

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS  
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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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 6:34 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 – January 23, 2020

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 23, 2020 was seconded by Council Member Block.

The motion was approved 5-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the minutes for the February 5, 2020 meeting were provided.

Council President Fernandez reported that Committee Chairman Hector Martinez was not present.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Accountant Augie Torres to present quarterly financials

Accountant Torres reported on the quarterly financials ending December 31, 2019.

Mr. Torres reported that we have an 100% increase on our cash balance.

B. Presentation of plaque to Eileen Gomez & Tiffany Gomez from Vito's Bakery  
Mayor Deno introduced Eileen and Tiffany Gomez from Vito's Bakery. Mayor Deno provided a plaque and thanked them for 31 years of business in Virginia Gardens. Mayor Deno stated that the girls took over the business from their father Vito.

C. Presentation of 10 Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan presented by Kathryn Lyon from the Corradino Group

Mayor Deno introduced Ms. Lyon from the Corradino Group. Ms. Lyon reported that the Village of Virginia Gardens retained the Corradino Group to provide the 10 year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan Update and associated amendments to the Village's Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Lyon stated that with the adoption of the Water Supply Plan Update and the water supply amendments to the Comprehensive Plan by May, 2020, the Village will be in compliance with state requirements and will be consistent with the above referenced plans. Ms. Lyon provided a flyer as educational material for distribution and to be posted on the Village website.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to move up the first reading of Ordinance No. 364 under the Attorney's Report was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion was approved 5-0.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

##### A. ORDINANCE NO. 364 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A 10 YEAR WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN UPDATE AND AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO STRENGTHEN COORDINATION BETWEEN WATER SUPPLY AND LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### ROLL CALL MOTION:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FERNANDEZ – YES

COUNCIL MEMBER ARCE – YES

COUNCIL MEMBER BLOCK – YES

COUNCIL MEMBER CONOVER – YES

COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR MARTINEZ – YES

The motion was approved 5-0.

D. Update on trip to Miami Dade County Days 2020 that was held on February 5 and 6, 2020

Mayor Deno reported that it was a good trip and that he had good communications with Bryan Avila and Manny Diaz.

E. Movie Night sponsored by Miami Dade Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz

On Friday, February 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Deno reported that Movie Night which is sponsored by Miami Dade Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz is scheduled for February 21, 2020.

Mayor Deno reported that Commissioner Diaz was in attendance to speak regarding the report of the TGK expansion. Commissioner Diaz stated that he was not aware of the report. Commissioner Diaz stated that this is a P3 situation. P3 stands for Public Private Practice. Commissioner Diaz stated that this for using other peoples money to fund financial projects. Commissioner Diaz this P3 is legal between private companies and governmental agencies. Commissioner Diaz reported that the two municipalities that would be impacted are Miami Springs and Virginia Gardens.

Commissioner Diaz is aware that Commissioner Diaz reported that Pre-trial prison has lots of issues regarding security levels for county employees and inmates. Commissioner Diaz reported that he will not allow any issues for expansion of TGK and stated that this report is a pointed and directed report. Commissioner Diaz will also check on the timeline of releases of inmates at the TGK facility. Mayor Deno reported that releases are ongoing during the day and night. Commissioner Diaz will have a sunshine meeting with Commissioner Boo regarding this matter and will report back to the Village.

F. Family Bike scavenger Hunt will be held on Saturday, February 22, at 9:00 a.m. Council President Fernandez reported that the Family Bike Scavenger Hunt will be held on Saturday, February 22. Council President Fernandez noted that we have 100 participants enrolled.

G. Family Bingo Night will be held on Saturday, February 22, at 2:00 p.m. Council President Fernandez that Family Bingo will be held on Saturday, February 22, at 2:00 p.m. and urged all residents to attend.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that there are no citizen comments.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that the Census report will be mailed March 1, 2020 and urged all residents that it can be completed on-line.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there is no new business

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

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

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

Chief Hernandez inquired if there were any questions regarding the statistics. Mayor Deno reported that any incidents regarding the released inmates should be documented.

9. **RECREATION**

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

Recreation Director Spencer Deno reported that the MSVG Soccer Awards Ceremony was scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Recreation Director Deno reports that players will receive a medallion award as well as a miniature soccer ball.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Deno reported that Public Work Director Martin was not in attendance. Mayor Deno reported that the bids for the 64<sup>th</sup> Ave project were received and are being reviewed by Village Architect Perez. Mayor Deno stated that he would like to have a special meeting regarding the bids in March, 2020 and would like the project to begin in April, 2020

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Cuadra stated that there is nothing else to report.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez requested prayers for Melanie Martinez. Mr. Donald Howard stated that he would like to thank Commissioner Diaz for all his hard work for the Village

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.