

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013
5:30 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 Maritza Gonzalez
Councilman John A. Procopio
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
President Anthony R. Fanucci

Absent: Councilwoman Angel Calakos

Also present were: Denise Monaco, Assistant Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta, City Solicitor

President Fanucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on April 23, 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 being no one to be heard, the President moved into the quarterly Board of Health meeting.

President Fanucci entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, seconded by Councilman Procopio, to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2013 Board of Health Quarterly meeting.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilwoman Gonzalez
Councilman Procopio
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

Health Department director Dale Jones introduced his staff members present, including new Health Officer Robert Dickinson, and Emma Lopez.

Director Jones congratulated and introduced Robert Dickinson as the New Health Officer replacing George Sartorio who retired on July 1, 2013. He explained there is going to be advancement from in the department to fill the vacant positions.

Director Jones updated Council on the Trap Neuter and Release program for feral cats stating some changes have to be made but the project will be up and running in a couple of months.

Director Jones stated the Pure Earth site formerly known as the superfund site has received another \$500,000.00 grant from the EPA to continue with the clean-up. He explained the retention ponds have to be drained but all the oil and chemical tanks have been removed. He clarified to Council there is going to be a SWAK meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and urged members to be present. Solicitor Tonetta reminded Council and director Jones that Tuesday, July 9, 2013 is a Council meeting, however the Mayor is going to be attending the SWAK meeting to represent the City.

Health Officer Robert Dickinson updated Council on the great progress of the bike lane project. He briefed Council on the hurricane season and West Nile virus problems the city may face this year. He thanked Council and the residents of Vineland for their support and participation in the Fourth Friday family fun and fitness festival.

Emma Lopez Health Educator, and Wayne Whelan Executive Director of Inspira Homecare and Hospice Care presented to Council a power point presentation updating where the community nursing is standing in respect to other nursing departments throughout the state.

Director Jones stated the new ambulance is ordered and should be up and running by January 1, 2014. The EMS department is going to be hiring for new EMT's and current EMT's are going to be promoted in the ranks.

Director Jones asked Council to consider an ordinance addressing the recommendations to increase the fees for retail food establishments over a three year period.

The next scheduled Board of Health meeting is at the work session of October 1, 2013.

President Fanucci entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, seconded by Councilman Procopio, to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Councilwoman Gonzalez
Councilman Procopio
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

The Deputy Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Spinelli stated his concerns regarding the awarding of a contract to South State Inc. for the completion of Chestnut Avenue resurfacing (Lincoln Avenue to New Panther Road), stating the resurfacing over the bridge at Chestnut Avenue and Panther Road will only delay the inevitable of the damage showing up again. He clarified to Council the terrible construction of the bridge and resurfacing over a wooden bridge. He urged Council to put pressure on the county to actually have the bridge removed and made correctly.

Council asked the Deputy Clerk for a resume from the Mayor's office for the Planning Board appointment of Teri Dillon.

Councilman Procopio questioned the resurfacing of Brewster Road. President Fanucci explained Brewster Road is a county road and not a city jurisdiction where the resurfacing is taking place. He stated the county is going to start the resurfacing project at the end of the school year so as to not interfere with busing and children.

President Fanucci updated Council on a meeting he had with City Engineer Brian Myers regarding the resurfacing of city streets. City Engineer Myers is going to have a plan ready for Council review for the end of July 2013.

Councilman Spinelli questioned why the city is not tapping into the retention ponds on Grant Avenue to correct the water runoff issue. He wanted to know if there was something to be done from the city and Board of Education to correct the issues.

Councilman Spinelli stated he had contact from presidents of mobile home parks wanting to purchase city owned water for wholesale and they have been turned down numerous times. He asked for the Water Utility Superintendent Michael Lawler to review the proposal and update Council on his concerns and approval/disapproval of the usage.

The President entertained a motion by Councilman Spinelli, and seconded by Councilman Procopio, to adjourn the meeting. The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Councilwoman Gonzalez
Councilman Procopio
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

Anthony R. Fanucci
President of Council

ATTEST:

Christine A. Scarpa,
Deputy Municipal Clerk