

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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
Edwin Alicea, Public Safety Director

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 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.

Angela Calakos spoke about various road improvements and thanked Council for a doing a good job.

Tony Centeno stated Spirit & Truth Ministries were featured on news Channel 6 last week. The church is having a spaghetti dinner this Friday, Sept. 20th from 4pm-7pm. Tickets are \$10.00.

There being no one else to be heard, the Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda. Councilman Acosta asked for clarification of Ordinance 2019-62 ... pertaining to compensation of a planning board attorney. Members discussed the income question raising from \$3,000-\$5000 and a discussion ensued as to the employee status of the attorney with the Solicitor and all Council members weighing in. Spinelli surmised the \$2000 increase is because the attorney hasn't received a raise in 7 years and can no longer bill outside of litigation.

Members discussed the 3 resolutions (2019-390,391,392) recognizing the retirement of 3 police K-9 animals and they being turned over to their police handlers. Councilman Vargas suggested Council consider providing for the funeral expenses/ final expenses for retired dogs in the future in admiration of their services performed to the City.

Solicitor Rick Tonetta stated there will be a change order resolution coming for the EMS building that is under construction. Also, a site plan is on the horizon for the northeast corner of the Dante & Lincoln shopping center.

Councilman Vargas reported on the condition of many recreation parks in the City and the needed repairs. He provided a quote for concrete patchwork. He also stressed that the new police building as constructed provides no process area for cars involved in crimes as well as no security fence for the large parking lot. B.A. Dickenson stated a plan is in the works.

Councilwoman Arthur asked when the road resurfacing project for West Avenue between Chestnut and Landis will commence. She was happy to notice a Left-hand turn lane and traffic arrow at the corner of West and Landis while traveling eastbound.

President Spinelli stated VDID meeting is tomorrow, 9/18/19.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Richard G. Franchetta, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk