



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
President

Council Members
Richard Block
Debra Conover
Gabriel Fernandez
Elizabeth Taylor-Martinez

Special Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2022
5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Council Member Block called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Block led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Block led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Mayor Deno IV, Council Member Block, Council Member Fernandez, and Council Member Conover were in attendance.

5. Meeting Notices

- 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 ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
- 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**.

6. Citizens Comments

7. Motion to adopt Tentative Millage Rate and set First Budget Hearing date and Time.

Millage Rate 4.6000

Hearing Date: Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Mayor Deno mentioned that our Millage Rate last year was 4.9000 and that the Village's rollback rate is 4.5704. Mayor Deno stated that with a Millage Rate of 4.6000, our tax rate will decrease by 6%.

A motion to adopt Tentative Millage Rate of 4.6000 made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 3-0.

A motion to set the First Budget Hearing meeting on September 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 3-0.

- 8. (A) Resolution No. 1009** – A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 AT 4.6000 MILLS SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY REVENUE TO MEET THE DETERMINED BUDGETARY NEEDS OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to include Resolution No. 1009 made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 3-0.

(B) Resolution 1010 – A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE SECTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AS PREPARED BY WITHUMSMITH & BROWN, PC PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to include Resolution No. 1010 made by Council Member Conover was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 3-0.

- 9. Request Council approval of the attached Police Applicants.**

Chief Hernandez stated to the Council that there are three police officer applicants: Angel Lopez, Osvaldo Leyva, and Ruben Yero. Chief Hernandez mentioned that Mr. Lopez and Mr. Yero will be part-time officers, and Mr. Leyva will be a reserve officer. Mayor Deno mentioned that he is in support of giving these officers a chance here at the Village.

A motion to approve the three Police Applicants made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 3-0.

- 10. Good & Welfare**

Mayor Deno stated that he and Council Member Fernandez had an idea to have three Meet & Greets for business owners and the new annexation area. Mayor Deno mentioned that one Meet & Greet can be at Village Hall, and the other two Meet & Greets can be at Aloft Hotels, Homewood Suites, or at Beat Culture Brewery in the annexed area. Member Conover agreed that this is great idea, especially having it done within the annexation area.

Council Member Conover asked for prayers and well wishes for her friend that was in a serious car accident recently and has been in a coma.

Council Member Fernandez, Council Member Conover, and Mayor Deno send well wishes to Council Member Block's wife, Esther Block. Council Member Block thanked the Council, Mayor Deno, and the Village for all of their help and prayers.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 3-0. Council Member Block adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.