

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Angela Calakos
Councilwoman Maritza Gonzalez
Councilman John A. Procopio
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
President Anthony R. Fanucci

Also present were: Denise Monaco, Assistant Business Administrator
Richard P. Tonetta, 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 would like to comment.

David W. Mazur, Vineland, New Jersey, thanked Council for their hard work on dropping the unemployment rate. He questioned Council on the recouping of tax funds from the leasing to the buying of the County Board of Social Services building by the County. He stated the County is tax exempt and so are the buildings they own. President Fanucci stated the City is looking into the question.

Steve Lewis, Vineland, New Jersey, questioned the lack of framing around the picture of the former Mayor in the vestibule. Council stated Municipal Clerk Keith Petrosky is looking into the question.

There being no one else to be heard, the Deputy Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Solicitor Tonetta asked Council to continue the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2013-38, authorizing the execution of a payment in lieu of taxes (pilot) agreement with the benevolent and protective order of Elks Vineland lodge #1422 for property known as block 4001, lot 20 on the tax map to allow the President of the Elks lodge to meet with the Fire Department. After that meeting the ordinance may have to be amended. Council decided to continue the Public Hearing.

Solicitor Tonetta asked Council for permission to add a resolution authorizing the execution of an access agreement with South Jersey Gas Company for block 3001, lot 16. The closure of North East Boulevard from East Peach Street to East Park Avenue is going to take approximately a year and South Jersey Gas needs access to the property. Council allowed the resolution to be added.

President Fanucci distributed a memo pointing out the need for a voluntary committee to restore the John F. Kennedy monument at Landis Park. He stated the monument has been neglected for many years and is in a horrible state of disrepair. He asked the newspapers to print an article for the restoration project and for possible committee members to contact President Fanucci.

Vice President Spinelli updated Council the PAL building is eighty-five percent complete. They are anticipating the work to be completed for November. He asked Council if they had any concerns or questions regarding the recreation commission there is a meeting coming up. Vice President Spinelli explained to Council that he asked Redevelopment Director Sandy Forosisky to make a map or directory of all the farmers markets in Vineland to be distributed to residents and visitors of Vineland. He wants the brochure to state the hours of operation, days open, items sold, etc.

Councilwoman Gonzalez informed Council the Health Department has found funding to conduct the calendar contest this year.

President Fanucci updated Council on the Economic Development loan status. He stated we need to focus on the retention of existing businesses as well as bringing in new businesses to the area. He has contacted Redevelopment Director Sandy Forosisky to get business addresses and contact information to have meetings set up in their area of the City. Councilman Procopio suggested contacting the Chamber of Commerce for business information.

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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 Calakos
Councilwoman Gonzalez
Councilman Procopio
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

Anthony R. Fanucci
President of Council

ATTEST:

Christine A. Scarpa,
Deputy Municipal Clerk