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**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
MEETING 6:00 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

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 6:01 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 – August 20, 2020

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

B. Budget Workshop Meeting – August 25, 2020

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting of August 25, 2020 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.

C. First Budget Hearing – September 8, 2020

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the minutes of the First Budget Hearing Meeting of September 8, 2020 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Special Council Meeting – September 8, 2020

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of September 8, 2020 was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 5-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. The minutes for the month of September 2, 2020 meeting were submitted. Beautification Chairman Martinez stated the Tree Ordinance would be available next week.

Mr. Martinez reported that the Tree City Ordinance should be finished by November 12, 2020. Attorney Cuadra reported that he coordinated with Miami Dade County and confirmed that the Tree Ordinance should be completed.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Final Budget Hearing scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2020
Mayor Deno reported that the Final Budget Hearing has been scheduled for September 28, 2020 at Village Hall at 6:00 p.m.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there were no citizen's comments.

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**

Council President Fernandez reported that the meeting for the month of September, 2020 was canceled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that in-house soccer has been tentatively scheduled to begin on October 24, 2020 and travel September 21, 2020.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Council President Fernandez reported that Public Works Director Martin was not in attendance.

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Cuadra reported that at the last meeting there was discussion regarding the 30% impervious. Attorney Cuadra reported that he spoke with Engineer Manuel Perez regarding the language. Attorney Cuadra reported that he is working on the regulations for Air B&B and should have something for next meeting.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Mayor Deno reported on the closing down bust of the Runway Inn in Miami Springs. Mayor Deno reported that on the east side of Miami Springs there are numerous Homeless people. Council Member Taylor Martinez is asking prayers for Melanie Martinez. Council Member Arce is requesting prayers for Police Officer Nelson Delgado.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.