

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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:
Councilwoman Maritza Gonzalez
Councilman John A. Procopio
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
President Anthony R. Fanucci

Councilwoman Angela Calakos was absent.

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 for a moment of silence in memory of Limey Lesins who worked for the Engineering Division.

President Fanucci asked if anyone from the public would like to be heard. There was no public comment.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

President Fanucci questioned what happened to the resolution for funding the southeast corner redevelopment. Assistant Administrator Dickenson reported that Mayor Bermudez pulled it. Council members were not pleased with the Mayor's decision since the resolution was a legislative act. Council members want the resolution back on the agenda.

Municipal Utilities Director Joseph Isabella was present with his "Cayenta" team to address concerns from City Council. Bob Napier assured Council that the billing issues are being worked out. Tom VanNoord explained that the problem was with the printed bill and not the account. Cayenta does still provide technical support, although they are no longer on our property in-person. President Fanucci explained that it is difficult for title companies to get outstanding bill amounts for real estate closings. He would like a meeting set up with the stakeholders, including City people, title company representatives and real estate brokers to discuss the issue and find solutions.

Councilman Spinelli voiced concern about sending multiple employees out-of-state for conferences/training sessions. Information Systems director Victor Terenik explained that the department tries to get the best bang for the buck and assured Council members that the conferences and training sessions are an important part of their operation. Councilman Spinelli reported that the Recreation Commission wants the lights off Morie Field. He explained to the Recreation Commission that the Mayor has to direct the action to the utility. There was a suggestion to have our grant writer (Greg Gallo) research available grants that may assist in purchasing new lights for the Romano complex. Mr. Spinelli also noted that the Police Athletic League board meets tomorrow and the VDID millennial group meets today.

Councilwoman Gonzalez would like Council to have a full report on storm preparedness from the various departments.

Ron Franceshini questioned if City Hall has an emergency generator. Someone suggested that we have one, but it's at least 30-years old. Council agreed that a meeting should be convened with the pertinent departments to address emergency issues.

Councilwoman Gonzalez stated concerns about the trash hauler.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Procopio, to adjourn the meeting. The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilwoman Gonzalez
Councilman Procopio
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

Anthony R. Fanucci
President of Council

ATTEST:

Christine A. Scarpa,
Deputy Municipal Clerk