

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 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

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 asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

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

The Clerk distributed copies of the annual audit for the fiscal year which ended December 31, 2019. Council is required to read the audit, especially the section of "Findings and Recommendations." There were no findings in this audit. There will be a resolution in August stating compliance with the audit review. The upcoming City Council meeting schedule was discussed. Even though the Tuesday, August 4 "National Night Out" has been cancelled due to covid-19 concerns, Council members preferred to keep the next work session on Monday, August 3, beginning at 6 p.m.

Councilman Franceschini provided an update on some covid-19 statistics. The number of cases locally is continuing a downward trend. He is continuing work with the school district to develop an opening plan for public schools.

Councilman Acosta noted that the flag of Puerto Rico will be raised at City Hall this Saturday. He wondered why the event was moved to a Saturday, after having been conducted on Sundays for so many years. It was suggested that the date had some significance to date in Puerto Rico, but no one had a definitive answer.

It was noted that the VDID Cruise Night and the food truck festival have both been cancelled due to the virus.

Councilman Vargas reported that PAL is waiting for the health department to weigh in before they resume some of their activities.

President Spinelli stated that the city spends a lot of money on software, but he would like to see or hear a report on the improvements and the remaining challenges or failures of our technology issues. Administrator Dickenson will have IS Director Victor Terenik appear at the next work session.

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:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk