

REGULAR WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018
6:00 P.M.

The Regular Work Session of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the President, Paul F. Spinelli.

The following members were present at roll call:

Councilman David Acosta
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Albert Vargas
President Paul F. Spinelli

ABSENT: Councilwoman Angela Calakos

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Robert E. Dickenson, Jr., Business Administrator

President Spinelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Deputy Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 13, 2017 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 Spinelli asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

The Associated of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) representatives Cheryl Reardon, Jody Carrara, and Christopher C. Obropta presented information on their work with the Delaware River Watershed Initiative. This is a green infrastructure. They believe the Kirkwood-Cohansey Aquifer Cluster is dangerously close to being depleted. The intense pumping of the aquifer for human uses has lowered the water table, dries up wetlands, reduces stream flows, and depleted or reduced freshwater flows to coastal estuaries. Along with impacts on human consumption, the depletion of the aquifer and its river system cause changes in plant and wildlife populations, including the loss of rare species that live in affected surface waters and wetlands. They would like for the City to develop a long term and short term goal for water reduction. They explained about green building initiatives and incentives. They asked the City to consider making "green" decisions when upgrading or changing any buildings or projects.

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

Ordinance No. 2018-12, regarding the amendment of Ordinance 97-14, Chapter 110, Article V of the code of the City entitled Municipal Prosecutor was discussed. Solicitor Tonetta explained this change will allow the current Prosecutor to fill both positions. The combined salaries will be \$65,000.00 and he only works 30 hours a week. He will not be eligible for health care benefits.

The President asked if any Council Members wished to be heard.

Business Administrator Dickenson stated GPS on City vehicles is coming soon. Legal Analyst Gallo is working very hard to get them done.

There being The President entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Vargas, to adjourn the meeting. The Deputy Clerk called the roll: YEAS:

Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Vargas
President Spinelli

Paul F. Spinelli
President of Council

ATTEST:

Christine A. Scarpa,
Deputy Municipal Clerk