

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 (*arrived at 6:10 p.m.*)
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;
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.

Steve Lewis asked if there was any update on the condition of the water towers. Councilman Spinelli responded that according to Municipal Utilities Director Lillie, cleaning the towers would cost approximately \$30,000 per tower. Cleaning is not a function of the maintenance/painting contract.

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

Councilman Franceschini reported that vaccination clinics will be resuming this Friday. Of the 130 positive cases in Vineland, 90% are due to the Delta variant. Relating to the Office of Emergency Management, Councilman Franceschini observed that many communities in North Jersey were simply not prepared for the recent Hurricane Ida. He urged that Vineland be diligent in preparing for natural disasters.

Councilman Spinelli announced again that Landis Theater is beginning its concert series. The restaurant is awaiting Health Department inspection before opening. The VDID is preparing for the volunteer recognition event and the Old Fashioned Christmas. The First Responders dinner is this week, as well as the 9-11 ceremony marking the 20th anniversary, and the program at Landis Park recognizing and honoring veterans who have passed due to COVID-19. He explained that the new fire headquarters is now being funded entirely by the city, with no County Improvement Authority financing. The Vineland Rotary Club is helping Mullica Hill after a tornado hit their community, related to the recent Hurricane Ida. Dr. Arthur also noted that Vineland provided emergency equipment to Mullica Hill to assist them.

Director Alicea reminded everyone that the 9-11 ceremony is at City Hall, and the veterans service will be at Landis Park on September 12. He added that 105 banners have been installed on Landis Avenue honoring veterans. Finally, the police department sent several recruits to the Atlantic County Police Academy.

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