

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference 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
Councilwoman Angela Calakos
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Richard Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Assistant Business Administrator
Susan Baldosaro, Chief Financial Officer

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 reminded Council members to silence their cell phones.

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

Steve Lewis commented about the situation with the Bokma's, and wondered what could be done to prevent such a thing happening again. President Spinelli responded that the subject came up during a meeting he had earlier today and the city will try to address it. Solicitor Tonetta noted that procedures are in place, and that that in the Bokma case, the system was not built as it was designed. He said NJDEP is at fault for their interpretation of the wetlands delineation.

The Clerk reviewed the changes to the agenda since the October 17 work session. Ordinance No. 2017-77, amending Ordinance 2004-25, as amended, entitled an ordinance adopting the center city redevelopment plan consistent with Resolution 6238 of the Planning Board of the City of Vineland so as to prohibit any plenary retail liquor distribution licensed premises or any plenary retail liquor consumption with broad package privilege licensed premises where the primary use is package goods within the center city redevelopment plan area, was added. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the ordinance differs slightly from the Planning Board resolution. Package goods sales would potentially negatively impact downtown development, and it is the intent to discourage package goods, but encourage restaurants. A plenary retail consumption license with the broad package privilege could still operate in the downtown area, if it was operated primarily as a restaurant, with less than 30% of the licensed premises devoted to package goods sales for off-premises consumption.

Ordinance No. 2017-78, to amend and supplement Ordinance No. 8, which established the classification and compensation plans for the City of Vineland (Program Coordinator, Special Events), was added. A revised version of Resolution No. 2017-448 was provided to correct that the vehicle is for the Fire Department.

The Municipal Clerk distributed draft calendars for the 2018 meeting schedule. Council agreed that the January schedule should be modified to avoid a meeting on January 2, and instead, move the schedule ahead by one week to take advantage of that month's fifth Tuesday. The Clerk will make that adjustment.

President Spinelli 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

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk