

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022
6:03 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 Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Greg Gallo, Business Administration
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety

President Dr. Arthur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 15, 2021 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 Dr. Arthur asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

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

Council members asked the City Solicitor for clarification Ordinance 2022-07 which amends Chapter 123, Article II of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Director of Public Safety and a short discussion ensued. Solicitor also noted that this is the same for proposed Ordinance 2022-08 which amends Chapter 56, Article I of the code of the City of Vineland entitled Fire Department, Establishment, Composition.

Council members discussed Ordinance 2022-09 which amends Chapter 5, Section 5-11 of the Code of the City of Vineland entitled Division of Engineering. Solicitor Tonetta mentioned this was the only position in the City that does not allow the City Engineer to obtain part-time work, which was unfair, and therefore amended the ordinance to reflect such and to coincide with City policy.

Ordinance 2022-10 was reviewed and discussed to now allow ATV as contraband which allows the City to confiscate and sell. A short discussion ensued as to terms and definition of what an ATV was.

Solicitor Tonetta mentioned Ordinance 2022-11 was actually a recommendation from Director of Public Safety Alicea that would stop the persons riding these ATVs operating on roads to go to fueling stations to fill up their tanks. This allows the fine to go to the commercial gas station. Tonetta explained that the gas attendant, by fueling the tank, is assisting in the breaking of the law therefore substantiates the fine to the commercial business. Councilman Acosta strongly recommended this somehow be publicized.

Councilman Acosta reported information that came from Councilman Franceschini that as of the month of January, there were 2,437 positive COVID-19 cases.

Council Vargas stated PAL is to meeting on January 19th. He also seconded his colleague Acosta's remarks, and said that he now sees younger folks becoming infected with the virus and said anyone can get it.

Councilman Spinelli stated the VDDID is meeting tomorrow. Kaycee Ray's at the Landis Theatre is up and running with food and live bands. The kitchen is open. The Landis is thinking of holding 2 or 3 plays this coming year.

President Dr. Arthur mentioned she hoped everyone got the email advertisement about reading in the schools (particularly D'Ippolito School) in February and hopes those can volunteer their time to read to the students.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur
President of City Council

ATTEST:

Richard G. Franchetta, RMC, EJD
Deputy Municipal Clerk