

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 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
Councilwoman Angela Calakos
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr. 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.

Health Officer Robert Dickinson and staff member Emma Lopez were present for the regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting. They distributed packets to Council members. Director designee, Macleod Carre, was informally present for this meeting. President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilwoman Calakos and seconded by Councilman Vargas, that the minutes of the January 23, 2018 Board of Health meeting be approved. The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Calakos
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Health Officer Dickinson reported that local health department statistics have been submitted to the NJ Department of Health. Slight revisions are needed to Vineland Code Chapter 224, sections 27, 28, and 29 to clarify the owner of animals who bite. Solicitor Tonetta will work on this. Mr. Dickinson briefly reviewed current staff vacancies and noted that some positions have candidates who have been offered jobs. Some others are to be submitted to the mayor for his review. There are new state regulations for public swimming pools and an educational class is being coordinated to assist local operators in meeting the new requirements. Solicitor Tonetta stated that discussions have been going on for a while about the concept of a local license requirement for swimming pool operators, which he believes should be implemented sooner, rather than later. The Health Department position is that we should first get local operators acclimated to the new regulations, then address the licensing issue. The food safety poster winners were selected on March 26 and, through grant funding, the artwork will be used to create the food safety calendar. This is the ninth year of the poster contest, which has been done when grant funding permits it. The city has a childhood lead poisoning prevention grant, and they are pursuing the purchase of a special piece of equipment that can detect lead in many objects, including toys, pottery, etc.

Emma Lopez reported on the many projects included in the Live Healthy Vineland/Cumberland initiative. She said the concept is being adopted in other jurisdictions, but Vineland was the first. A statewide Heartsmart Campaign event is planned for April 27 at the Vazquez & Diaz Market at 437 W. Park Avenue. It is part of the healthy corner store project. A gun safety program is being coordinated with the Cumberland County Prosecutor's office. The new "Fit Youth Initiative" will be replacing the Park Hop program. The department is reaching out to include vacation bible schools in the project. The department is also continuing with the Farm-to-Pantry project, which provides fresh produce to our food banks. Local farmers have been very supportive. The effort will also include educating participants on how to use the produce and how to preserve it for future use. There is also continued cooperation with the YMCA, with a joint grant application.

President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilwoman Calakos, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the quarterly Board of Health meeting.

The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Calakos
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

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Councilman Vargas referenced recent news about a cyber attack involving Atlanta city hall and the demand for \$51,000. Administrator Dickenson stated that our IS department is constantly reviewing our technology security. Councilman Vargas noted that the Recreation Commission provided e-mail notification to all Council members about the upcoming opening ceremonies for all the baseball/softball leagues. He stated that he was pleased that the PAL was open all week.

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 Vargas
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk