

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021  
6:00 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: Michael Benson, Esq., Associate City Solicitor  
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator  
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety

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.

Laura Elwell provided copies of ordinance excerpts from Haddon Township, where chickens are permitted in residentially zoned areas. She also shared a letter from her 9 year old daughter advocating for allowing chickens in Vineland. There was a brief discussion about the process and Council directed the Clerk to add a motion to next week's regular meeting agenda sending the concept to the Planning Board for study and recommendation.

There being no one further to comment, the Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Franceschini reported that our COVID-19 vaccination clinic had been administering 500 doses at each session, but this week the clinic will have 800 to administer. Governor Murphy announced that teachers are eligible to receive vaccines as of March 15. President Biden expects that all adults should be vaccinated by the end of May. He also reported that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was approved and it is a single dose vaccine. He concluded by inviting additional volunteers to assist at the Vineland Health Department clinics, where extra help is always needed. He also noted that the Vineland Public Schools special education personnel are interested in participating with the 'Jake's Park' project.

Councilman Acosta mentioned that Vineland needs to prepare for the marijuana legalization that was recently enacted by the state legislature and signed by the governor. He also thanked Steve Lewis for his advocacy of the Gold Star family utility discount concept, the ordinance to be introduced at next week's regular meeting.

Councilman Vargas reported that youth sports programs are resuming gradually. Equipment and facility improvements continue with the Recreation.

Councilman Spinelli stated that the Landis Theater shows continue. The first 'Old Fashioned Christmas' is being planned by the VDID for the first weekend in December, and they intend to use the same theme for the Christmas parade. They are exploring an outdoor movie screening area, featuring old Christmas movies and fire pits along the downtown sidewalks. He urged all Council members to take the on-line JIF course, and reminded everyone that Financial Disclosure Statements will soon be due.

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

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Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur  
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk