

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
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 6:06 p.m.*)
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Councilwoman Angela Calakos was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., 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 13, 2017 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.

There was no public comment.

President Spinelli thanked Steve Lewis and Solicitor Tonetta for the Christmas gifts.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

It was noted that Ordinance No. 2017-98, dealing with the Continuing Certificates of Occupancy will be defeated. A new revision was distributed.

President Spinelli thanked Construction Official Derek Leary, Zoning Officer Patrick Finley and Fire Marshal Mike Cifaloglio, Jr. for attending tonight in case of questions regarding the revision to the Continuing Certificates of Occupancy ordinance (now No. 2018-6). Solicitor Tonetta stated the intent of this ordinance is to bring our housing stock up to minimal standards. It now will be for 15 unit housing and under. If home inspection services are contracted, and the services meet the approval of the Construction Official, there will not be a need for a city inspection, or fees, with the exception of the smoke detector requirement. The length of time for extensions has also been modified, taking the limit out 9 months, if conditions are met. Councilman Acosta thanked Solicitor Tonetta for his thorough explanations all through the process.

The Clerk noted that a communication is expected from Mayor Fanucci making 3 reappointments to the Planning Board, which will be added to the agenda.

Councilman Vargas noted some work at a park is being examined because of issues. Also, the Saturday opening schedule for the PAL is expected to be set soon.

Councilman Franceschini reported that AtlantiCare is full and diverting patients because of the flu. This year's vaccine was not effective. He recommended an in-house post-storm discussion to identify shortfalls. Administrator Dickenson responded that it was discussed at last week's Director's meeting. Councilman Franceschini also recommended a vendor be hired as a back-up for snow removal in case our equipment has issues, etc.

There was a brief discussion about needed city website improvements, especially dealing with public notifications.

President Spinelli stated that our technology "stinks." He cited several issues that need improvement and again asked for a technology audit to identify problems and solutions.

Administrator Dickenson noted that the groundbreaking for the new police headquarters is scheduled for January 24 at 1 p.m., weather permitting.

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

Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk