

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS
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**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021
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

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Council President Fernandez at 6:30 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.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Council Meeting – November 19, 2020

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of The regular Council meeting of November 19, 2020 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. The minutes for the month of December 2, 2020, December 16, 2020 and January 6, 2021 meeting were submitted.

Mr. Martinez reported that the tree ordinance application had been submitted and approved.

Mr. Martinez reported that the Holiday Yard winners were as follows:

1st Place – Christopher Deno

2nd Place – Maria Paleaz

3rd Place – Alberto Quintana

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Discussion regarding letter received from Miami Dade County School Board and the Superintendent regarding support in adopting a Resolution in support of Miami Dade County School Board's State Legislative Agenda

Mayor Deno reported that Miami Dade County Public School Board would like our support in adopting a Resolution in support of the Miami Dade County Schools State Legislative Agenda. A motion by Council Member Conover to direct the Village Attorney to draft a resolution in support of the Miami Dade County Schools State Legislative Agenda was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 4-1 with Council Member Block dissenting.

Mayor Deno reported that Council Member Bob Best from Miami Springs was in attendance. Mr. Best commented on the major improvements on NW 64th Avenue. Mr. Best stated that he wanted to address the Council regarding the Veterans Memorial project in Miami Springs. Mr. Best reported that the Veterans Memorial needs improvement and requires rebuiltment. Mr. Best is requesting support from the Village of Virginia Gardens. Mr. Best stated that they have approached Manny Diaz, Jr., Rebecca Sosa, Bryan Avila, Jose Pepe Diaz and the Town of Medley. Mayor Deno stated that the Village of Virginia Gardens will support this project.

Mayor Deno would like to move forward the Ordinance regarding the Vacation Rentals. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to move the Attorney's report forward was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion was approved 5-0.

Attorney Cuadra distributed a draft of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16 “Zoning and Land Development Regulations” by adding Section 12.1 “Vacation Rentals,” withing new Article XII “Additional Regulations” to provide regulation for such uses.

Mayor Deno requested if Council would read the Ordinance and bring back their comments at the next meeting.

Mayor Deno reported that the Double Tree property has submitted their plans to the County.

Mayor Deno also reported that the car storage property has sewer problems hooking up. Mayor Deno reported that the owners will replace the windows, refurbish and put the property on the market or rent.

Mayor Deno reported that the Candlewood Development Agreement has been reviewed and should be executed. Mayor Deno stated that this is a restatement.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there are no citizen 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 January, 2021 was canceled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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

Chief Hernandez thanked Elena and Olga from Commissioner Diaz's office for their help with the no parking signs on NW 66 Avenue and NW 38 Terrace. Chief Hernandez reported that the signs have been Posted in the Village.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that the grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 has been received and will be used to change the ball field from clay to turf.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

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

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Council President Fernandez reported that the Attorney's Report was discussed under the Mayor's report.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez is asking prayers for Melanie Martinez. The Council also asked prayers for Sandra Deno, Chaplain DaSilva, Jorge Arce and Victoria Machado.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.