

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018
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
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

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.

Eligo Rodriguez opposes the re-routing of the Puerto Rican Festival parade. He suggests the city purchase smaller ambulances and a gator for such events.

Hans Lampart thanked City Council for the PILOT agreement.

Solicitor Tonetta explained that fire extinguisher training is conducted by private companies and they charge. Commercial entities are required to have training. Fire Director Richard Franchetta and Fire Chief Luigi Tramontana were present. Chief Tramontana explained that the Fire Department is trying to cover expenses with the proposed \$10 per person charge. Overtime is involved as paid firefighters are used who are not on duty to fight fires. The training is done during the work day, which precludes volunteers. Most public education is done free of charge. Director Franchetta explained that the department is just trying to recover some costs. Discussion with questions from Council members revealed that the department plans to charge commercial entities, at a rate below that of private companies who are known to charge \$30-\$50 per person for the same training the department charges \$10. There is no intention to charge residential or non-profits. Council agreed that the ordinance should clarify that only commercial entities will be charged for the training. Solicitor Tonetta will make those changes before the first reading tonight.

The Clerk reviewed changes to the agenda since the July 10 work session. A revised version of Ordinance No. 2018-41 was distributed. Resolution No. 2018-290, authorizing the execution of an agreement by and between the City of Vineland and PREIT Services LLC, Cumberland Mall Associates for police services at the Cumberland Mall in accordance with the Chapter 123, Article VII of the Code of the City of Vineland, was added. Resolution No. 2018-291, authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement by and between the City of Vineland and Tonio Burgos and Associates, Inc., Trenton, NJ, for professional business planning and strategic government relations consulting services, was added. Resolution No. 2018-292, ratifying and confirming the re-appointment of Damaris Cortes as interim City of Vineland Municipal Court Administrator for the two one year additional terms commencing August 3, 2016 and August 3, 2017 and authorizing the re-appointment of Damaris Cortes as interim Municipal Court Administrator for a one year term commencing August 3, 2018 and ending August 2, 2019, was added.

The Clerk reminded Council members that next week's work session also includes a closed meeting.

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