

WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024
6:00 P.M.

The 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 (*arrived at 6:06 PM*)
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were:

Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works (*arrived at 6:10 PM*)
Maryanne Wolf, Clerk's Office Legal Secretary

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy 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; and;
3. Filing written notice in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vineland.

The President asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard.

Steve Lewis asked a question about recently adopted Resolution No. 2024-339 as to why the City needed the Department of Environmental Protection approval for Trout National Golf Course. Solicitor Tonetta responded that it is likely because they need approval for sewer extension and for digging a well and proper testing.

The Deputy Clerk reviewed the agenda.

The President asked if any Council members wished to be heard.

Councilman Franceschini reported Vineland is having a festival hosted by NJ State First Lady Tammy Murphy in planning with the school on October 5, 2024 at Gittone Stadium preparing for approximately 2,000 attendees. The event will be a one-stop shop of information concerning State, County, and Local support services for new mothers, healthcare, housing support, food assistance, childcare and being sponsored by the First Lady's Maternal and Healthcare Initiative. Health Department is waiting on the Chapter 159 to be completed concerning the Opioid funding from Big Pharma. The Health Department received a 2 million grant from the DCA for LEAD remediation and abatement. The Department is in full swing with new environmental health software. There is a learning curve but it is going well. The CPR/AED recertification class for Council will be September 17, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the Council foyer.

Councilman Vargas asked to as whether 1615 W. Garden Road land was sold correctly to which, Solicitor Tonetta replied that the property belonged to the Vineland Industrial Commission who can buy/sell property and do so without advertisement. Tonetta replied that all was done correctly in accordance with the law.

Councilman Spinelli stated the VDID will meet tomorrow (Wednesday, August 21, 2024). The Food Truck festival is set for Sunday September 8, 2024 from 11:00AM to 7:00PM on Landis Avenue between East Avenue and Seventh Street. Thirty food trucks are slated to be there along with live music and movies in Landis Theater. They are expecting a large turnout.

Councilman Acosta noted that first responders did an excellent job on the recent motor vehicle collision which ended up as a triple fatality at Mays Landing and Panther Roads. Acosta mentioned that due to re-occurring medical treatments on Wednesdays, he must step down as liaison to the Planning Board. Council will re-appoint a new member to the Board for the remainder of 2024 and the City Clerk will place a resolution on the August 27th agenda.

President Arthur asked who would be willing to take over for Councilman Acosta and Councilmen Spinelli and Franceschini were interested. Dr. Arthur will notify the City Clerk who they select to replace Acosta.

There being no further comments to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
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The meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk