

REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017
6:00 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 (*arrived at 6:04 p.m.*)
Councilwoman Angela Calakos
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. (*arrived at 6:04 p.m.*)
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Wanda Reid, Business Administration
Chief of Police, Rudolph Beu, IV
John Lillie, Director, Municipal Utilities

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.

Tony Centeno believes we need more police officers and better training for them. He invited Chief Beu to participate on his radio program. He also said the City should apply for more grants. He has concerns about the involvement of the Cumberland County Improvement Authority with the proposed new police headquarters. He also raised questions about animal shelter services.

Chief Beu briefly explained the proposal to purchase new police body cameras. The proposal calls for the first year at no cost.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Utilities Director John Lillie explained the electric utility rate amendment ordinance as accounting housekeeping, and is revenue neutral. For the water rates, Vineland continues to be the lowest rate of 6 nearby communities (Bridgeton, Elmer, Millville, Newfield, Salem and Buena). The proposed monthly increase for an average residential user (8,419 gals/month) would be \$2.93.

President Spinelli asked that the Vineland Public Library director appear at next week's pre-meeting conference to explain the resolution hiring an architect for the proposed window replacement.

Councilwoman Calakos announced the Cruise Down Memory Lane will be held on Saturday. She stated that she, too, is concerned about animal shelter services.

Councilman Vargas reported that the annual police youth fishing tournament is this Saturday.

Councilman Franceschini noted the horrible conditions at the present Office of Emergency Management, and urged a better solution to be found.

President Spinelli directed that Licenses & Inspections Director Matt Rabbai be invited to a future meeting to discuss issues relating to that department.

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

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk