

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 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
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

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.

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

Tony Centeno reported that the homeless shower event was well received last week. He noted the upcoming spaghetti dinner coming up and reminded everyone about the Puerto Rican Festival next week.

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

With the National Night Out event on August 6, Council decided to begin that work session at 5:30 p.m. The Clerk will provide appropriate notice.

There was some discussion concerning how to process new volunteer firefighters. Past practice has been to adopt resolutions based upon a specific company assignment. Any future transfers would then have to be approved by resolution. The Fire Director is recommending that the volunteers be approved for membership to the fire department, without specifying a company. Transfers would then follow the established protocol in the department's rules and regulations. This method would create less paperwork for the Clerk's office and get the assignments accomplished without delay. Some Council members voiced concern that there could be retribution against a volunteer firefighter if transfers only stay in the domain of the department. They feel there is less of a chance of problems if we keep the process as it is presently. Council President Spinelli directed Business Administrator Dickenson to invite Fire Director Richard Franchetta to the next work session on August 6.

Councilman Franceschini noted that he is meeting with Freeholder Musso on Friday about the CATs program, Cumberland County transportation system. He also noted the concerns about the upcoming heat wave and mentioned the mall and grocery stores as places to escape the heat and humidity. Also, he said there is an active shooter exercise coming up.

Councilman Vargas said the PAL and Recreation Commission meetings are coming up.

Councilwoman Arthur stated that petitions are now available from the Clerk for the City Council seat.

Councilman Acosta reported that the medical marijuana dispensary was approved by the Planning Board.

President Spinelli stated the VDID board meets tomorrow morning.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Acosta, 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