

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS  
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**SPECIAL MEETING  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
TUERSDAY, JULY 28, 2020  
TOWN HALL-6:00 P.M.**

“Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Village Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceeding and, for such purpose, may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.”

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Richard Block  
Elizabeth Taylor Martinez  
Jorge Arce  
Debra Conover  
Gabriel Fernandez  
Mayor: Fred S. Deno IV  
Attorney: Guillermo Cuadra

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was led by Council Member Block.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Block.

1. Motion to Adopt Tentative Millage Rate and Set First Budget Hearing Date and Time  
Mayor Deno reported that the Village has a current millage rate of 5.1000 and recommends adopting the millage rate of 5.0000. The current rolled back rate would be 4.8765. Mayor Deno reported that this would be an increase of \$21,058.00 in ad valorem. Mayor Deno reported if we stay with the current millage rate of 5.1000 it would be an increase of \$47,313.00 in ad valorem.

A motion by Council Member Block to adopt tentative millage rate of 5.0000 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez and to set the first budget hearing date scheduled for September 8, 2020. The motion passed 5-0.

It was noted that the First Budget Hearing date was scheduled for Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 974

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 AT 5.0000 MILLS SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY

REVENUE TO MEET THE DETERMINED BUDGETARY NEEDS OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion by Council Member Block to adopt Resolution No. 974 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Arce – No vote  
Council Member Conover – Yes  
Council Member Taylor Martinez – Yes  
Council Member Block – Yes  
Council President Fernandez - Yes

Mayor Deno reported on the CARES Act. Mayor Deno reported that the Village was suppose to receive \$206,000.00. Mayor Deno reported that there was a discussion with the Board of County Commission and the League of Cities. The League of Cities wanted additional monies. Mayor Deno reported the Board of County Commission decided to allow reimbursement for what municipalities have paid out in expenses. Mayor Deno reported that the Village has paid out about \$50,000.00. in expenses which will be submitted to the County before August 3, 2020.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Please be advised that given to the novel Covid-19 Virus, the Village of Virginia Gardens Town Hall is closed.

**The public may participate in the virtual public meeting by utilizing the following method.**

- 1. Citizen comments will be heard by a raise of a hand, your speaker will then be unmuted, each speaker will be afforded (3) minutes to speak.**
- 2. A person wishing to speak must have a working microphone and working web camera in order to be heard remotely, this will allow you to join the scheduled Zoom meeting. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:**

**PLEASE ENTER THE MEETING ID# 892 6742 1797**

**PLEASE ENTER THE MEETING PASSWORD# 299742**

**OR**

**INVITE LINK**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89267421797?pwd=Y2ZIRkVYY05pUkMzVDVNaCtVaVpxQT09>**

4. GOOD & WELFARE

Mayor Deno reported that condolences to the Howard family due to the death of Kathleen Howard.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.