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**SPECIAL MEETING
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021
TOWN HALL-5:30 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 proceeding and, for such purpose, may need to ensure 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: Gabriel Fernandez
Richard Block
Debra Conover
Elizabeth Taylor Martinez
Jorge Arce
Mayor: Fred S. Deno IV
Attorney: Guillermo Cuadra, Esq.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Arce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was led by Council Member Block.

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

1. Presentation of the Annexation Report Update by Kevin S. Crowder of Business Flare
Mayor Deno introduced Mr. Kevin Crowder of Business Flare. Mr. Crowder updated the report that vg had in 2017. Mr. Crowder reported that there are 1800 business in the annexation area with 30,000 jobs. Land uses are mostly warehouses and offices, commercial, industrial, federal and county uses. Mr. Crowder reviewed the annexation zoning areas acres: GU-13.0 acres; GP 99.0 acres; IU-2(Industrial, Heaving Manufacturing District) 448.8 acres; IU-1 116 acres; BU-3 12.2 acres and BU-2 5.0 acres.

Mr. Crowder reported on the Land Use Zoning Compatibility which indicated that the current Village Master Plan Land Use does not have Industrial zone. The Village would need to create a new code designation within the Village code. Mr. Crowder reported on the Future Land Use Compatibility and stated that the Village would need to create new code zone designations for Industrial, Terminal and Transportation.

Mr. Crowder reported on the Tax Base for the Village. Mr. Crowder stated that the Village has \$115 million in Residential; \$87 million in commercial and \$7 million in Governmental for a total of \$312 million.

Mr. Crowder reported that the Village of Virginia Gardens total tax base value for Residential is 61%; Commercial is 42% and Governmental is 9%.

Mr. Crowder reported that the annexation area total tax base for Commercial is \$303 million; Industrial is \$677 million and Governmental is \$670 thousand. Mr. Crowder reported that there is \$73 million in Tangible value. Mr. Crowder reported that the total 2021 taxable value amount is \$1 billion dollars.

Mr. Crowder reported on the list of services which would be retained by the Village. It would be Police, Road Maintenance, Building Inspection; Zoning and Planning and General Government. Mr. Crowder reported that there were 3,983 calls in 2018, 3,515 calls in 2019 and 2,792 in 2020. Mr. Crowder stated that Fire, Water, Sewer, garbage collection, Parks & recreation and Street Lighting would be retained by Miami Dade County. Mr. Crowder reported that of 10.6 centerline road miles in the annexation area, 3.6 miles would be transferred to the Village.

Mr. Crowder reported that building permits numbers were: 2019- 365 permits in the value of \$24 million; 2020 – 239 permits in the value of \$8 million and 2021- 155 permits in the value of \$6 million.

Mr. Crowder reported that with the current mileage rate of 4.9%, the existing ad valorem for Virginia Gardens would be \$1.5 million and in the annexation area would be \$2 million.

Mr. Crowder reported on the Tax Loan Revenue/Expenses estimates with the mileage rates of 2.0%, 2.250% and 2.5%. The total existing revenues would be from \$1.8 million to \$1.9 million. The property taxes in the annexation areas would be from \$2.1 million to \$2.6 million. The total business tax receipts in the annexation area would be \$376,800. The total projected revenue would be from \$4.2 million to \$4.9 million.

Mr. Crowder reported that the projected expenses with the mileage rates of 2.0%, 2.250% and 2.5% of the existing Village expenses are \$2.7 million and the additional post annexation expenses are from \$4.2 million to \$4.9 million.

Mr. Crowder reported on the Cost of Service Delivery for the mileage rates of 2.0%, 2.250% and 2.5%. The existing Village costs are \$2,714,133 and the additional projected operating costs would be from \$4.2 million to \$5.0 million. The percentage change from UMSA millage would be from 3.7% to 29.6% and the percentage change from total millage would be 0.4% to 3.2%.

Mayor Deno reported that the Village has to be from 2.0% to 2.5% range in order to annex. Mayor Deno reported that the business owners will have to pay more. Mayor Deno reported that the business owners will have a 3.2% tax bill. It was noted that the business owners will have a Miami Dade County local business tax license and a Virginia Gardens local business tax license.

Mr. Crowder stated that it will be important to advise the County that our mileage rate will not be 4.9%. Mayor Deno stated that our residents need to be behind us on this annexation issue and stated that our residents will be saving monies on the tax bill.

Mr. Crowder stated that we addressed all the points that the Planning and Advisory Board had concerns with.

Mr. Jose Fuentes with Becker & Poliakoff was in attendance. Mr. Fuentes reported that we need to submit the report to the Planning & Advisory board. Afterwards, the application would be submitted to Mr. Jorge Fernandez's office. Afterwards, the application of Miami Springs, Doral, Medley and Virginia Gardens have to be submitted to the office of Mr. Regalado. If then approved, it would go forward to the Board of County Commissioners.

2. Citizen Comments

Council President Arce reported that there were no citizen comments.

3. Good & Welfare

Mayor Deno reported that we are having a holiday party on December 4, 2021 at the Hialeah Racetrack. Council Member Taylor Martinez would like prayers for Melanie Martinez.

4. Motion to Adjourn

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion was approved 5-0.