

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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.

Steve Lewis commented that he is opposed to the proposed legalization of marijuana. He suggested that Vineland should research to find out if local ordinances can be adopted to prohibit sales in our municipality. It was noted that in Colorado an increase in homelessness is a result of their legalization. Solicitor Tonetta will look into the matter.

The Clerk reviewed the changes to the agenda since the February 6 work session. Resolution No. 2018-69, making temporary emergency appropriations for the calendar year 2018 pending final adoption of the calendar year 2018 budget, was provided. Resolution No. 2018-75, authorizing the issuance of original and renewal taxicab licenses for the year 2018, was added.

The Clerk reminded members that the Health Department will be presenting the five-star food service awards tonight.

Councilwoman Calakos reported that the VDID meets next Wednesday.

Councilman Acosta reported that the Planning Board meets tomorrow evening.

President Spinelli announced that the police department/PAL representatives will be attending the next work session on February 20. He stated that the recent Dupree's concert at Landis Theater was excellent and noted that a Beatles tribute is scheduled for May 19.

Solicitor Tonetta suggested that the police department superior officers should attend events at the Landis Theater to promote the concept of community policing.

Councilman Franceschini noted the flooding and potholes in East Vineland. He also suggested that our codes need to consider that our weather has been changing with more severe storms and the consequences that go with them.

Administrator Dickenson announced the CY 2018 budget will be introduced on March 13.

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