

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 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  
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 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.

Steve Lewis had a question about the pending Animal Shelter Resolution asking if there was any negotiation on fees. Solicitor Tonetta stated there is no increase and they are using the 2024 fee schedule. Tonetta also mentioned they will continue to look for options and the Administration is not happy the City is charged by population, not by usage of the shelter. Mr. Lewis closed indicating the citizens of Vineland should know what they are really paying for.

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

Solicitor Tonetta mentioned the ABC liquor license hearing scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>, at the request of Prosecutor Charles Fiore, will have to be postponed. Members spoke of a potential Wednesday, May 7, 2025 date at 4:00 P.M. Tonetta will confirm.

Councilmember English asked for the cliff notes version and education on the Burnt Mill Pond situation.

Councilmember Dr. Arthur stated students from Pilla School will attend the next meeting.

Councilmember Vargas went over the baseball opening day schedule with the Council Members. He also reminded everyone about the viewing arrangements for former city employee Dale Elbeuf.

President Spinelli gave an update on the VDIS and mentioned the new Convention Center will opening on Landis Avenue at the end of this October. He also said anyone wanting to participate in the Memorial Day parade to please reach out to Sheena Santiago.

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

Councilmember Dr. Arthur  
Councilmember English  
Councilmember Gomez  
Councilmember Vargas  
President Spinelli

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

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Paul F. Spinelli  
President

ATTEST:

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Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD  
Municipal Clerk