

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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 6:10 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., Assistant Business Administrator
Susan Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer
John Lillie, Director of 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.

Neal Lewis inquired about the bond ordinance, No. 2017-64. It was explained that this was mainly for vehicles and equipment. President Spinelli explained that road improvements were addressed with a previous bond ordinance.

The Clerk reviewed the changes to the agenda since the September 5 work session. Resolution No. 2017-395, was revised to amend the Group A amount. Resolution No. 2017-405, granting the renewal of liquor licenses, was added. Resolution No. 2017-406, authorizing the person-to-person and place-to-place transfer of alcoholic beverage plenary retail consumption license (with broad package privilege) No. 0614-32-023-006 from Oak Tavern, Inc. to Delsea Liquors, LLC for premises located at 2738 S. Delsea Drive, was added. Resolution No. 2017-407, providing for the insertion in the CY 2017 budget a special item of revenue made available by revenue realized from State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Fund Grant (Safe Corridors Act), in the amount of \$53,183.94 and an appropriation in said budget for like sum and purpose, was added.

Director Lillie explained Resolution No. 2017-400, authorizing award to Siemens Energy, Inc., Houston, TX, to provide labor, materials, inspection and testing services in connection with the municipal electric utility's two Trent 60 combustion turbine generator units. He noted that in the past long-term service agreements were handled by change orders to an original construction contract, but Solicitor Tonetta concurred that they should be separated. This is the first to separate them.

The Best Practices worksheet was briefly reviewed. Business Administrator Dickenson and CFO Susan Baldosaro noted that the city's score improved this year to 88%, or 22 of 25 answered. The Clerk added that the score is important, because the State uses it to determine aid for the municipality.

Councilwoman Calakos reported that the VDIID is promoting "Dine on the Avenue" next week.

Councilman Acosta noted some issues concerning the maintenance of youth soccer fields. The matter will be further discussed at a meeting with Recreation Commission personnel on September 28.

President Spinelli 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 Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk