

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022
5:43 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President Pro Tempore, Paul F. Spinelli.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman David Acosta (*joined remotely at 6:03 p.m.*)
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. (*participated remotely*)
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur (*participated remotely*)
President Pro Tempore, Paul F. Spinelli

Councilman Albert Vargas was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
 Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
 Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety

President Pro Tempore Spinelli 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.

***Note: The regular quarterly Board of Health meeting scheduled on this date was postponed to Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Additionally, technical problems were encountered with the audio recording of this meeting.*

President Pro Tempore Spinelli asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

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

President Pro Tempore Spinelli encouraged all members to review the VDDID budget carefully, since the public hearing and adoption is scheduled for Tuesday. Should any substantive questions or unresolved issues arise the public hearing will be continued and the adoption of the budget will be delayed until the January 25, 2022 meeting.

Councilman Franceschini reported that December had a total of 1,727 covid-19 cases in Vineland and 9 deaths. So far in January there have been 438 positive cases. 35% of Inspira covid-19 patients are from Vineland. The Omicron variant is twice as contagious as the Delta variant. A Clinic is scheduled tomorrow at the former Amish Market.

Dr. Arthur reported that no students will be invited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at City Council meetings until the pandemic diminishes.

Councilman Acosta mentioned that Complete Care in Millville is using a former bank building as a covid testing site.

President Pro Tempore Spinelli reported that a snow storm wrap-up meeting was conducted earlier today to resolve some issues before the next event. Administrator Dickenson added that the City obtained 40 tons of salt from the State, with 10 tons of that total going to the public schools.

The President Pro Tempore 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
President Arthur
President Pro Tempore Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli
President Pro Tempore of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk