

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 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: Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci (*arrived at 6:17 p.m.*)
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Gregory Gallo, Business Administration
Susan M. Baldosaro, Chief Finance Officer
John Lillie, Director, Municipal Utilities

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.

There was no public comment.

John Lillie, Director of Municipal Utilities, and Solicitor Tonetta briefly explained the change order to be authorized by Resolution No. 2017-321. This change order is for costs associated with annual testing by regulatory agencies. This is expected to be the final change order for these units, as future issues will go out to bid as separate projects.

Ken Purce and Mickey Coalwell, representatives from Library Systems & Services (LS&S) were in attendance to explain a proposed public-private partnership to operate and manage the Vineland Public Library. They projected first year savings of approximately \$350,000, and after the initial 5-year contract a savings of \$1,750,00 is projected. They emphasized that the proposal is not a "privatization" of the library, but a public-private partnership. The city would still own and maintain the property. LS&S, upon direction from the Vineland Public Library Board of Trustees, would take over employees and the management and programming of the facility. LS&S is the third largest library system in the United States, operating 83 branches. Most of their library branches are located in California and Florida. They claim to help municipal governments operate libraries at the same or lower cost and reduce risk. The claim to provide library professionals with an "amazing and progressive" place to work. Because of their size, they claim savings through volume purchasing, centralization/shared business functions, process streamlining/best practices, staff recruiting, development and realignment, and shared knowledge and resources. They also claim to have up-to-date technology support, resources, reliability and security. City Council members wish to gather additional background information and schedule a future presentation with the Vineland Public Library Board of Trustees. For the record, Trustee Josephine Spinelli was in attendance and involved with the questions and answers.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Clerk Petrosky advised the governing body that we must continue the public hearings scheduled for Ordinance Nos. 2017-50, 2017-51 and 2017-52, due to the *The Daily Journal* not publishing them within the required seven-day limit. The public hearings will be continued to the August 8 regular meeting.

Solicitor Tonetta advised Council members that a closed meeting resolution will be added to the agenda for Tuesday. It was expected to be conducted tonight, but the resolution never made it on the agenda for adoption last week.

Councilwoman Calakos noted the Puerto Rican Festival flag raising on July 23 and the parade on July 30. The VDIID board meets tomorrow. A food truck festival is planned for August 6. There was some concern about the participation for the food truck festival and Council members and Mayor Fanucci requested more information concerning this particular event.

Councilman Vargas reported that a carnival for Step of Faith is taking place on the property of Shop Rite at Landis Avenue & Lincoln Avenue.

Councilman Franceschini commented that it was very disturbing that one of our kids died as a result of a bicycle-automobile accident. Everyone agreed that drivers need to be more careful and bike riders need to observe traffic laws and regulations.

Councilman Acosta reported about Planning Board activity, including upcoming projects for Corning Pharmaceutical and Vineland Construction.

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President Spinelli announced an increase in UEZ loan application activity.

Mayor Fanucci thanked City Council members for their dedication and work to make Vineland a “business friendly town.” He reviewed several economic development projects and noted that, because of the cooperation of the governing body, many other initiatives have been advanced ahead of the timeline he envisioned.

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

Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Calakos
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk