

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015
5:30 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Anthony R. Fanucci.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman Angela Calakos
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
President Anthony R. Fanucci

Absent: Councilwoman Maritza Gonzalez
Councilman John A. Procopio

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Assistant Business Administrator

President Fanucci 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 15, 2014 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 Fanucci asked if anyone from the public would like to be heard.

Albert Alvarado and Kyle Suprin from the department of Public Works spoke regarding their concerns over the lack of a contract between I.B.E.W. Unit 2 and the City of Vineland. They stated they went to a union meeting and asked questions and were told the City was the reason there is no contract. The Union specifically stated Councilwoman Calakos, Councilman Spinelli, and President Fanucci are directly responsible for the lack of a contract. They expressed their concern over the fact that they have been working 17 months without a contract. They expressed their upset over their treatment at the last union meeting. Councilman Spinelli stated Council cannot discuss this topic as this contract is in negotiation. Solicitor Tonetta agreed and stated any discussion has to be very carefully handled. He cautioned Council to the possibility of opening itself up for an unfair labor practice lawsuit by further discussing this topic. Assistant Business Administrator Dickenson updated that both sides agreed and signed off on a contract and this is proceeding forward to the next level. President Fanucci asked for an update from Business Administration regarding this contract. He is concerned with the discussion and treatment of employees at union meetings. He is extremely upset with the singling out of Council Members by the union.

Allen Nobles expressed his concerns over potholes on Delsea Drive and Lincoln Avenue. President Fanucci expressed his sympathy but stated those are State and County roads and not in the Cities jurisdiction. Assistant Business Administrator Dickenson told Mr. Nobles to call 1-800-POTHOLE and seek reimbursement for any motor vehicle damage if possible with the State and County.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Fire Chief, Robert Pagnini explained to Council per Federal Emergency Management Agency standards there has to be a public hearing on the Cumberland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Preliminary Municipal Appendix. The Federal Emergency Management Agency requires this revision and transparency in the plan. Once the plan has passed public hearing Council can then approve the plan.

Solicitor Tonetta explained Ordinance No. 2015-27, amending Ordinance No. 2012-8 entitled the Newcomb Hospital Redevelopment Plan consistent with resolution 6116 of the Planning Board of the City of Vineland. He stated this is the first step in the process to getting a redevelopment agreement with contracts in place. President Fanucci asked that his appreciation be passed along to the Planning Board.

The President asked if any Council Members wished to be heard.

Councilman Spinelli stated he has a Vineland Downtown Improvement District meeting tomorrow and will update Council at the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2015.

Councilwoman Calakos invited everyone out to the ribbon cutting and ceremony at the Greek Community hall on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. and the festival starts that night as well.

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There being no other Council Members to be heard, the President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilwoman Gonzalez, to adjourn the meeting. The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Councilwoman Calakos
Councilwoman Gonzalez
Councilman Procopio
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

Anthony R. Fanucci
President of Council

ATTEST:

Christine A. Scarpa,
Deputy Municipal Clerk