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**SPECIAL MEETING
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021
TOWN HALL-6:00 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 proceeding 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 based.”

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was led by Council Member Arce.

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

1. Request council approval for the attached police applicants

Chief Hernandez stated that we have three applicants for part-time positions. Chief Hernandez stated that David Cisnero is a retired City of Miami officer; Angel Otero is a retired corrections officer as well as an Officer from El Portal and Moise Louissait is also a retired corrections officer and an El Portal Police officer. Chief Hernandez reported that he has known all three officers.

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve Police Officer David Cisnero, Angel Otero and Moise Louissait as part –time officers was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

2. Request council approval to award Caltran Engineering Group for the Roadway Improvements NW 38 Street, NW 67 Avenue and NW 37 Street Project

Mayor Deno reported that we received three bids for the Roadway Improvements for NW 38 Street, NW 67 Avenue and NW 37 Street.

The bids were as follows:

Solid Consulting Engineering - \$172,887.50
Caltran Engineering Group - \$74,994.00
Colliers Engineering & Design - \$114,386.82

Mayor Deno reported that Caltran has a project manager at FDOT and that he spoke with Alfred @ BBC Engineering who feels very comfortable with Caltran.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Caltran Engineering Group was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0

Mayor Deno reported that the Village is due to receive from the American Rescue Plan an amount of \$1,192,000.00 and that \$596,000.00 should be received shortly. Mayor Deno reported that these monies can only be earmarked for certain things. Mayor Deno stated that these monies can be used for roadway and water projects.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 993

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, PERMITTING PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY(PACE) PROGRAMS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF VIRGINIA GARDENS; APPROVING AGREEMENTS WITH THE FLORIDA GREEN FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE FLORIDA RESILIENCY AND ENERGY DISTRICT AND THE FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY; UTILITY VOLUNTARY NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS TO FINANCE QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS, SCRIVENER;S ERRORS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Deno reported that this is offering a program in operated by PACE to provide financing for Qualifying Improvements.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adopt Resolution No. 993 was seconded by Council Member Arce.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Arce – Yes
Council Member Conover – Yes
Council Member Taylor Martinez – Yes
Council Member Block – Yes
Council President Fernandez - Yes

4. GOOD & WELFARE

Council Member Taylor Martinez asked for prayers for Melanie Martinez. Council Member Arce would like to encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 5-0.