

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS  
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**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 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  
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.

**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 – June 17, 2021

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 17, 2021 was seconded by Council Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.

B. Special Council Meeting – June 29, 2021

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the special Council meeting of June 29, 2021 was seconded by Council Block. The motion was approved 5-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. Council Present Fernandez reported that the meeting for the month of July, 2021 was cancelled.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Special Council Meeting to set Tentative Millage Rate on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Deno stated that a special meeting has been set for July 28, 2021 At 5:30 p.m. to set the Tentative Millage rate.

B. Special Local Planning Agency Meeting to discuss the Ordinance's for second reading on Wednesday, July 28, at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Deno stated that a special Local Planning Agency meeting has been set to discuss the Ordinance for second reading.

Mayor Deno reported that the Double Tree hotel has been scratched due to economy, funding and pandemic and other options have been discussed.

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.

Mayor Deno met with Lawn Guys regarding the resurfing of the playground. Mayor Deno reported that the padding will be done for free but the Village will be paying additional \$2,800.00 for taking everything away and disposing.

Mayor Deno reported that Council Member Block asked for a donation for the Historical Society and the Village donated \$200.00.

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 July, 2021 was cancelled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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

9. **RECREATION**

Council President Fernandez reported that Flag Football started in Miami Springs and Mayor Deno reported that equipment was donated from the Village.

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. 369- SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDNENS, FLOIRDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, "BUILDINGS AND BUILDINGS REGULATIONS," SECTION 6-60, "BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE REVIEW," TO REVISE AND UPDATE CERTAIN FEES; PROVING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 369 was seconded by Council Member Block.

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

The motion passed 5-0.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 368 – SECOND READING  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS,  
FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 16, “ZONING AND LAND  
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS” SECTION 12.1, “VACATION  
RENTALS,” WITHING ARTICLE XII, “ADDITIONAL  
REGULATIONS” TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REGLATIONS  
FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS,  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR  
CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Cuadra is requesting that the second reading of Ordinance  
No. 368 be tabled until July 28, 2021 meeting. The Council agreed.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 989  
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS,  
FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE GENERAL –PURPOSE FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE SECTION FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 AS PREPARED BY WITHUM  
SMITH & BROWN, PC PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

The motion was approved 5-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez is asking prayers for Melanie  
Martinez.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Arce to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.