

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Due to technical difficulties, this meeting was not recorded.

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.
President Paul F. Spinelli

Councilman Albert Vargas 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 reported that the Vineland Soup Kitchen fed over 100 people in Bridgeton last week in conjunction with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. There is a fundraiser on December 14 and the cost is \$10 per ticket. He reported that there are transportation issues with the Code Blue program. Business Administrator Dickenson will check into the issues. Mr. Centeno also noted the need for gloves and hats for the homeless.

Steve Barber stated his concern about high taxes, suggesting that government be downsized. There was a brief discussion between him and Council members on the matter, and what pro-active steps have already been taken by this administration.

Steve Lewis commented that he believes citizens should be more "politically motivated."

There being no one further to be heard, the Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda. The Clerk announced that Councilwoman Arthur will be sworn in during the regular meeting on Tuesday.

Councilman Franceschini asked for an update on the dog park. Administrator Dickenson responded that it will soon open, as soon as several items are installed.

President Spinelli expressed his concerns about EMS using stretchers that weigh 300 pounds, suggesting that a stretcher of lighter weight would be more prudent.

Councilman Acosta announced that the Planning Board approved a minor site plan for Crystal Plaza. He also noted that the medical marijuana site was approved for a temporary occupancy permit. He also commented that property taxes in other places are even higher than Vineland.

President Spinelli noted that the VDID Christmas parade is coming up.

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
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk