

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 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 Arthur
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci (*arrived at 6:08 p.m.*)
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor

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 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 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.

Quarterly Board of Health Meeting:

Macleod Carre, Director of the Health Department; Robert Dickinson, Health Officer and Emma Lopez, Assistant Health Officer were present.

President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to approve the minutes as submitted from the October 2, 2018 Quarterly Board of Health meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Arthur

Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Director Carre reported that he is working with the County and the State to establish a mobile STD unit. Health Officer Dickinson reported that:

- One rabies clinic has been conducted, with three more planned.
- The 2019-2021 Cumberland County Health Needs Assessment has been completed with the top priority issues being: Obesity
Substance abuse
Improving mental health
Access to clinical care
Access to reliable transportation
- An FDA grant in the amount of \$48,638 was received for the initiative, "Maintaining FDA Voluntary Standards: Taking Care of Vineland."
- A grant from the Association of Food and Drug Officials will pay expenses for 2 inspectors to attend the FDA Central Region's Annual Conference in Washington, DC.
- Through a National Association of County and City Health Officials grant we will be mentoring four health departments as they aspire to attain FDA Standards status. The funding will also allow us to hire Jeanne Garbarino to lead the mentorship program.
- The Live Healthy Vineland initiative is currently unfunded, but through our cooperation with the YMCA and the American Heart Association, it is hoped that funding will be granted.
- A healthy vending policy for municipal properties is being sought to provide healthier options in the vending machines.
- There was discussion concerning the Electronic Cigarette/Vaping ordinance enforcement. The Health department representatives reviewed a spreadsheet to illustrate the costs and the way they came to recommend the initial license fee of \$600 and the renewal of \$300. After discussion, City Council/Board of Health decided to allow the current licensing fees to stay, with another examination of the issue in six months.
- Additional staff are being added to the EMS Division because of personnel leaving.

Steve Lewis reiterated his concerns about legalized marijuana. Director Carre stated that evidence supports benefits of medical marijuana, but there are shared concerns regarding any proposal to legalize recreation marijuana use.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

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

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

Councilwoman Arthur stated she received e-mail about the Code Blue project and “Families to College” program that mentors high school students.

Councilman Acosta noted that the Planning Board rejected an application for another dollar store, proposed for Chestnut Avenue and the Boulevard. The lot is undersized and too many variances were sought.

Administrator Dickenson reminded Council members about the upcoming elected officials training for the JIF. The city receives credit for all elected officials who attend.

Solicitor Tonetta advised Dr. Arthur and reminded all Council members about the use of electronic devices and e-mails for city business. Caution should be exercised to preserve messages for public records concerns.

Mayor Fanucci advised Council members that he is requesting the addition of a bond ordinance on Tuesday’s agenda to fund the road improvement program. He also requests that the public hearing and final reading for that bond ordinance be scheduled for a special meeting prior to the February 5 work session.

President Spinelli reported that the VDID is preparing their event calendar for the coming year. He also complimented the Road Department for doing a good job with the recent snow event.

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