

REGULAR WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019
6:09 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
Councilwoman Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor

President Spinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 12, 2018 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.

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

Janis Bokma, Vineland, NJ, asked for Council's assistance with the flooding on her property. She explained the flooding is coming up to her septic system and house. She updated Council on the litigation and proceedings that have taken place since 2009. Solicitor Tonetta stated Council is going to conduct an executive session for this litigation in the future. He is going to have Justin White, Esquire present to answer questions for Council and explain the storm water management enforcement issues. Solicitor Tonetta stated the only portion of the escrow money available is for the design of the basins. President Spinelli expressed his concern with the encroachment of water on the Bokma property. He directed Business Administrator Dickenson to have the Public Works department go and pump out the excess water for the Bokma's. Mrs. Bokma thanked Council for any assistance they can provide.

Robert DeMarchi, Vineland, NJ, spoke regarding flooding on his property in Vineland. He is a neighbor of the Bokma's. He told Council that in his basement he has two sump pumps which are running constantly. He also, expressed his concern with the mold issues.

Michael Bokma, Vineland, NJ, spoke regarding the worsening conditions on his property since Thanksgiving 2018. He has called the departments of Planning and Engineering with no answer or return calls. President Spinelli directed the Business Administrator to address these concerns and complaints.

There being no one else to be heard, the Deputy Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Resolution No. 2019-5, regarding the execution of a prescribed burning agreement with the New Jersey Forest Fire Service for controlled burns on properties in Vineland was discussed. Fire Chief Luigi Tramontana stated the NJ Forest Fire Service will be in charge of all burning. Chief Tramontana stated the correct weather for this type of incident has not been present in the past seven to eight years. Chief Tramontana stated affected or potential areas being affected were provided with "ready-set-go" paperwork. Council expressed concern about notification to Vineland residents. Chief Tramontana suggested posting the notices on Channel 9 and Facebook.

President Spinelli reminded Council the appointments for the Vineland Downtown Improvement District and Industrial Commission are due.

Councilman Franceschini reminded Council that the quarterly Board of Health meeting is January 15. He wants a potential syringe ordinance discussed and possible changes to the vaping ordinance. He asked for Solicitor Tonetta to look into updating and stronger enforcement of the bicycle ordinance. He is requesting reflective clothing and lights on bicycles and bicyclers. He wants stronger enforcement on crosswalks.

Councilman Acosta stated the Three Kings celebration at City Hall was a wonderful event.

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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 Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli,
President of Council

ATTEST:

Christine A. Scarpa,
Deputy Municipal Clerk