

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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  
Councilwoman Angela Calakos  
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor  
Greg Gallo, Business Administration  
Susan M. Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer

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.

Steve Lewis reminded all that the Christmas Parade is this coming Saturday and he will meet Council members at the Sacred Heart parking lot at 3:40 with the cars he is providing.

Neal Lewis added that hot chocolate will be available at Mauro's after the parade.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Solicitor Tonetta described the proposed changes to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to add additional alternate members to avoid not having enough members present for "D" variances. This has been an issue of late with action being delayed.

Solicitor Tonetta explained that the re-zoning request involves property at the former Mori's sand mining operation at Lincoln Avenue and Rt. 55.

President Spinelli noted a complaint he received about a questionable auto repair facility in a Quonset hut at Garden Road and Delsea Drive. Solicitor Tonetta will refer the matter to the department of Licenses & Inspections.

It was decided that Councilman Acosta will continue to serve as the City Council representative to the Planning Board for the year 2018.

Councilman Vargas announced an effort to name a street after the late Sgt. Dominic Pilla. It was discussed that some cities do an "honorary" naming, meaning the real name of the street does not change, but a special sign is posted to recognize the honor. Solicitor Tonetta will research it more. There is also an effort to name South Vineland Park in honor of the late Mayor Anthony Campanella. Again, the solicitor will check into the procedure.

Councilwoman Calakos expressed concern about the safety of City Hall and of City Council members. Solicitor Tonetta reported that the subject was discussed as recently as earlier today. Clerk Petrosky added that the City's Management Safety Committee has been working on this issue for quite some time, with some measures already accomplished.

Councilman Franceschini added his observations about active shooter training. He recommended that the city conduct departmental exercises, then a city-wide exercise. He also announced that a meeting will be conducted next week to plan for winter storm emergencies. He spoke briefly about the concept of establishing a dog park. Councilman Franceschini left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

President Spinelli said last Saturday's concert at Landis Theater was excellent and encouraged all members to attend future performances.

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:

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Paul F. Spinelli  
President of Council

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk