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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020
TOWN HALL 6:30 P.M.**

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 6:35 p.m.

INVOCATION (MOMENT OF SILENCE) The Invocation was led by Chaplain DaSilva

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chaplain DaSilva.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Council Meeting – November 21, 2019

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 21, 2019 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.

2. BEAUTIFICATION

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the minutes for the December 16, 2019 and January 9, 2020 meetings were provided.

Mr. Martinez reported on our Holiday Yard winners:

1st Place – Lilian Venegas of 6342 NW 38 Terrace

2nd Place – Maria Elinor Pelaez of 6321 NW 40 Street

3rd Place – Marcelo Nunez of 6311 NW 38 Terrace

Mr. Martinez provided an update regarding the status of the Tree Ordinance. We are still awaiting approval from the County.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Update on the Annual Santa Under the Stars that was held on Friday, December 20, 2019

Mayor Deno reported that the weather held and thanked the Village Staff for their efforts.

B. Movie Night sponsored by Miami Dade Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz to be Held on Friday, February 21, 2020

Mayor Deno reported that Commissioner Diaz will be sponsoring Movie Night in Virginia Gardens field on Friday, February 21, 2020.

C. Family Bike Scavenger Hunt will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Council President Fernandez reported that this is a bicycle scavenger hunt through VG and Miami Springs. First clue will begin in Virginia Gardens. It will be a great Oriented family night event.

D. Family Bingo Day will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Deno reported that following the family bike scavenger hunt a family Bingo Day will be held at 2:00 p.m.

E. Presentation of plaque to Bryan Eby from First Class Pools

Mayor Deno presented a plaque to Mr. Eby from First Class Pools. He has been in Virginia Gardens as a business owner for 19 years.

F. Presentation of plaque to William Huwer from Subrageous.

Mayor Deno presented a plaque to Mr. Huwer from Subrageous. He has been in Virginia Gardens as a business owner for 33 years.

Mayor Deno reported that long time resident and Officer, Russell Hults passed away.

Mayor Deno reported that Alex Alamo from Becker & Polikoff was in attendance.

Mr. Alamo reported that there are two grants which State Representative Bryan Avila Is sponsoring. Mr. Alamo reported that two stormwater projects were passed and the Hot Meals program was also passed funding as a mutual grant.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

A. Mr. Fred Gonzalez would like to speak on behalf of the Miami Springs Little League.

Mr. Gonzalez reported that he would like to thank the Village for their support on behalf of the Miami Springs Little League. He would like to invite the Village to their opening night on February 29, 2020 at Prince Field. Mr. Gonzales presented dugout signs as a gift to the Village. Mr. Gonzalez would like to purchase a portable pitching mound on behalf of the Village.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION NO. 963

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 829 IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND SPONSORED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRYAN AVILA PROHIBITING TOLLS AND EXPRESS LANES ON STATE ROAD 826

Council Member Arce would like the Village to support this resolution. Mr. Alamo reported that this bill would eliminate the tolls and eliminates the express lanes for State Road 826. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Resolution No. 963 was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Deno requested that Resolution No. 963 be given to Mr. Alamo so that he can provide it to our State Legislative.

B. Discussion regarding the upcoming 2020 Census

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that Florida was undercounted in the last census. Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that an invitation for the Census will be sent to all residents which will be processed on line.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the meeting for the month of December, 2019 and January, 2020 were canceled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the statistics for the month of November and December, 2019 have been submitted.

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

B. Request Council Approval of attached Applicant Eric Masnata

Council Member Arce has some questions regarding Mr., Masnata's prior employment. Mayor Deno reported that this individual has passed the medical, phycological and polygraph tests. Mayor Deno reported that if you have any questions regarding any applicant, please contact Chief Hernandez. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Reserve Police Officer Eric Masnata was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 5-0.

Chief Hernandez reported on the shooting which occurred in Miami Springs but ended up in Virginia Gardens parking lot at Pizza Hut. Chief Hernandez stated that a letter was sent by Miami Springs Police Chief Guzman thanking Virginia Gardens Police Officers Seth Denison and Gabriel Diaz for their help. Mayor Deno reported that Police Chief Hernandez and Lt. Morales were also at the scene.

9. **RECREATION**

A. The Annual MSVG Soccer Awards Ceremony to be held on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Deno reported that Sunday, February 23, 2010 will be held at 11:00 a.m.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

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

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

A. RESOLUTION NO. 964

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A PIGGYBACK CONTRACT FOR FORECLOSURE REGISTRATIONS WITH PROCHAMPS, 2727 CENTER PLACE, MELBOURNE FL 32940 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cuadra stated that this is a resolution to authorize a piggyback contract for foreclosure registration with Prochamps. Attorney Cuadra stated that this is Florida mandated program for registrations for foreclosure. A motion by Council Member Arce to approve Resolution No. 964 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

B. RESOLUTION No. 965

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DISASTER PROGRAM & OPERATIONS, INC. (DP&O); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cuadra stated that this is a resolution to approve a contract with Disaster Programs & Operations which is the debris monitoring consultants which we hired. A motion by Council Member Arce to approve Resolution No. 965 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez requested prayers for Melanie Martinez.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.