

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018
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
Councilwoman Angela Calakos
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator
Macleod Carre, Director, Health Department
Robert Dickinson, Health 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 13, 2017 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 entertained a motion by Councilwoman Calakos, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to open the quarterly Board of Health meeting. The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Calakos
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

The President reminded and urged all Council members to take the online certification examination, as it is a requirement for our Board of Health. President Spinelli invited Director Carre and Health Officer Dickinson to the conference table. Director Carre distributed a packet of information and briefly reported on his efforts with the homeless encampments behind Kentucky Fried Chicken and WalMart. He also noted the dismal statistics concerning overdoses and deaths from the opioid crisis. He reported that Vineland ranks 5th in the state. He will continue to work with Inspira, the County Prosecutor, the courts and social service agencies to address the problem. He also reported that a model cat ordinance was presented by the County Health Department to the Freeholder Board. This should evolve into a standard ordinance to be considered and adopted by the various municipalities. Health Officer Dickinson led a PowerPoint presentation on the Vineland/Cumberland 2017 Community Health Report. It included measureable results from the many programs offered by the Health Department to improve the health and quality of life of local residents. It was also noted that City Council needs to address the recommended amendments to the City Code Book relating to the Health Department. Solicitor Tonetta will review them and draft an amending ordinance soon.

The President entertained a motion by Councilwoman Calakos, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta
Councilwoman Calakos
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

President Spinelli asked the representatives of Columbia Care to the conference table for a PowerPoint presentation about medical marijuana. Representing Columbia Care were Jonathan Gilbert, Dr. Ken Blank, Julia Fahl and Dave Grusemeyer. Columbia Care is one of the applicants for the current round of applications to be a designated medicinal cannabis dispensary. They briefly explained the process, the approach by Columbia Care in this industry, three audio/video testimonials concerning the Columbia Care and the benefits of medical marijuana, a review of the products, comments about the advantages to the host community and security measures. Council members and the attending public did ask several questions of the Columbia Care team.

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

Steve Lewis asked about the sale of the Landis Theater and the liquor license. Solicitor Tonetta explained that Vineland would be receiving \$1.125 million for the building and \$125,000 for the liquor license. Mr. Lewis commented that he understands that the project cost Vineland over \$10 million. It was explained that a large portion was tax credits that expire after 10 years. Mr. Lewis also inquired about the new trash collection arrangements. Business Administrator Dickenson explained that only the carrier and the totes will be different. Residents are still permitted one large item per week and bags.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Vargas reported that large nets have been ordered by the Recreation Department for Gittone Park. The nets for Cunningham Park were installed in August. Two park parking lots are going to bid for resurfacing. The P.A.L. tutoring and computer room will be open soon and over \$9,000 was obtained from the operation of the summer camp.

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Councilwoman Calakos noted that she received comments that the Health Department farm-to-table program was great.

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Councilwoman Calakos
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

ATTEST:

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk