

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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: Mayor Anthony R. Fanucci
Richard P. 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.

In honor of President Spinelli's birthday, his wife, Josie, provided an assortment of food, beverages and birthday cake. Councilwoman Calakos provided doughnuts and Councilman Vargas provided pizza.

President Spinelli asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis wished President Spinelli a happy birthday and thanked his wife for the special treats.

Brian Barnes expressed concerns about an apartment building near the corner of Chestnut Avenue and Spring Road. He and his family are often targeted with vulgar remarks, trash thrown on their property, drug paraphernalia. The condition is often out of control and recognized by other neighbors. While the Barnes' have not responded to the issues themselves, they note that others must call the police because patrol cars are frequent visitors to the complex. Mayor Fanucci thanked Mr. Barnes and his mother for attending tonight, adding that both the police and the Department of Licenses and Inspections are aware of the situation. Citations have been made for violations and more will follow if the conditions continue.

Tony Centeno also wished President Spinelli a happy birthday and thanked his wife for the food. He stated the car show at the Veteran's Home was a good one.

Utilities Director, John Lillie, was present to explain the change order resolution on the agenda. This particular change order was an 'open-ended' contract for directional drilling and traffic control. Open-ended contracts are issued when precise quantities are unknown. In this case, and in past cases, item and equipment quantities and prices were inserted to determine an estimate. He explained that in the recent past change orders were routinely used and approved by City Council. He understands and agrees with the concerns and every effort is being made to more accurately estimate expenses for a project so the utility, the bidders and City Council all have a truer picture of the costs. This contract extends to March 2019.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Vargas reported that a group, 'Pray for the City' is from Texas and will be in Vineland for events on September 22. The participants are former convicts who have turned their lives around to positive virtues.

President Spinelli reported that he spoke to Public Works Director Mark Guglielmi about the floor at the Senior Center. The lower-level tiles had to be removed and replaced because they were buckling. He also noted concerns about the cricket pitch at Gittone Park, including replacing the netting to keep the cricket balls from hitting and landing in neighboring properties. The former netting was removed because it was rotting and the netting holes were too large, allowing the cricket balls to easily get through.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, 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