

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025  
5:00 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Paul F. Spinelli.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilmember Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
Councilmember Scott E. English  
Councilmember Cruz Gomez, Jr.  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were:

Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor  
Greg Gallo, Business Administrator Staff  
Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
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 11, 2024 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. Solicitor Tonetta explained the background of the Vineland Municipal Alliance and advised Councilmembers that Ordinance 2024-8, amending Ordinance 92-65, Chapter 103 of the Code of the City of Vineland, entitled Municipal Alliance Committee, should be voted down. A new version is being prepared and will be introduced at a later date.

Councilmember Arthur read a thank you note from Carol Polaha and the Polaha family regarding the naming of a room at the Senior Center in memory of late, former Recreation Superintendent John Polaha. She also advised that Rossi School students would be leading the Pledge of Allegiance next week.

Councilmember Gomez commented that the recent Vineland Public Library fundraiser was amazing. It was noted that the library now has an E-sports room, with some of the bugs being worked out.

Councilmember English thanked Director Alicea for his updates.

Councilmember Vargas reported that a Recreation Commission meeting was conducted last night. All registrations are now cashless. A new Recreation Superintendent, Alex Gomez, is also on board. Councilmember Vargas suggested that the city consider honoring first responders in a similar way as the veterans are honored on Landis Avenue banners. Director Alicea acknowledged the idea is worthy, but standards need to be defined.

President Spinelli suggested a monument to honor veterans who served in the Afghanistan war. Director Alicea also informed the governing body that a K-9 officer memorial is also in the works. President Spinelli stated the former Amish Market is being converted to a convention center. Additionally, he provided Councilmembers with a cannabis host community agreement draft for review and future discussion.

The President entertained a motion by Councilmember Vargas, and seconded by Councilmember Arthur, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilmember Arthur  
Councilmember English  
Councilmember Gomez  
Councilmember Vargas  
President Spinelli

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Paul F. Spinelli  
President

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk