

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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 at 6:33 p.m. immediately following a closed session.

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  
Matteo Rabbai, Director of License and Inspections  
Macleod Carre, Director of Health  
Alfred Lincks, Chief of Emergency Medical Service

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 Health Director Carre and Chief Al Lincks to answer some questions and discuss the purchases of new ambulances. Chief Lincks presented his case for purchasing the type ambulances needed and stated safety, reliability and collaboration with the City of Vineland's maintenance shop provided the basis for his department's decisions.

Director Rabbai reported to Council on the state of L&I and Code Enforcement. Director Rabbai stated they currently have eight inspectors (three housing inspectors) and also Jeff Bordley and Dante Defeo which are under Solid Waste / Code Enforcement who report to Mark Guglielmi, Director of Public Works. Rabbai stated in 2017 the department was only conducting OP (Occupancy Permit) inspections. 2018 they began inspecting every rental unit. In 2019, to date they've logged over 10,000 inspections, not including OP inspections. Construction Officials are hustling because of new growth in the city and the demolitions of dilapidated properties are going well.

Vineland resident Neal Lewis asked Council if there was anything they could do about the dilapidated property, Ron's Texaco, on the Northwest corner of Lincoln and Dante Avenues. There was a brief discussion of future plans including a possibility of a Dunkin Donuts, however nothing is solidified.

Vineland resident Tony Centeno stated the recent fundraiser for the soup kitchen went well. Centeno questioned why police officers are in line to pay their bills in their patrol cars and stated it gives a bad perception. B.A. Dickenson responded he had no problem with it as long as they are on break or not involved in a call for service.

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

Councilman Vargas asked what was happening with our Farmer's Market on Landis Avenue. President Spinelli responded there are discussion with Rowan University for lease but nothing is solidified. Vargas also requested an update on the fencing for the police department building and B.A. Dickenson said it's in the works and there will be a 4 foot fence around the parking lot. Vargas begged the administration to rethink the 4'ft fence stating it was too low and also to cage in the generator.

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 adjourned 8:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Paul F. Spinelli  
President of Council

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Richard G. Franchetta, E.J.D.  
Deputy Municipal Clerk