

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018
6:00 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:

Councilman David Acosta (*arrived at 6:05 p.m.*)
Councilwoman Dr. Elizabeth Arthur
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, 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

President Spinelli 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, 2017 by the City Clerk in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board in the lobby of the City Hall on;
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.

President Spinelli asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis referenced the medical marijuana issue and asked if any Vineland city officials received money from medical marijuana lobbyists. President Spinelli responded that he was not aware of anyone receiving money, adding that Solicitor Tonetta is working on the legal issues surrounding the medical marijuana issue. There was a suggestion to explore a municipal tax on the sales of medical marijuana.

Tony Centeno reported that the breakfast to raise funds for the soup kitchen was a great success. He also noted the upcoming Christmas dinner for the homeless.

Praful Thakkar represented a contingent of retail owners in attendance and stated the vaping ordinance presents a hardship with the licensing fee of \$600 initially. Solicitor Tonetta stated the fee was formulated by the Health Department based on the costs of enforcement. There was an agreement to further research the fees and Council requested that Emma Lopez from the Health Department be present for the upcoming Board of Health meeting scheduled for January 15. Council would like that meeting to begin at 5:50 p.m.

Steve Lewis suggested the city license distributors of vaping supplies.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

There was discussion about the Motorola radios on the agenda for purchase by the electric utility. At their last meeting City Council authorized the purchase of several Motorola radios, and the governing body questioned if a cheaper price could be negotiated with more radios being purchased.

Councilman Franceschini asked about the status of the proposed dog park. Administrator Dickenson reported that the location for now appears to be on the city-owned parcel on Lincoln Avenue across from Giampietro Park. Councilman Franceschini also reported that the Health Department is applying for an STD grant.

Councilman Vargas announced that the PAL board has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow. There was some discussion about flagged coaches and the expungement process. Councilman Vargas believes the process should be tightened up.

Councilwoman Arthur reported that she visited some facilities with Councilman Vargas.

President Spinelli stated the VDID board meets tomorrow.

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

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk