

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018
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
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Director Edwin Alicea, Public Safety

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 13, 2017 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.

Tony Centeno raised questions about who the City Solicitor works for, the development of the former Security Savings & Loan building and developer Hans Lampart. Solicitor Tonetta explained that Mr. Centeno did not have all the facts relating to the development, especially the plans, which show the extent of the work involved. He and President Spinelli also stated the projects were awarded after public bidding. Mr. Centeno claims the award was a "sweet deal." Mr. Centeno also raised code enforcement issues, citing landscapers who routinely have grass clippings blown into streets. He also questioned the hiring of family members of elected officials. President Spinelli stated that hiring is an administrative function of the Mayor.

Janet McMahon-Kielbasa thanked Administrator Dickenson for getting a trash can located near her residence. She also is pursuing up-to-date information on the adopt-a-road program, and the solid waste trailer. Administrator Dickenson stated that there are liability issues being reviewed by the JIF.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

The Clerk reviewed the City Council meeting schedule, noting that there is no meeting the week of the Independence Day holiday.

Councilman Vargas reported that Ernie Marcacci resigned after 38 years on the Recreation Commission. Pickleball games will be starting July 1. A new code of conduct is being formulated for coaches and others involved in recreation programs. The PAL summer camp begins soon.

Councilwoman Calakos announced that the Landis Theater summer camp begins July 9.

Councilman Franceschini reported that the Office of Emergency Management is working on school safety issues.

Councilman Acosta stated that the online agenda links have issues and won't open. The Planning Board approved a new Planet Fitness for West Landis Avenue, at the ShopRite property. It will be 34,000 square feet.

President Spinelli suggests that we work in concert with the public schools to promote the school success stories.

Councilman Acosta reported that the Planning Board met last week and approved projects for Pero Farms in the industrial park and a Senior Citizen housing project at the former Newcomb Hospital site.

President Spinelli stated that Becker Drive will be resurfaced soon. He also questioned if notices were issued to Franklin Heights residents about the water tower work. He has heard complaints about discolored water.

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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 Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk