

REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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: Mayor Ruben Bermudez
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 for a moment of silence in memory of all those who served our country in the armed forces.

President Fanucci asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis urged cooperation and communication between the Mayor and City Council.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Council members questioned the need to continue the forensic audit services of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. for the Landis Theater project. Mayor Bermudez stated the need to bring closure to the matter once and for all. Mayor Bermudez confirmed that he received a summary report and there are issues that need to be addressed. Council members still doubted the need since the matter had been referred to the NJ Attorney General for investigation. Administrator Lutz stated that it was in the municipality's best interests to find out if there was any misappropriation of funds and, if so, get that money back. President Fanucci directed the Clerk to move this item in the non-consent portion of the agenda. President Fanucci urged the Mayor to brief the other four Council members on the summary before next Tuesday's meeting or risk having the resolution pulled from the agenda.

A resolution appointing Gabriel DiTomasso to the board of directors of the Police Athletic League was added to the agenda.

The Clerk distributed draft copies of the 2014 Council meeting schedule and asked that Council members review it for any conflicts.

President Fanucci asked Council members to report on their liaison assignments.

Councilwoman Calakos said that in light of the recent horrific accident that killed a VHS freshman while she was crossing Main Road to wait for her school bus, it would be a good idea for Mayor Bermudez to meet with Superintendent Dr. Gruccio.

Mayor Bermudez said he would schedule such a meeting and invite Councilwoman Calakos to attend. Mayor Bermudez also explained that he has reached out to the City Engineer in an effort to fix the Main and Elmer intersection. The city had purchased land to straighten the intersection and the intention was that a traffic light would be installed. The project involves the city (Elmer Road) and Cumberland County (Main Road) and the Mayor is endeavoring to get the project moving once again.

Councilwoman Gonzalez reported that as the liaison to the Health Department, she will also attend meetings of the Municipal Alliance.

President Fanucci discussed naming the annual Electric Utility Christmas Lighting contest in honor of the late David DiGiovacchino. Mr. DiGiovacchino was a longtime city volunteer firefighter, was a past winner of the contest and was known for his extravagant lighting displays.

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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