

REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 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 Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman David Acosta was absent.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli was absent.

Also present were: Richard Tonetta, Esq., 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;
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 to be heard, the Clerk reviewed the agenda. The Clerk reminded Council members about National Night Out tomorrow evening at the Vineland High School, with fireworks scheduled for 9 p.m. He noted that next week's meeting will return to Tuesday. The Clerk also reported that he received the 2020 annual audit in the mail today. The preliminary plan is to deliver them during the next week, then adopt a resolution certifying that the governing body reviewed it.

Councilman Franceschini reported that in Vineland there were 99 positive COVID cases and 1 death for the month of July. So far in August there are 8 positive cases. He noted a few upcoming vaccination clinics. One on August 12, and one at the PAL block party. He advised everyone to watch the Delta variant, which is presently hitting Florida hard. He suggested inviting the Health Department to attend a Council meeting at the end of the month to give a report. Defibrillators are being planned for Vineland parks by the Recreation Commission.

President Arthur asked about the status of the SPCA animal shelter issue. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the deadline date for submittal of proposals has been extended. Additionally, there is a recent situation of seven chickens brought to the SPCA, and it has been rumored that the city will be billed approximately \$9,000 for that.

Director of Public Safety Edwin Alicea reported that background checks will proceed for the new police recruits in an effort to get them into another academy, since the deadline at the Gloucester County academy has passed.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk