

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015
5:30 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference 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:

Councilman Angela Calakos
Councilwoman Maritza Gonzalez
Councilman John A. Procopio (*arrived at 5:40 p.m.*)
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
President Anthony R. Fanucci

Also present were: Richard Tonetta, City Solicitor
Robert Dickenson, Assistant Business Administrator

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 December 15, 2014 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 stated that the new school proposed for the Lincoln Avenue and Butler Avenue location should include sidewalks. President Fanucci responded that the plan is to include sidewalks, although funding will likely fall on the municipality. Grant funding is also being explored. Mr. Lewis also noted that the Cumberland County Freeholder meeting room is too small for their sessions.

There were no changes to the agenda since the October 20 work session.

Council members were reminded that next week's work session is on Monday, November 2, due to the general election on November 3.

Councilman Spinelli reported that vendors for the annual Christmas parade are being told by the VDID that they are not included. The VDID cites downtown businesses being hurt by vendors. Council members agreed that vendors should be permitted, especially since they pay an annual licensing/permitting fee and they provide items that are expected by people who attend the parade. Also, it is doubtful the VDID can make such a pronouncement without City approval. Councilman Spinelli also commented about the situation with available ambulances for the EMS. Apparently, several vehicles were out of commission due to repairs and our coverage was minimal. Councilman Spinelli also stated that every Council member should be invited to business openings and ribbon cuttings.

Councilwoman Calakos reported that she continues to receive telephone calls from the Evelyn Avenue resident concerning her issues with a neighbor's fence. Assistant Business Administrator Dickenson will forward the concern to the Department of Licenses & Inspections.

President Fanucci 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