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**LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY MEETING
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
TUERSDAY, JULY 28, 2020
TOWN HALL-5:30 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 5:35 p.m.

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

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

1. Discussion to consider an ordinance for requirements of political signs within the Village Boundaries

Attorney Cuadra advised that the Council is sitting as a Local Planning Agency Meeting.

Attorney Cuadra read Ordinance No. 365 as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMDNDING SECTION 7.1.5, ARTICLE VII, CHAPTER 16 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDANCES; PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR POLITICAL SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Block reported that there were a number of scrivener’s errors on the draft of the Ordinance. Council Member Block reported that there are a number of issues that he has objections to such as number of placement signs on a property, deposit for each sign and written permission from the property owners.

Attorney Cuadra reported that the deposit for signs and written permission is currently on our Code. Mayor Deno reported that when he first ran for Mayor, he started putting signs throughout the Village. Mayor Deno advised that he had to put up a deposit of approximately \$1,500.00 for the signs. Mayor Deno advised that we currently have one candidate with approximately eight signs in one property and he would like to limit the number of signs per candidate.

The Council is in agreement that the deposit fee of signs should be removed from the Ordinance. Council President Fernandez inquired who has the authority to remove signs and Attorney Cuadra reported that the homeowners have the authority to remove signs that they do not want. Attorney Cuadra stated that after the election the Mayor can designate either the Police or Public Works department to remove signs.

A motion by Council Member Conover to accept the ordinance with scrivener's errors removed, with the deposit removed, with the written contract permission removed, with the two signs if corner home, one sign per candidate on a single house, three signs on a property, the minimum setbacks removed, and the police appointed to enforce the ordinance was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

2. 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:**

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3. GOOD & WELFARE

Council President Fernandez stated that there were no good and welfare issues.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion by Council Member Conover to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

