

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS
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**SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING 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 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 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 5:32 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 – April 23, 2020

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 23, 2020 was seconded by Council Member Arce.

The motion was approved 5-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. The meeting for the month of May, 2020 was canceled due to Covid-19 Virus. Council President Fernandez reported that the meeting for the month of May, 2020 was canceled due to the Covid-19 Virus. Council President Fernandez reported that Beautification Chairman Martinez submitted the Tree City Ordinance application and is awaiting the results.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Deno thanked the entire Village employees for their hard work for the food drive event which was coordinated with Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

A. Discussion regarding awarding the bid contract to the lowest bidder Visualescape for the Landscaping project on NW 64 Avenue.

Mayor Deno reported that the bid opening was conducted last month. Mayor Deno stated that Village Architect Perez vetted the bidders. Mayor Deno noted that there was a reduction amount change in the bid amount from Visualescape from \$78,000.00 to approximately \$70,000.00 due to the reduction of shrubbery and trees. Village Attorney Cuadra stated that he would draft a Resolution for the award of the bid to Visualescape. Mayor Deno inquired if we should also draft a Resolution for the roadway improvement of NW 38 St and 58th Court project awarded to Maggolo, Inc and Attorney Cuadra responded that he would also draft a Resolution. A motion by Council Member Arce to award the contract to Visualescape in the approximate amount of \$70,000.00 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Presentation of the ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan

Mayor Deno reported that the Village updated the ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan in May, 2020 due to the DOT LAP project coming next year. It was noted that the Corradino Group reported that the Village's efforts have resulted in an increase of ADA compliant crosswalks from 23.5% to 90% of the Village crosswalks which is impressive and very noteworthy.

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# 889-4797-0230

PLEASE ENTER THE MEETING PASSWORD# 114675

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

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there was no old business.

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 May, 2020 was canceled due to COVID-19 Virus.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor reported that the soccer field and tennis courts are now open; however, the Playground area is still closed and fenced off as per Miami Dade County COVID-19 Virus regulations. Mayor Deno reported that there should be no organized activities throughout Village Hall.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Director Martin reported that the drainage project on NW 38th Street is underway and that project is about 3/4% completed. Director Martin also reported that the crosswalks, drainage and temporary asphalt restoration along with paving should be completed soon.

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

A. ORDINANCE NO. 364-SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A 10 YEAR WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN UPDATE AND AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO STRENGTHEN COORDINATION BETWEEN WATER SUPPLY AND LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

Village Attorney Cuadra reported that Ordinance No. 364 is essentially required by Florida Statutes. A motion by Council Member Arce to approve Ordinance No. 364 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez requested prayers for Melanie Martinez. The Council wished Council Member Conover a Happy Birthday.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.