

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019
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
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Councilwoman Dr. Elizabeth Arthur was absent.

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

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.

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

Tony Centeno thanked Councilman Vargas for attending the Soup Kitchen Father's Day event. He also noted an event coming up with a Gospel rapper on Saturday.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

The Municipal Clerk noted that the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for the July 2 work session. A notice will be issued noting the earlier start time of 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Franceschini recommends the city purchase a drone for use by all city departments. Recently the city has borrowed a drone from the Board of Education. City Council members requested a list from the Business Administrator listing all new vehicles recently authorized for purchase.

Councilman Franceschini noted the Office of Emergency Management has an emergency plan for the Vineland High School graduation tomorrow. This is a great step forward, as various departments now have a plan in the event of inclement weather or other type of emergency.

Councilman Vargas reported that the PAL board meets tomorrow. He also referenced problems in Landis Park with people hanging out on the lit stage all night long, and associated litter issues. He believes the lights should not be on, and encouraged police patrol vehicles to frequently drive by using their spotlights. He also suggested the use of Class I officers for this. President Spinelli added that litter is a problem at most parks and he is dismayed that our Public Works employees aren't picking up trash when they see it. There was some discussion about using prisoners to pick up trash in the parks. This will be explored.

Councilman Acosta reported that the new medical marijuana growing facility on the Boulevard will actually begin germinating seeds in pods while construction commences.

President Spinelli commented about attending the Challenger League BBQ last Saturday at Cunningham Park. Chief Tramontana provided the hot dogs and hamburgers and cooked for everyone. It was a nice family-style gathering.

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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk