

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Councilwoman Angela Calakos was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
John Lillie, Director, Municipal Utilities
Matt Rabbai, Director, Licenses & Inspections

President Spinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present observed a moment of silence in memory of the late volunteer firefighter Lawrence Ferrari and the late Class I special police officer Charles Amadei.

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.

Steve Lewis suggested having someone really investigate the library leaks before the windows are replaced. President Spinelli explained that architect John Pedersen knows the issues relating to water intrusion, observed after the roof replacement.

Licenses & Inspections Director Matt Rabbai briefly described the pro-active approach to property maintenance issues in an effort to improve Vineland. He noted that there are approximately 7,900 rental units, and many more are being uncovered that are illegal conversions. Councilman Vargas suggested that the department employ the public access television channel to get information out to residents.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

It was noted by President Spinelli that Ordinance No. 2017-39 should be defeated next week, as an error was discovered in the multiplier. A new version of this ordinance will be introduced as Ordinance No. 2017-48.

Councilman Franceschini suggested that a map be provided when ordinances and resolutions refer to a property so council members could more easily identify where they are.

Councilman Vargas reported that the viewing for special officer Charles Amadei is tomorrow evening, and the funeral is on Thursday. He announced the start of the PAL summer camp next week. He also urged completion of the fiber optic connection to the computers at the PAL center. Director Lillie announced that he would personally intervene in an effort to get the fiber optic project moving. Councilman Vargas also reported that the Sr. Center is disgusting and embarrassing. The floor is in poor condition and painting is needed. Business Administrator Dickenson advised that the department of public works is preparing an RFP to get the flooring installed.

Councilman Franceschini reported that he had a recent discussion about the office of emergency management with new Chief Tramontana. He also reported that the health department was recently recognized with an award for the on-going project in conjunction with the YMCA.

Councilman Acosta provided a brief summary of planning board activity.

President Spinelli announced that he was working with Mayor Fanucci to resolve issues at the department of public works.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Franceschini, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk