

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022
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
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
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
Kathleen Hicks, Principal Planner

The President 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 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.

The President asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis questioned Ordinance 2022-16 and 2022-17, both authorizing the transfer and sale of property in the Vineland Industrial Park. He wondered why these properties are being sold for a combined total sum of \$75,000, when the assessed value of them totals over \$700,000. Solicitor Tonetta will research the matter and get back to him.

The President invited Principal Planner, Kathleen Hicks, to the podium. Ms. Hicks explained a proposed re-zoning of parcels in the area of Lincoln Avenue and Sheridan Avenue. The re-zoning is a request by Northeast Precast to zone the area in question I-B. Solicitor Tonetta described the map illustrating the proposal adding that it would be an extension of the industrial zone already in place. The re-zoning does not affect residential properties. Solicitor Tonetta will prepare a motion for Tuesday's agenda to refer the concept to the Planning Board for findings of fact and recommendations.

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

Councilman Acosta questioned Resolution 2022-82, and expressed concerns about what happens when employees hired through a grant and then the grant expires. Administrator Dickenson explained that this is specifically for Landis Avenue from Myrtle to Route 55 and the grant is for five years. He explained that any employees hired would be aware of the duration of the grant. Councilman Acosta also commended Mayor Fanucci for raising the flag of Ukraine, in honor of the horrific events in that country.

Councilman Vargas briefly commented about the maintenance and improvements being accomplished by the Recreation department as they gear up to the spring season. PAL boxing exhibition bouts are being planned, and he is optimistic that the PAL facility will soon be open on weekends.

It was noted by the Administrator that the Recreation department and the concrete and maintenance employees have moved to the Butler Avenue facility. He also introduced new Director of Public Works Jim Neher who was in the audience.

The 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