

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013
7:00 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 Angela Calakos
Councilwoman Maritza Gonzalez
Councilman John A. Procopio
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
President Anthony R. Fanucci

Also present were: Mayor Ruben Bermudez
Denise Monaco, Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta, Solicitor
Roxanne Tosto, Comptroller

President Fanucci 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 18, 2012 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 if anyone from the public wished to comment.

Janice Bokma explained that she and the City have been involved in a lengthy and costly legal action relating to the Independence Walk development. She claimed no action has yet been taken by the City of Vineland. An administrative hearing is approaching with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and she stated the City should enforce the laws. President Fanucci thanked her for the comments and said Council would explore the matter with the Engineering Division.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Since this was the first work session for the newly-elected City Council, the Municipal Clerk, Business Administrator, Solicitor and Comptroller commented frequently on the meeting process and the types of ordinances and resolutions to be considered by the governing body.

President Fanucci suggested that City Council revise the meeting times. He is proposing that work sessions and pre-meeting conferences begin at 6:00 P.M., with the regular meetings beginning at 6:30 P.M. He thought an earlier start time would translate into improved convenience for the public, Council members and staff. The other members concurred. The Municipal Clerk will prepare a resolution to memorialize the new meeting start times.

Solicitor Tonetta warned Council members about the use of cell phones during meetings. Clerk Petrosky also advised Council members that e-mails could be problematic when the subject involves City business. Council was urged to use discretion when using electronic devices.

The 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
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

ATTEST:

Anthony R. Fanucci
President of Council

Keith Petrosky, RMC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Municipal Clerk