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**FIRST BUDGET HEARING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020  
TOWN HALL - 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Jorge Arce  
Gabriel Fernandez  
Debra Conover  
Richard Block  
Elizabeth Taylor Martinez  
Mayor: Fred “Spencer” Deno IV

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Council President Fernandez.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Council Member Block.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Block

1. **PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET-FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

Mayor Deno reported that this meeting is to amend and adopt tentative Budget, re-compute the proposed millage rate and publicly announce the percent, if any; the re-computed proposed millage exceeds the rolled-back rate. Mayor Deno stated that this year’s millage rate is 5.0000% and the percent increase is 2.53%.

A motion by Council Member Arce was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez to stay with the millage rate of 5.0000% and to approve the Proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal year 2020-2021. The motion was opened to the public at 6:05 p.m. and closed at 6:06 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Deno reported that he has not heard back from Mr. Dan Montoute regarding the PLEA contract. Attorney Cuadra has provided Mr. Montoute dates when he would be available and has not heard back from Mr. Montoute also. Mayor Deno stated that the Village should continue to honor the current contract. Mayor Deno stated that the contract expires September 30, 2020.

2. **PROPOSED WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET-FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

Mayor Deno reviewed the Proposed Water Department Budget-Fiscal Year 2020-2021. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover to approve the Proposed Water Department Budget-Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The motion was opened to the public at 6:12 p.m. and closed at 6:13 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

3. **PROPOSED PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET-FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021:**

Mayor Deno reviewed the Proposed Public Works Budget-Fiscal Year 2020-2021. A motion by Council Member Block to approve the Proposed Public Works Budget-Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was opened to the public at 6:13 p.m. and closed at 6:13 p.m. The motion was approved 5-0.

4. **PROPOSED CITT BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

Mayor Deno reviewed the Proposed CITT Budget-Fiscal Year 2020-2021. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the Proposed CITT Budget-Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was opened to the public at 6:14 p.m. and closed at 6:14 p.m. The motion was approved 5-0.

5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Council President Fernandez reported there are no citizen comments.

6. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez would like prayers for Melanie Martinez.

A motion by Council Member Conover to adjourn the First Budget Hearing at 6:19 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.