

REGULAR WORK SESSION
& QUARTERLY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021
5:30 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Also present were:

Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Susan M. Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
Macleod Carre, Director, Health Department
Robert Dickinson, Health Officer
Emma Lopez, Assistant Health Officer

President Arthur 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 8, 2020 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 Arthur asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

There being no one further to comment, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 Quarterly Board of Health meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Director Carre reviewed departmental staffing changes, noting the resignation of Chris Gross, the promotion of Robyn Clendaniel to Deputy Registrar and the accomplishment of Darya Savchenko, who passed the REHS exam. He noted a pending grant application for \$142,000 for COVID-related issues. He also briefly reviewed some pending legislation. The Health Officer's report provided an update revealing that 556 COVID-19 vaccine dosages have been administered so far. No specific action is needed by the Board of Health/governing body at this point in time.

There being nothing further relating the Board of Health, President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Acosta, to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

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

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

Councilman Spinelli commented that the SPCA animal shelter services costs are out of hand, and that we need to vigorously pursue alternatives. Solicitor Tonetta reported that several options have been considered by the County. Millville is not included, but 13 of the County's 14 municipalities are interested in alternatives, although the County seems reluctant to establish a county-wide facility as a solution. Councilman Franceschini suggests that we attempt to get a representative on the SPCA board.

The Clerk distributed a copy of the Council liaison list.

Councilman Franceschini noted that both the City and the County health departments are doing a great job with COVID-related matters. He stated that N95 surgical masks seem to be the most effective with variants of the virus.

Councilman Acosta reported that the Planning Board met last week. The Magnolia Restaurant is adding a pole barn for storage. They are also dealing with affordable housing issues.

Councilman Vargas stated that a recent PAL board meeting was cancelled due to COVID. The Recreation Department is correcting playground safety issues. Background checks are continuing for coaches.

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Councilman Spinelli reported that the VIDID board meets tomorrow morning. With the Road Department, Jay is trying to get a handle on it. The Landis Theater Martin Luther King, Jr. documentary was poorly attended.

President Arthur stated that Mayor Fanucci's State of the City address will be on Thursday. This year it will be done virtually.

Public Safety Director Alicea reported that uniformed officers will be in City Hall all day tomorrow as a precaution, in light of security concerns with the Presidential inauguration in Washington, DC.

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
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk