

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 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  
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

Councilwoman Angela Calakos was absent.

Also present were: Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator  
Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor  
Susan Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer  
John Lillie, Director, Municipal Utilities  
Mark Guglielmi, Director, Public Works

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.

Steve Lewis questioned the late charges that get collected from utility bills. CFO Baldosaro and Director Lillie both explained that any collected late charges go into utility operating revenue, but the number is not a significant amount.

Tony Centeno apologized to Council members about the comments directed toward them by some members of the Latino community regarding the Puerto Rican Festival. He said not all in the community share those feelings, as many believe this Council is doing a great job. He also invited everyone to listen to his radio program on Monday evening featuring his guest, Mayor Fanucci.

Richard S. Dovey, President of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority. Mr. Dovey introduced his staff members present and used a PowerPoint presentation to outline the ACUA proposal to provide trash and recycling collection services to Vineland. He said the ACUA began municipal recycling collection in 1988, and municipal trash collection in 1997. The ACUA currently collects recycling items from 21 municipalities, trash from 15 municipalities and yard waste from 9 municipalities. They service 94,730 households. He highlighted their customer service efforts, including collection reminders and alerts by text, email or phone call to customers who opt in. They provide custom education materials, they participate in over 100 community events. Last year they hosted over 3,000 tours of their landfill. They collected 21,236 pounds of food for the food bank. This proposal will be a partnership with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority, with their fleet of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles stationed at the landfill for dispatch and maintenance. The ACUA has already committed to purchasing 11 CNG collection vehicles and 2 Ford F-150 supervisor vehicles at a cost of \$3.5 million. He outlined three scenarios and presented the costs for each in a five-year contract:

- 2 trash collections per week/1 recycling collection per week = \$13,315,515.
- 2 trash collections per week/biweekly recycling = \$12,171,422.
- 1 trash collection per week/biweekly recycling = \$9,742,681.

It was noted that Vineland households will be given 96 gallon totes, paid for by the City. One for regular trash and one for recycling. Residents may purchase additional totes. No other municipalities serviced by ACUA have 2 trash collections per week. The administration is planning to engage the 2 trash collections/1 recycling collection per week for the first year or two, then transition to one of the other options.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Franceschini reported that the OEM is planning to move into the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the former Reber School. He also reported attending a Municipal Alliance meeting.

Councilman Vargas received an update on the Becker Drive resurfacing project. Administrator Dickenson reported that a pre-construction meeting was recently conducted.

President Spinelli stated that Council should expect to see a change order for the City's new website to accommodate changes necessary for the Health Department. He noted the recent Puerto Rican flag raising ceremony at City Hall, and noted the upcoming parade on July 29. Councilman Franceschini added that he attended the banquet, which was nice.

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

Councilman Acosta  
Councilman Franceschini  
Councilman Vargas  
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

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Paul F. Spinelli  
President of Council

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk