

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017  
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference 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 6:05 p.m.*)  
Councilwoman Angela Calakos  
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Richard Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor  
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator  
Susan 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.

Susanna Philippoussis, a local realtor, requested that City Council postpone the adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-81, concerning continuing certificates of occupancy. She asked that the Board of Realtors meet to further discuss the proposed fees, claiming the increase is oppressive, as they compare with our neighboring Cumberland County communities. She commented that Vineland's proposed fees are approximately three times higher than other neighboring towns. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the fee proposal is not to make more money, but to protect the city and our taxpayers to cover the costs associated with inspections and paperwork involved in real estate transactions. He further explained that the proposed fees are less than those charged in Glassboro and Egg Harbor Township. Ms. Philippoussis stated that the price point of real estate in those examples are far more than in Vineland. City Council decided that they would continue the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2017-81 until the December 12 regular meeting. A further continuance could be made to the last meeting of this year. A meeting with the Board of Realtors will be scheduled for further discussion.

The Clerk reviewed the changes to the agenda since the November 21 work session. Solicitor Tonetta explained that Ordinance No. 2017-86, scheduled for introduction tonight, was found to have errors in the block and lot numbers to be re-zoned. He distributed copies of the corrected version.

Business Administrator Dickenson noted the upcoming JIF training, with dinner, at the Savoy on Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. The city gets financial advantages when the governing body members attend such training.

Councilwoman Calakos mentioned the tree lighting at City Hall this Friday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m. She also thanked Steve Lewis for the cars he provided to City Council for the Christmas parade last Saturday evening.

President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, 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

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Paul F. Spinelli  
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk