

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

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

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman David Acosta  
Councilwoman Angela Calakos  
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci  
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor  
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Assistant Business Administrator

President 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 28, 2016 by the City Clerk in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board in the lobby of the City Hall on;
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 Spinelli asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Adrienne Possenti and DG Glenning addressed City Council about the requested ordinance to ban the use of exotic animals in Vineland. Traveling circuses are the principal concern. President Spinelli stated that it is City Council's intent to pass an ordinance for restrictions on city-owned property. Ms. Glenning noted that Jersey City adopted an ordinance that also includes private property, and samples of such legislation were given to Solicitor Tonetta. City Council directed the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance for further discussion with the intent to schedule the introduction at the February 28 regular meeting, with the public hearing and final reading to be on March 14.

Tony Centeno voiced his opposition to a ban on private property, but he does agree with the ban on city-owned property. He also expressed concern about businesses who have no stake in Vineland operating their business without paying taxes or insurance, putting local business at a disadvantage. He specifically cited landscaping businesses. He favors mercantile licensing of businesses who provide services, similar to what is done at shore communities. Solicitor Tonetta will work on this for further discussion at a future date.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Councilwoman Calakos noted that some Landis Avenue property owners are concerned about the loss of parking spaces as a result of the recent reconfiguration of the avenue. Assistant Business Administrator Dickenson asked for the information so he can pass it along to City Engineer Brian Myers for an appropriate response.

President Spinelli directed Assistant Business Administrator Dickenson to find out why it is taking so long to get the computers operating at the PAL center.

Councilman Vargas thought it would be a good idea to have a master calendar of events Council members should or would like to attend. There was discussion that it may be possible to link events on the new cell phones. Councilwoman Calakos suggested a master wall calendar to be located either on the sixth floor, or here in the caucus room.

Councilwoman Calakos updated Council members about several events and activities taking place in the schools.

Councilman Franceschini reported meeting with the Health Department about the EMS. The Butler Avenue EMS facility is in need of painting. He also suggested that the city purchase another "Lucas" heart compression unit. Each ambulance has a unit, but there are no spares in the event one goes down. This equipment has been proven to save lives and is more effective than manual CPR.

Councilman Acosta reported that he is in the learning stages of his Planning Board position, with a lot to take in.

The President entertained a motion by Councilwoman Calakos, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta  
Councilwoman Calakos  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Vargas  
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

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Paul F. Spinelli  
President of Council

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk