



**Fred Spencer Deno IV**  
Mayor

**Jorge Arce**  
President

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

Special Meeting Minutes  
**October 11, 2022**  
5:00 p.m.

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**1. Call to Order**

Council President Arce called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**2. Invocation**

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

Mayor Deno IV, Council President Arce, Council Member Block, Council Member Fernandez, and Council Member Conover, Council Member Taylor-Martinez, and Attorney Cuadra 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. Discussion regarding the Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County.**

Attorney Cuadra read the Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County to the Council. Attorney Cuadra stated that the Resolution will give Mayor Deno the authority to negotiate, execute, and deliver an Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Virginia Gardens and Miami-Dade County. Attorney Cuadra mentioned that there may still be some items that will need to be negotiated even with the Interlocal Agreement being in this form. Mayor Deno mentioned that he met with Commissioner Sosa today and expressed the Village's concerns with her.

Mayor Deno stated that Commissioner Sosa is going to propose taking away the mitigation fees of \$676,473. Mayor Deno mentioned that as of now Miami-Dade County will still be working on the Planning and Zoning for the annexed area. Mayor Deno also stated that Miami-Dade County the Village of Virginia Gardens will have to pay \$132,510.19 per year until 2029 for stormwater utility debt service payments for the annexed area and there is really no way around this amount. Mayor Deno stated that there will be some bumps in the road with annexation. Council Member Taylor-Martinez asked about the surveys for the parcels of land within the annexed area. Mayor Deno replied that the Village was able to clean up some of the parcels from the large amount of parcels that was originally provided. Mayor Deno stated Miami-Dade County airport staff and public works is working on this and are supposed to provide the Village with more information by the end of the week.

## **8. Resolution**

**(A) Resolution** – A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LAND; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to include Resolution No. 8 (A) made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 5-0.

## **9. Good & Welfare**

Council Member Taylor-Martinez asked for prayers for Melanie Martinez. Council Member Conover asked for prayers for her father as his house was destroyed by Hurricane Ian. Council Member Conover also asked for prayers for a Metro-Dade firefighter named Sierra as he was diagnosed with cancer. Council President Arce asked for prayers for Officer Christopher Fonseca on the passing of his grandmother.

## **10. Adjournment**

Before the meeting was adjourned, Mayor Deno mentioned to the Council that in 2020, the Virginia Gardens Police Department ordered a Ford F-150 and it still hasn't come in yet and never received any updates. Mayor Deno stated that the Police Department also order two Ford F-150 Lightings at the beginning of the year, but we received an order cancellation for those two Ford F-150 Lightings as they are so backed up.

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0. Council President Arce adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

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