

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013
5:14 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: 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 March 27, 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.

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

President Fanucci called the quarterly Board of Health meeting to order and entertained a motion, moved by Councilman Spinelli and seconded by Councilman Procopio, to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2013 quarterly Board of Health meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEA: Councilwoman Calakaos
Councilwoman Gonzalez
Councilman Procopio
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

Health Director Dale Jones explained that the position of Health Officer will need to be replaced and that the process is underway. A decision on this position will be made in the coming months. He also noted that the Trap/Neuter/Release program for feral cats will begin soon as a way to reduce feral cat colonies.

Health Officer George Sartorio disclosed that the NJ County health rankings were recently released and Cumberland County again came in 21st of 21 counties. He observed that the economic conditions have much to do with this and efforts will be made to improve that ranking. He advised Council members about the Fourth Friday Family Fun and Fitness Festival planned for June 28 in the 600 block of Landis Avenue, from 6-8 p.m. He also noted the National Walking Day scheduled for April 3; National Bike to Work Day on May 17 and reported that there may be grant funding for the Health Education Division. He commented briefly about the Professional Advisory Committee for the Community Nursing Service.

Chief Al Lincks reported on the EMS Division noting building and vehicle updates.

Under Vital Statistics, it was noted that there were 289 death certificates issued, 437 birth certificates, 116 marriage licenses and 2 civil unions. Director Jones indicated that electronic filing by funeral directors has impacted the number of death certificates now issued.

Director Jones indicated that Board of Health action will be needed to pass a resolution adopting the Homecare Policies and Procedures approved by the Community Nursing Service Professional Advisory Committee. The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2.

President Fanucci entertained a motion, moved by Councilman Spinelli and seconded by Councilman Procopio, to adjourn the Board of Health meeting.

The Clerk called the roll: YEA: Councilwoman Calakos
Councilwoman Gonzalez
Councilman Procopio
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

President Fanucci invited Alex Curio, Michael Zumpino (Triad Assoc.) and Ann Bergamo (Chairwoman of the CDBG Advisory Committee). It was explained that this is the 39th year of the very successful Community Development Block Grant Program, but funding continues to dwindle. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to assist in providing decent housing and suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. The application proposes funds totaling \$475,000 to be allocated for the 18 identified recipients and purposes as recommended by the committee. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14.

Community Development Director Alex Curio presented two redevelopment applications, 220 W. Elmer Street and 601 S. Eighth Street, proposing amendments to the redevelopment plan. Council will approve by motion at Tuesday's meeting to request review and comment from the Planning Board.

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Economic Development Director Sandy Forosisky was present to outline the second generation UEZ loans on the agenda. She also commented on a video that is linked to the Vineland website. This video is an introduction to Vineland and is “free” to the city. The video producer sells advertising to local firms. President Fanucci is concerned about the sales tactics used by the video producer, explaining that the sales pitch they used was misleading. There was some discussion about this program and Solicitor Tonetta was asked to review the contract. Some members of Council believe a video could be produced by our own marketing people.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda.

City Council members asked that the wording of Ordinance No. 2013-15 be revised to say “standard-size garage.”

Council members would like the SPCA to give a presentation on their services and explain their charges. They asked the administration to try scheduling it for the pre-meeting conference next Tuesday. The Clerk noted that such a presentation must be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes.

Councilman Spinelli cited the struggles of the Police Athletic League to pay their current \$2,000 per year and work to develop their new building and programming. He suggested the city try to work with them and perhaps make their charge a nominal \$1/year.

Councilman Procopio reiterated his concerns to be get the best prices for goods and services and wants to be sure the city has accurate engineering estimates.

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