

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 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  
Councilwoman Dr. Elizabeth A. 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, Director, Public Safety  
Dennis Palmer, Executive Director, Landis Sewerage Authority

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.

President Spinelli welcomed Dennis Palmer, Executive Director of the Landis Sewerage Authority. Mr. Palmer was present to give a version of an 'annual report' and have a dialogue with the governing body to comply with recommendations for the annual best practices review.

Mr. Palmer began by explaining the history of the LSA, which was created on August 2, 1946 by Landis Township. The first pipelines and first treatment plant became operational in 1950 on South Mill Road. The Borough of Vineland also had a treatment plant on South Mill Road since 1929 with pipes in the Borough dating back to 1905. The LSA upgraded the treatment plant in 1989 and all sewer assets and customers from the City of Vineland were transferred to LSA. He explained that the LSA prefers to pay as they go and save or raise funds from the budget. They have only borrowed and bonded twice. The 2020 budget totals \$11,000,000. Residential customers currently pay \$390 per year, compared to Millville at \$520 per year, Upper Deerfield at \$540 per year, and Bridgeton at \$689 per year (assuming 300 gallons per day for all comparisons).

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

Robert DeMarchi questioned the status of the water flooding issue on Brewster Road. Solicitor Tonetta reported that he receives periodically from attorney Justin White who is working with the bonding company on this matter.

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

Councilman Vargas reported that lights are to be replaced for the soccer fields at Romano Park and the ID project is advancing. The youth football champions are to be honored during halftime at an upcoming VHS varsity basketball game.

Councilwoman Arthur reminded everyone that the Mayor's state of the city address is this Thursday. She also noted that students from Veterans Memorial Middle School will lead the pledge of allegiance next week. She also mentioned an upcoming ribbon cutting for a healthcare academy.

President Spinelli reported that West Avenue looks great but flooding at Chestnut and West is still an issue. He also said the Martin Luther King, Jr. event at Landis Theater yesterday was nice, as were the Miss Vineland and Little Miss pageants.

Business Administrator Dickenson announced that the first responder's gala for this year is scheduled for April 25.

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

ATTEST:

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Paul F. Spinelli  
President of Council

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk