

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS  
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**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Council President Fernandez at 6:32 p.m.

Council Member Block welcomed Father Matias Hualpa from Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. Father Hualpa is the new priest at Blessed Trinity. Father Hualpa thanked Virginia Gardens for welcoming him to our Village.

**INVOCATION (MOMENT OF SILENCE)** The Invocation was led by Father Hualpa.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Father Hualpa.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Council Meeting – May 20, 2021

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the minutes of

the regular Council meeting of May 20, 2021 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 4-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. The minutes for the month of June 2, 2021 meeting were submitted. Mr. Martinez reported that any homeowner requesting a tree should contact the Beautification committee and be placed on the tree list.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Request Council approval to promote Officer Jairo Garcia to Full Time.

Mayor Deno stated that 2 full-time police officer left the police department. Officer Johnson left to Medley and Officer Rodriguez left to the State of Florida. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to promote Officer Jairo Garcia to full time was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Request Council approval to promote Officer Eric Masnata to Full Time

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to promote Officer Eric Masnata to Full time was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

C. Discussion regarding the FDOT Project that will be taking place on NW 36 Street

Mayor Deno reported that there is a FDOT project from NW 36 Street to Biscayne Blvd. Mayor Deno reported that this project will affect the Village of Virginia Gardens. Mayor Deno reported that there was a Multimodal Corridor Study zoom meeting which was attended by Chief Hernandez on May 26, 2021. Mayor Deno reported that there will be a meeting on June 24, 2021 at a Holiday Inn and suggested that all council members be in attendance. The Council will receive information regarding the meeting time and place from village staff tomorrow.

D. Discussion regarding the Tot Lot Turf

Mayor Deno reported that we received three quotes regarding the renovation of the tot lot turf. The Council viewed pictures of the current condition of the tot lot turf. Mayor Deno reported that we had previous issues regarding drainage and the turf is worn down. The quotes are as follows:

Florida Artificial Lawns - \$25,200

Easy Grass - \$38,150.70

Synthetic Lawns - \$38,187.50

Mayor Deno spoke with Public Works Director Martin by telephone and Mr. Martin reported that the tot lot turf was approximately 12 years old and he recommended Easy Grass. The Council reviewed the quotes and Council Member Conover suggested the Village should contact other municipalities for their recommendations and get other quotes. Mayor Deno agreed and the matter was tabled until the special meeting.

E. ZONING REQUIREMENTS

Attorney Caudra reported he would like to draft an ordinance which limits the impervious ration area of front yard. Attorney Cuadra reported that this ordinance will be provided at the special meeting. Attorney Cuadra reported that the Village should enact a moratorium for permits dealing with impervious ratios. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to enact a moratorium for permits dealing with impervious ratios was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Deno reported that Lourdes from Chairman Jose Pepe Diaz's office was in attendance.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there were no citizen Comments.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there were no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there was no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

Council President Fernandez reported that the meeting for the month of June, 2021 was cancelled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

Chief Hernandez inquired if there were any questions regarding the statistics. The Council did not have any questions.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that Progrounds has sprayed the field with insecticides and the field will be closed for two weeks.

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. RESOLUTION NO. 986- SECOND READING

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA GRANTING/DENYING VARIANCE OF CHAPTER 16, SECTION 4.2.4 (E) AT 6001 NW 38 STREET, IDENTIFIED UNDER FOLIO NUMBER 26-3025-018-0130; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Cuadra reported that this item should be removed from the agenda as resolutions do not need a second reading.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 367 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS

AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES” OF THE VILLAGE’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING ARTICLE V “TREE PROTECTION PROGRAM” PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY, STANDARDS, APPLICABILITY, AND PROHIBITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 367 was seconded by Council President Fernandez.

ROLL CALL:    GABRIEL FERNANDEZ – YES  
                     RICHARD BLOCK – YES  
                     ELIZABETH TAYLOR MARTINEZ – YES  
                     DEBRA CONOVER – YES

The motion was approved 4-0.

The Council scheduled a Special meeting for June 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the following: 1) Discussion of Tot Lot Turf; 2) Police Contract; 3) Short Term Rental Ordinance; 4) Zoning Requirements Ordinance and 5) Building Permit Fees Ordinance

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez is asking prayers for Melanie Martinez. The Council wished Happy Birthday to Jose Fuentes.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion was approved 4-0.