

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020
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
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Councilwoman Dr. Elizabeth Arthur was absent.
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Macleod Carre, Director, Health Department
Robert Dickinson, 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 11, 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, and Robert Dickinson, Health Officer.

The minutes of the previous meeting dated October 1, 2019 were reviewed. President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 meeting as submitted. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Director Carre reported that an order was placed for EMS uniforms. Apparently there is an ongoing issue of uniform sizing, and they are endeavoring to make sure a supply of adequate sizes is available. EMS uniforms must be changed daily to avoid contamination. The department was considering an in-house laundry, but they are not pursuing that at present. There was a discussion about what constitutes "mutual aid" with other jurisdictions. Millville currently does not have an EMS department, and they are relying on Vineland to cover their territory. Business Administrator Dickenson believes we need to put Millville on written notice that we will not cover 'routine' calls, so the EMS personnel don't have to make that decision. Emergency situations are considered appropriate 'mutual aid' scenarios.

Health Officer Dickinson reported that we have a collaborative grant, 'Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity,' with the Cumberland County Health Department. The amount of the grant is \$95,000, which will be used to hire a consultant tasked with increasing the number of closed POD facilities in the County; revising the existing Ebola Response plan so that it can be used to cover emerging infectious diseases in general; and developing a HSEEP compliant functional exercise encompassing use of the Inventory Management and Tracking System, Receipt, Storing and Staging warehouse operations, closed POD distribution and first responder distribution. An application will be purchased and installed on all City provided health department phones containing accurate and comprehensive information about infectious and communicable diseases. Funding will also be used to pay overtime for City and County Health Department staff participating in the exercise. The County and the City also received a \$42,850 grant for Hepatitis A. Vineland's portion is \$19,175. We also will receive \$14,512 from Salem County via a shared services agreement.

The CDC National Center for Health Statistics conducts an annual National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Each year 15 counties throughout the nation are selected for the survey. Cumberland County was selected for 2020. About 30 households will be selected to participate in the extensive health survey.

Funding was received from the YMCA/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to expand our Community Hub Model, with two additional sites. The new sites are Vasquez & Diaz Market at the corner of Park Avenue and the Boulevard, and the Rock of Salvation Food Pantry on Grape Street. In December the Municipal Alliance received notice of a \$5,000 increase in funding for the new grant cycle, with a new total of \$57,358.

President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the quarterly Board of Health meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.
The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

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

Tony Centeno shared a report of the 39,511 meals served by the Spirit & Truth Ministries soup kitchen. He also reported that Matt Milam is the new president, and Gary Beres is the new vice president.

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Steve Lewis urged improved notification about the financial assistance programs available for active military personnel. He also did some research about the SPCA and gave a copy of an IRS financial report from the SPCA to Administrator Dickenson.

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

Councilman Vargas reported that the new mandatory ID badge system was approved by the Recreation Commission last night. The IDs will be mandatory effective January 30.

President Spinelli noted that Mayor Fanucci will deliver his 'State of the City' address to the Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, January 23 at the Greenview Inn. He also stated the new dog park will open this Friday at 1:00 p.m.

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
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk