

REGULAR WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 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  
Councilwoman Angela Calakos  
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.  
Councilman Albert Vargas  
President Paul F. Spinelli

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

President Spinelli 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 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.

Steve Lewis referenced the recent matter in Millville regarding the demolition of an unsafe structure and the costs being unfairly passed along to taxpayers. Solicitor Tonetta explained that we now have an ordinance in place to address some issues and we have successfully utilized litigation to pursue cost recovery for similar issues in Vineland. He added that the Department of Licenses & Inspections is also exploring purchasing a drone to assist in evaluating properties. Mr. Lewis was also concerned about a recent telephone call he received that indicated the call was from the City of Vineland, when in fact it was a vendor for solar panels. Solicitor Tonetta responded that City administrators are aware of this and have notified the police. Apparently such scams are becoming more prevalent.

Janet McMahon-Kielbasa vocalized her concern about litter all around Vineland. She said it was disgusting and contrary to economic development efforts, as well as depressing property values. She noted the preponderance of trash around City Hall, even as she entered the building tonight. She said she frequently walks her neighborhood to pick up trash. She also inquired about the status of the former Newcomb Hospital demolition. Solicitor Tonetta responded that a combination of weather and litigation have slowed the progress, but the project is expected to start again soon.

Regarding the trash issue, Mr. Lewis said a big factor is the fact that our recycling containers do not have lids. When the containers are knocked over the contents are blown all over. Business Administrator Dickenson acknowledged that new totes are being explored. The new containers have lids and are 96 gallon size.

Janice Bokma alerted City Council that once again Tradition Homes has filed for a dismissal in Superior Court and the City's attorney has not filed a counter claim. The time limit is 60 days. Solicitor Tonetta responded that he will check with attorney Justin White, who is handling this matter.

The Municipal Clerk reviewed the agenda.

Councilwoman Calakos expressed concern about the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-26, which will permit "microblading/cosmetic tattooing" in a Landis Avenue business. She is concerned that other types of tattoos will be available, and it may be counter to what is desired on Landis Avenue. Solicitor Tonetta will get a recording or transcript of the Planning Board approval for Councilwoman Calakos. He explained that if the business engages in activities that are not part of the approval, the City may proceed with enforcement action.

A first reading is planned for Ordinance No. 2018-27, and Council members expressed a desire to see a site plan before this matter is entertained next week.

A first reading is planned for Ordinance No. 2018-28. Solicitor Tonetta explained that this mirrors the new state legislation addressing surety for on-site improvements.

The Municipal Clerk urged Council members to review the report provided to them regarding the annual Community Development Block Grant recommendations from the advisory committee. The committee is expected to review the recommendations with City Council at the May 1 work session. The Clerk also reminded Council members to file their annual Financial Disclosure Statements. He also stated that a resolution adding a firefighter will likely be added to the agenda next week.

Councilman Franceschini shared brief remarks about Health Department updates and Emergency Management.

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Councilman Acosta acknowledged that the tattoo issue raised by Councilwoman Calakos was discussed by the Planning Board.

Council members also discussed the trash issue raised by Ms. McMahon-Kielbasa. There needs to be a monitoring of adopt-a-road volunteers. It was also suggested that the Health Department might want to consider a promotional campaign to fight litter.

President Spinelli stated that the VDID board meets tomorrow morning. He also reported that the youth baseball league season openers went well and the fields all look good.

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

ATTEST:

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Paul F. Spinelli  
President of Council

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk