

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019
5:30 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: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Susan M. Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer
Macleod Carre, Director, Health Department
Robert Dickinson, Health Officer
Emma Lopez, Assistant Health Officer

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 and June 25, 2019 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.

The quarterly Board of Health meeting commenced with Macleod Carre, Director of the Health Department, Robert Dickinson, Health Officer, and Emma Lopez, Assistant Health Officer.

The minutes of the previous meeting dated April 2, 2019 were reviewed. President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2019 meeting as submitted. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Director Carre reported on the Health Department's mobile wellness program, including taking the mobile unit into homeless encampments. He also gave an update on the Cumberland County transportation issues with the CATS program. He noted that Medical Director Dr. John Ahrens started his position in May.

The Hepatitis A. outbreak in New Jersey was also discussed. This enables the Health Department to acquire Hepatitis A. vaccines. Health Officer Dickinson reported that approximately \$48,000 was approved for the FDA grant. This is the final year of the 5-year project.

Assistant Health Officer Lopez reviewed the electronic smoking device enforcement effort. Based upon an analysis of the license revenue and the costs to monitor the program, the license fees for the second year will remain at the \$300 level. She reviewed the Live Healthy Vineland Community Hub and Play Streets Program projects and distributed copies of the promotional flyers.

The new EMS station will be opening soon at the former Newcomb Hospital facility. It was also reported that EMS hiring is going well, particularly since there was a change of management at the Millville Rescue Squad, which caused a number of their EMTs to seek employment with Vineland.

Health Officer Dickinson also reminded Council that the requested amendment to the septic system ordinance needs to be enacted.

President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the quarterly Board of Health meeting.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Councilman Franceschini left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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

Tony Centeno thanked City Council for the van donation to the soup kitchen. On July 10 the soup kitchen will be providing showers for the homeless. He stated that he reached out to the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department for event security.

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

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Councilman Vargas reported that the netting at the Gittone Park cricket field has been installed. The band stand in Landis Park has been power washed and painted. He again requested that police patrols be scheduled to help keep an eye on the facility. PAL summer camps are up and running. He reported compliments on the great shape of our fields. The public swimming pools currently have a lifeguard shortage. The positions pay \$12 per hour. A new 25-year lease for Romano Park was recently approved by the State.

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

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk