

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS  
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**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 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**

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: Elizabeth Taylor Martinez  
Gabriel Fernandez  
Richard Block  
Jorge Arce  
Debra Conover

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 Block.

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Council Meeting – February 18, 2021

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 18, 2021 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. The minutes for the month of March 3, 2021 meeting were submitted. Mr. Martinez reported that the tree ordinance application had been submitted and approved.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Council President Fernandez reported that Mayor Deno was not present.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Fernandez invited Ms. Gendry Sherer of 6330 NW 40 Street to speak. Ms. Sherer commented regarding the Ordinance restrictions of vacation rentals in the Village. Ms. Sherer stated that vacation rentals adversely impacts the neighborhood. Attorney Cuadra stated that while the council agrees with Ms. Sherer, Florida State Law precludes municipalities from banning vacation rentals. Ms. Cuadra reported that this Ordinance at least has minimum requirements as to how vacation rentals operate within the Village. A copy of the Ordinance was provided to Ms. Sherer.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there were no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Easter Parade will be held on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be making his annual rounds throughout the Village giving out some Easter Eggs along the way!

Council President Fernandez reported that there was also a flyer regarding the Easter Egg parade.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

Council President Fernandez reported that the meeting for the month of March, 2021 was canceled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the statistics for the month of February, 2021 have been submitted.

9. **RECREATION**

Council President Fernandez reported that there were no Recreation business.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Council President Fernandez reported that Public Works Director Martin was not in attendance and that there were no Public Works report.

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

A. ORDINANCE NO. 366 – SECOND READING  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 16, "ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS" OF THE VILLAGE'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SECTION 12.1, "VACATION RENTALS," WITHIN NEW ARTICLE XII, "ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS" TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR SUCH USES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cuadra reported that Ordinance No. 366 was amended to include the cleaning conforming to the "Enhanced Industry-Wide Hotel Cleaning Standards in response to COVID-19" adopted by the American Hotel & Lodging Association.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the second reading of Ordinance No.366 as amended was seconded by Council Member Block.

Roll call was as follows:

Council Member Block – Yes

Council Member Taylor Martinez – Yes

Council President Fernandez – Yes

Council Member Arce – Yes  
Council Member Conover – Yes

The motion passed 5-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez is asking prayers for Melanie Martinez.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion was approved 4-0.