

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
5:30 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Anthony R. Fanucci.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilwoman Maritza Gonzalez
Councilman John A. Procopio (*arrived at 5:40 p.m.*)
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
President Anthony R. Fanucci

Councilwoman Angela Calakos was absent.

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

President Fanucci 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 15, 2015 and June 29, 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 Fanucci asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Tony Centeno was upset about Judge Swift's decision to permit Mayor Bermudez on the municipal election ballot, despite having been denied by the Municipal Clerk because of nominating petition deficiencies. Mr. Centeno commented on the consistency and thoroughness of the Clerk's work and believes this is a bad precedent.

Steve Lewis also commented that the judge's ruling was not right. He stated the mayor thinks he is above the law and also noted that the Clerk did his job.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Solicitor Tonetta explained that Ordinance No 2016-33, relating to the creation of a New Jersey Public Power Authority, will have to be continued to the next meeting because approval is required from the Local Finance Board. The Solicitor also explained to the governing body that he would feel more comfortable if the provisions were also reviewed by a power attorney.

Councilwoman Gonzalez raised questions about Resolution No. 2016-309, for an open-end contract for distribution transformers for the electric utility. VMEU personnel are needed to explain this.

Assistant Administrator Dickenson advised Council that he will be adding a resolution designating new Finance Officer Susan Baldosaro as the authorized signer. He also explained that he has been in conversation with Bond Counsel Ed McManimon concerning a proposed \$5 million bond issue. President Fanucci questioned if bonding is the best way to go. He prefers to keep the city's debt service lower.

All Council members present signed the group affidavit form relating to the 2015 audit. A resolution is on the agenda for Tuesday. Also there is a motion accepting the Corrective Action Plan for a finding from the CY2014 audit.

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

Councilwoman Gonzalez
Councilman Procopio
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

Anthony R. Fanucci
President of Council

ATTEST:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk