

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS
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**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020
MEETING 6:30 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 proceedings 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 to be based.”

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this proceeding is asked to advise the Village at least 2 days before the proceeding by contacting the Village Clerk’s office at 305-871-6104

PRESENT: Council Members: Debra Conover
Elizabeth Taylor Martinez
Jorge Arce
Richard Block
Mayor: Fred Spencer Deno, IV
Attorney: Guillermo Cuadra, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Council Member Taylor Martinez at 6:34 p.m.

INVOCATION (MOMENT OF SILENCE) The Invocation was led by Council Member Richard Block.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Council Meeting – September 17, 2020

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 17, 2020 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 4-0.

B. Final Budget Hearing – September 28, 2020

A motion by Council Member Conover to approve the minutes of the Final Budget Hearing Meeting of September 28, 2020 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 4-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. The minutes for the month of October 7, 2020 meeting were submitted.

Mr. Martinez reported that he received an email that the Tree Ordinance Application should be completed by November 12, 2020. Mr. Martinez Reported that our tree planting list was submitted for a tree grant application and we should be receiving 20 trees by November or December, 2020.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Request Approval for \$30.00 Holiday Gift Cards to be provided for All Village Employees for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays
A motion by Council Member Block to approve the Thanksgiving and Christmas \$30.00 gifts cards were seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Deno reported that the Playground will be reopened tomorrow. Mayor Deno stated that the sanitizer machine and supplies was received and will be sprayed throughout Village Hall.

Mayor Deno reported on the NW 64th Avenue Project and stated that the Electrical conducts, control panel and entry lights have all been verified and completed.

Mayor Deno reported on the NW 38th Street project and stated that the sidewalk detour, drainage and landscape crew should begin on Monday. Mayor Deno reported that the project should be completed by 5-7 working days.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that there were no citizen's comments.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that there was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that there is no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that the meeting for the month of October, 2020 was canceled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that the statistics for the month of September, 2020 have been submitted.

Chief Hernandez inquired if there were any questions regarding the statistics.

Council Member Conover inquired regarding the numerous political signs that are not in compliance with our newly passed Ordinance. Chief Hernandez reported that he was aware of the situation and would take care of the matter.

Council Member Block inquired if Chief Hernandez had an opinion Regarding cashless bonds. Chief Hernandez stated that he was against Cashless Bonds. Mayor Deno also reported that he was totally Against Cashless bonds. Council Member Block reported that the League of Cities did not have a stand yet regarding this issue. Mayor Deno recommended that Attorney Cuadra draft a resolution that the Village of Virginia Gardens is against Cashless Bonds. Attorney Cuadra reported that he would take direction from Mayor Deno.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that the soccer traveling program has begun.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that Public Works Director

Martin was not in attendance and that public works was covered under the Mayor's report.

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Cuadra reported that the Village of Virginia Gardens is awaiting the final comments from Miami Dade County regarding the Tree Ordinance. Attorney Cuadra reported that the next steps would be to incorporate the Tree Ordinance and passed at a council meeting.

Attorney Cuadra reported regarding the short terms rental regulations. Attorney Cuadra reported that the State is basically not allowing duration by local governments. Attorney Cuadra stated that we have certain criteria due to traffic and noise nuisances Ordinances. Attorney Cuadra stated that if the short term rentals are a burden, the Village of Virginia Gardens can revoke their Local Business Tax license.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Mayor Deno reported that there is an article on the Miami Herald today regarding the homeless in Miami Springs. Council Member Taylor Martinez is asking prayers for Melanie Martinez.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Conover to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion was approved 4-0.