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MONTHLY MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 MEETING 6:30 P.M.

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PRESENT:	Council Members:	Debra Conover
		Elizabeth Taylor Martinez
		Gabriel Fernandez
		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 6:31 p.m.

INVOCATION (MOMENT OF SILENCE) The Invocation was led by Council Member Taylor Martinez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Taylor Martinez.

Council Member Arce was absent.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   A. Regular Council Meeting – October 15, 2020
   A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of The regular Council meeting of October 15, 2020 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion was approved 4-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. The minutes for the month of November 4, 2020 meeting were submitted.

Mr. Martinez reported that the Application for the Tree City was submitted. Mr. Martinez reported that the Holiday Yard of the month will be

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Update on the NW 64th Avenue project

Mayor Deno reported on the NW 64th Avenue Project and stated that the milling and paving of the road should begin next week. Mayor Deno reported that the temporary striping should also begin and after 20 days the permanent striping will commence.

Mayor Deno reported on the Plea contract. Ms. Elena Schafer of PLEA was in attendance. Ms. Schafer reported that PLEA realizes the limitiations regarding the negotiation of the police contract due to COVID 19 and reported that PLEA would like to begin negotiations regarding the contract which was expired in September 30, 2020. Ms. Schafer reported that statistical and financial information had been requested. Ms. Schafer reported that Plea would like face to face negotiations. Mayor Deno reported that he and Attorney Cuadra had submitted availability dates for negotiations and had not heard from PLEA. Mayor Deno reported that even though the contract expired, the Village had honored the step increases for the officers.

Mayor Deno reported that he, Council President Fernandez, Council Member Block attended Private First Class Bruce Wayne Carter's burial in Arlington Cemetery in Washington DC last week. Mayor Deno reported that it was a beautiful service. Council President Fernandez reported that the ceremony was impressive. Council Member Block reported that it he was in awe of Ms. Krell's actions in walking in back of her son's casket.

Mayor Deno reported that congratulations on Commissioner Diaz being elected as Chairman of the Miami Dade County Commission.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Fernandez reported that Mr. Avilo Lugo of NW 63 Court and NW 39 Terrace. Mr. Lugo reported that he has lived in Virginia Gardens for 20 years. Mr. Lugo reported that he is a member of the Baptist Church in Miami Springs and is praying for the residents of Virginia Gardens and appreciates everything that America is doing.

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 November, 2020 was canceled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

Chief Hernandez inquired if there were any questions regarding the statistics. Chief Hernandez reported that the FPL pole on NW 62 Ave has been removed after 20 years. Chief Hernandez reported that there are no poles on NW 41 Street and also on NW 59 Avenue. Chief Hernandez stated that he would like to thank Olga from Commissioner Diaz's office for all her help.

9. **RECREATION**

Council President Fernandez reported that there are no issues for Recreation.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Deno 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**

A. RESOLUTION NO. 983

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AMENDED 2019/2020 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND, PUBLIC WORKS FUND, WATER DEPARTMENT FUND AND CITT FUND BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Resolution No. 983 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 984

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE IMPLEMENTING A CASHLESS BAIL BOND PROGRAM FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Resolution No. 984 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Deno inquired regarding the health of Accountant Augie Torres and his wife Ivette. Village Clerk Fernandez responded that they are both doing fine after contracting COVID-19.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez is asking prayers for Melanie Martinez. Mayor Deno would like to keep Council Member Arce on our prayers. Council Member Taylor Martinez would like prayers to Officer Delgado for a speedy recovery.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Conover to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 4-0.