

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017
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 (*arrived at 6:08 p.m.*)
Councilwoman Angela Calakos
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Assistant 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 28, 2016 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.

There was no public comment.

President Spinelli invited Michael Zumpino, Triad Associates; Ken Heather, Community Development Program Coordinator; and Alex Curio, Triad Associates to the table. Mr. Zumpino noted that Community Development Advisory Committee chairperson, Ann Bergamo could not make tonight's meeting due to illness. He explained that this is the 43rd year of the CDBG program. Although federal budget cuts have dwindled the pot of money available, and there is a threat to eliminate the program, millions of dollars have been brought to the City of Vineland, along with the leveraging of other funding. It has been a very effective program. The block grant portion will have a budget of \$400,000 this year for Vineland, and our portion of the HOME consortium will be \$170,000. The program is targets low-to-moderate income residents in certain census blocks, for blight elimination, and social programs. Four public hearings have been held. The Advisory Committee acts as a clearinghouse for City Council, passing along recommendations to be approved by City Council. Mr. Zumpino asked City Council to consider supporting the program in a pro-active manner by contacting federal legislators.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

The Clerk advised Council members to review their e-mail concerning the required annual filing of the Financial Disclosure Statements.

Councilman Vargas noted issues with the Recreation Commission regarding the lining of baseball fields. Councilwoman Calakos requested that Recreation Superintendent Dale Elbeuf be present at our next work session to explain the issues and what is being done.

The Red Cross fire campaign, providing smoke detectors to a target area, will be this weekend. Also, there will be a fire department event at Rosary Hall honoring firefighter spouses. Council members were invited.

Councilman Acosta explained some of the Planning Board issues involving a project at Sherman Avenue and Delsea Drive. The biggest concern seems to be a parking variance.

President Spinelli stated that Director Lillie is doing a really good job getting acclimated. The East Avenue & Landis Avenue project is making great progress. The next work session on May 2 will include an early start with a JIF presentation at 4 p.m.

Assistant Business Administrator Dickenson stated the Vineland Police Department will be honoring a few teenagers who found quite a bit of money along a fence and turned it in. The recognition will be Tuesday.

Councilman Franceschini noted that he recently attended a meeting with Cumberland County health officials, which included the NJ Health Commissioner.

The President 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

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk