

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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: William Lutz, 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 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.

Steve Lewis suggesting getting high school students to attend City Council meetings to better educate them about city government. He also believes a student should have a seat on the school board.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Solicitor Tonetta explained that the PILOT agreement ordinance for the Vineland Elks is not yet ready to move forward and this is the third continuation of the public hearing. It was decided that it is best to defeat the ordinance and introduce a new one when all the details are confirmed.

President Fanucci is concerned about the redevelopment process, believing the process could be better streamlined with the applicants going directly to the Planning/Zoning board. Solicitor Tonetta explained that the current arrangement was decided when the redevelopment ordinance was adopted. He will research the matter further to develop efficiencies.

Municipal Clerk Petrosky explained that the Ordinance No. 2013-46, which is ready for public hearing and adoption, should be defeated. The ordinance was composed using an error in the Planning Board resolution. The correct version will be introduced. Land Use amendments require a high level of notices. In this case approximately 180 properties need to be sent certified and regular mail notices, which is quite expensive and time consuming.

Councilman Procopio left the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Councilman Spinelli again voiced objections to change orders. He believes vendors/contractors should be responsible for paying the costs associated with things like drawings. Director of Municipal Utilities, Joseph Isabella, commented that certain projects, such as the Clayville project, are so large that change orders are to be expected. Councilman Spinelli said he understands, but Council is constantly getting change orders for many uncomplicated projects.

Councilwoman Calakos inquired about the status of the outstanding collective bargaining contracts. Business Administrator Lutz responded that he expects the IBEW Unit 1 contract to be settled tomorrow and that the PBA and Fire Superior Officers to be settled by December. President Fanucci cautioned that collective bargaining discussions should not be discussed in open meetings.

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

Councilwoman Calakos
Councilwoman Gonzalez
Councilman Spinelli
President Fanucci

Anthony R. Fanucci
President of Council

ATTEST:

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk