minimum bid to begin with. Solicitor Tonetta explained that normally that procedure is followed and it will be followed again.

The Clerk advised Council members that a hearing is scheduled for the work session of April 16 for any concerns relating to the sewer assessment project completed on Cavallo Drive. He also reminded members that the quarterly board of health meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Franceschini advised that he would not be attending the April 2 work session/board of health meeting.

Councilman Vargas asked about the drainage issues impacting residents on Brewster Road near Oak Road. Solicitor Tonetta provided a brief history of the matter, including the involvement of Cumberland County. Councilman Spinelli noted that several County Commissioners met with at least one of the concerned residents recently.

Councilman Spinelli reported that the VDIG board meets tomorrow. They are planning for the car show to be conducted in June. He also noted several new businesses are locating in the downtown area.

President Arthur commented that there isn't an AED at the Sr. Center. Also, no students next week to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, due to Spring break.

Councilman Franceschini asked about the Gonzalez Park agreement. Solicitor Tonetta responded that he is preparing a new use agreement, since the original one can't be located.

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

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Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
President

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk