

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS  
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VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA 33166  
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**SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020  
VIRTUAL MEETING 5:00 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 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**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Council Members:	Debra Conover Gabriel Fernandez 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 President Fernandez at 5:01 p.m.

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

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

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Council Meeting – February 20, 2020

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 20, 2020 was seconded by Council Member Conover.

The motion was approved 5-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the meeting for the month of April, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19 Virus.

Council President Fernandez reported that the minutes for the month of March, 2020 were provided. Mayor Deno stated that Mr. Harris wants to get paid but the contract states the work needs to be completed. Mayor Deno would like to send the contract to our Village Attorney for review. Village Attorney Cuadra advised that after review of the contract he will send Mr. Harris a letter regarding the completion of the contract.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Deno reported that it has been a challenging few week. Mayor Deno reported that Martiza, Haydee and Tracy were working from home via their computers.

Martiza and Haydee are now working at the office and Tracy is still working from home due to child care issues. Mayor Deno reported that Village Hall, soccer field, tennis courts and playground are closed. Mayor Deno reported that the Village is adhering to Miami Dade County regulations.

Mayor Deno would like to thank the Chief and the Police Department for the birthday drive byes. Mayor Deno reported that the Easter Bunny for driving through the Village.

A. Discussion regarding the bid opening that was held on Friday, April 17, via Teleconference at 3:00 p.m. for the Landscaping Project on NW 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. Mayor Deno from \$78,000, \$108,000 and \$113,000 were the three lowest bids. Village Architect Manny Perez is reviewing the companies for references. Council President Fernandez has knowledge of the three lowest bidders. Mayor Deno requested that the Council should wait for the next council meeting until the Village has all information in order to approve this issue.

4. **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. Citizens 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# 969-0779-2333  
PLEASE ENTER THE MEETING PASSWORD# 628160**

Village Clerk Fernandez reported that there were no citizens via teleconferencing.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there was no old business.

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that the Census has been extended until October 31, 2020.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there is no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the meeting for the month of April, 2020 was canceled due to COVID-19 Virus.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the statistics for the month of February and March, 2020 have been submitted.

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

B. Request Council approval to hire Police Applicant Twan Uptgrow as a Reserve Officer

Police Chief Hernandez would like the council to approve the applicant. Chief Hernandez reported that the background checks were completed. A motion by Council Member Arce to approval Police Applicant Twan Uptgrow as a Reserve Officer was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

9. **RECREATION**

Council President Fernandez reported that there was nothing to report for Recreation.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Director Martin reported that a big tree was down this afternoon. Mr. Martin would like to thank Miami Springs Public Works and our Police Department for their quick response.

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

A. RESOLUTION NO. 966

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA,  
ADOPTING THE GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
COMPLIANCE SECTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AS  
PREPARED BY WITHUM SMITH & BROWN, PC PROVIDING FOR

EFFECTIVE DATE

Village Attorney Cuadra reported that this Resolution is essentially required by Florida Statutes by all municipalities to submit for their financial status.

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve Resolution No. 966 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 967

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
AMENDING VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS TITLE VI PLAN AND  
PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

Village Attorney Cuadra reported that the Village has to have this title plan in place and that he recommends the adoption of this plan. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Resolution No. 967 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez requested prayers for Melanie Martinez. Council President would like to thank the Police Department for their good work.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.