

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013
5:10 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 (*arrived at 5:25 P.M.*)
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
President Anthony R. Fanucci

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

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 January 15, 2013 and February 26, 2013 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.

City Risk Manager Bob Dickenson introduced Paul A. Forlenza, Deputy Executive Director of the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF). Mr. Forlenza used a PowerPoint presentation to educate the Mayor, City Council members, and staff in attendance about the JIF. He explained that the Trico JIF has 37 members and was established January 1, 1991. Vineland's coverage effective date was January 1, 2013 and has a 3-year commitment. He noted that the concept involves towns pooling their money together to cover the claims. All money not spent on claims is returned to members. He also outlined that the JIF has litigation management, specialized programs to assist with training, risk management and particular attention to Employee Practices Liability control. Council members thanked Mr. Forlenza for his presentation.

President Fanucci asked if anyone from the public wished to comment. There was no public comment.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Solicitor Tonetta announced that the memorandum from Mayor Bermudez and the companion resolution appointing Robert Garcia to the position of Director of Public Works, will be removed from the agenda because the ordinance for final reading needs to be in place before the appointment. The ordinance becomes law 20-days after the Mayor signs it.

Municipal Utilities Director, Joseph Isabella and Lisa Fleming were present to explain the resolution agreeing to pay the NJDEP a \$3,000 settlement penalty. The city accepts no blame in the violation, but fighting the fine would cost more in legal fees than the \$3,000 settlement.

Council members should expect an amended version of Resolution 2013-112 to clarify the fee payment.

Municipal Clerk Petrosky alerted Council members to expect additional resolutions, likely to include renewal of a liquor license for 2012-2013 license term.

Councilman Procopio raised a concern with Giampietro Park with many downed trees and large exposed root balls. Administrator Monaco will direct the matter to Public Works.

Councilwoman Calakos explained that one of her campaign issues was the disconnect between the public schools and city government. She would like to be a liaison, but questioned if her involvement would be a conflict of interest, since she is employed by the board of education. Council members said she could contact the Superintendent for a calendar of school events on a monthly basis. President Fanucci suggested that

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Superintendent Dr. Mary Gruccio could be invited to attend a future work session to report on school developments, just clear the date with the Administrator and Municipal Clerk.

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

Anthony R. Fanucci
President of Council

ATTEST:

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk