

REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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 6:09 p.m.*)
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

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 questioned the status of the SPCA animal shelter matter. Solicitor Tonetta explained that everyone is surprised that there was no response to the request for proposals. Mr. Lewis believes it is the jurisdiction of the Cumberland County Commissioners, and not the individual municipalities. Mr. Tonetta responded that so far the Commissioners do not think it to be a County issue.

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

Councilman Franceschini reported that there were 465 positive COVID-19 cases in Vineland for the month of October. 285 people attended the recent vaccine booster clinic. The next booster clinic is this Friday. The clinics operate by appointment.

Councilman Acosta urged everyone to vote, if they haven't already.

Councilman Vargas stated that the Police Explorers recently had a trip to New York to the 9-11 memorial. The PAL traveling basketball teams will soon be starting. There is an effort to reorganize the County-wide competition.

Councilman Spinelli noted the upcoming VDID arts & crafts fair. Their Christmas parade is accepting online registrations. City Council is invited to ride on the city trolley for the parade. The plans for the Old Fashioned Christmas are progressing. The Landis Theater will be showing inside movies for the event. They are also planning a Christmas concert. Additionally, their restaurant is open, serving 'bar-food.'

Dr. Arthur stated that Barse school students will lead the Pledge of Allegiance at next week's regular meeting.

Councilman Franceschini stated that there are again complaints on Facebook regarding golf carts on our streets. He asked about the drone training. Administrator Dickenson explained that the training is on-going. He noted that drones cannot be used for surveillance according to state law. It was also noted that a recent confiscation of an illegally operated golf cart was ordered returned to the owner by the County Prosecutor.

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