

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015
4:30 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the Vice President, Paul F. Spinelli.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilwoman Angela Calakos
Councilwoman Maritza Gonzalez
Councilman John A. Procopio (*arrived at 5:43 p.m.*)
Vice President Paul F. Spinelli

President Anthony R. Fanucci was absent.

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

Vice 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 15, 2014 and September 14, 2015 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.

Health Department Director Dale Jones distributed packets of information to Council members for the Quarterly Board of Health meeting.

Vice President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilwoman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Calakos that the minutes of the July 7, 2015 Quarterly Board of Health meeting be approved. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilwoman Calakos
Councilwoman Gonzalez
Vice President Spinelli

Director Jones reported that efforts are continuing to address the issues with the Pure Earth and Kil-tone environmental cleanup sites.

Health Officer Robert Dickenson reported the receipt of various grants. He said flu vaccines are in short supply, which is why the department has not been advertising for clinics. There is one scheduled on October 12. He also reported that the canvassing of dogs and cats is complete.

Jeanne Garbarino gave a brief PowerPoint presentation about the Risk Factor Study related to food service establishments. No risk factors increased and several have shown impressive improvement.

EMS Chief Al Lincks referred to the document provided, "Vineland EMS Electronic Patient Care Report." He stated that the cost will be approximately \$100,000 to fund the hardware and software for electronic reporting. He did identify a NJ Department of Transportation mini-grant that may be sought for \$3,000. It was suggested that Assistant Business Administrator Dickenson contact Triad Associates for any other possible grant funding sources to assist with this transition.

Director Jones noted that the Community Nursing Service needs action and meetings have been conducted with Inspira. This contract will be discussed in more detail at the next quarterly meeting. He also reported some personnel changes in vital statistics, due to a recent retirement.

Vice President Spinelli entertained a motion by Councilwoman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Calakos, to adjourn the Quarterly Board of Health meeting.
The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilwoman Calakos
Councilwoman Gonzalez
Vice President Spinelli

Director of Municipal Utilities Joseph Isabella, Assistant General Manager John Boyle and Fire Chief Robert Pagnini were present to discuss storm preparedness. Council members were frustrated that Public Works Director Robert Garcia did not appear, and did not submit a written report. During a telephone conversation with Assistant Administrator Dickenson, Director Garcia verbally reported that the department received 300 tons of salt today. Chief Pagnini stated that a written plan for snow removal and ice treatment is needed, acknowledging that labor is a big issue. He outlined areas that are addressed. It was noted that an AM radio station broadcasts emergency updates. Councilwoman Gonzalez reported the station as AM 1620. Director Isabella and Mr. Boyle outlined the pre-storm outline and the outline for when a storm hits, itemizing the restoration priorities. Vice President Spinelli directed the Assistant Business Administrator to advise Mr. Garcia to be present for the next work session scheduled for October 20, or risk being served with a subpoena. Mr. Spinelli also raised the issue of storm drains clogging and contributing to street flooding. He wants the Department of Public Works to take a more proactive approach to cleaning storm drains.

Vice President Spinelli asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

There was no public comment.

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The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Procopio arrived at 5:43 p.m.

The Municipal Clerk distributed draft calendar schedules for the year 2016 meetings and asked that Council members review the schedule for any conflicts. He also distributed a summary of City Council members who served the City of Vineland since 1952, to help with Mr. Steve Lewis' suggestion to install a plaque to honor the service of the current and former governing bodies.

Vice President Spinelli reported that the Recreation Commission met last night and there was discussion about the Perfect Game baseball tournaments and how they are tearing up the fields. This is an issue that will need further discussion. There was also discussion at the commission meeting about relocating the lighting at Morie Field to Romano Park for the walking track, and getting a scoreboard for the football field at Romano Park. Again, these issues need further consideration and discussion.

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

Paul F. Spinelli
Vice President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk