

REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019
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 Dr. Elizabeth Arthur
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Absent: Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Susan Baldosaro, Director of Finance

President Spinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 12, 2018 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 stated it is nice to see sidewalks being installed near the new School on Lincoln Avenue.

Neil Lewis commended the Beth Israel Synagogue on Park Avenue for honoring students.

There being no one else to be heard, the Deputy Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

President Spinelli questioned ordinance no. 2019-43, to amend and supplement ordinance no. 8, which established the classification and compensation plans for the (Assistant Engineer Traffic). He wanted to know if funding is available in the department for this position. Director of Finance Baldosaro stated she believes with the City Engineer missing half of the year and his salary being compensated in the budget there should be enough available funds to cover this salary. Business Administrator Dickenson stated this was a position previously held in the Engineers office and they would like to have it reinstated.

President Spinelli questioned ordinance no. 2019-44, amending ordinance 2015-36, as amended, Chapter 56, Article III, entitled Rescue Fees. He wanted to know why this ordinance was needed. Solicitor Tonetta stated the Vineland Fire Department has expertise being utilized by other municipalities, businesses, insurances, and residents with no way for the City to charge for the fees. The charges would be similar to the Police Department extra duty fees.

President Spinelli questioned resolution no. 2019-239, authorizing the purchase of two 2019 or newer type III Ford E-450, Model 553 ambulances from VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists, he wanted to know specifically why and if these are the only type of ambulances available. He stated the previously purchased ambulances barely fit down city streets. He stated that he has been in other municipalities which utilize smaller and more efficient ambulances and believes the City should be following the same guidelines. Business Administrator Dickenson stated he will look into the National Cooperative Contract Agreement to see if other ambulance types are available.

President Spinelli questioned resolution no. 2019-245, authorizing a contract award for the purchase of three 2020 Ford Interceptor Utility Admin Vehicles for the Police Department. He specifically wanted to know if the new SUV's are going to be used by all the patrol officers or only the administration. Business Administrator Dickenson stated these are specifically for the administration only. President Spinelli stated that he is not happy with this purchase as the administration should be given older cars or SUV's and the purchase of newer SUV's should only be for the patrol officers. He also asked if the vehicles go home with the administrators or are they kept in the city police vehicle lot. Business Administrator Dickenson stated the cars or SUV's do go home with the administrators.

Council questioned the need for resolution no. 2019-247, awarding a contract to Pure Technologies US Inc. for 2019 valve exercising program. Director of Utilities John Lillie stated this will bring the Water Utility up to the State mandated guidelines. He further stated in the future everyone will be seeing fire hydrants with different color caps and this so the fire department would know what valve size and type they are hooking up to.

President Spinelli asked if any Council members wished to be heard.

Councilman Vargas asked that all restrooms in public parks be opened for all hours that the parks are open. He stated over the past weekend all the bathrooms were locked and he received numerous complaints. President Spinelli stated this was addressed and all bathrooms will be open. Councilman Vargas asked that "Montrose Street from the Boulevard to West Avenue" be honored as Puerto Rico Way. He asked for a memorialization ceremony to be done during the Puerto Rican Festival. President Spinelli stated Council only needs to take action to memorialize a street and Mayor Fanucci is in accordance with this. Councilman Vargas reminded Council of the fishing derby this weekend which marks its thirty year anniversary.

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Councilman Acosta would like to see Vineland reinstate tournament sporting events. He stated this would generate great income for the City and businesses.

President Spinelli stated that he observed the CCIA inmates cleaning up Sharp Street in Millville and wanted to know if Vineland could be included in the rotation. President Spinelli stated the services for Councilman Franceschini's father are going to be June 4, 2019. He stated Council sent a spray of flowers for the services.

Councilman Vargas told Council that Mr. William Bell passed away as well over the weekend.

There being no other Council discussion to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the meeting. The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Arthur
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Christine A. Scarpa,
Deputy Municipal Clerk