



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
President

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

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
October 20, 2022
6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Council President Arce called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Deno, Council President Arce, Council Member Block, Council Member Taylor-Martinez, Council Member Conover, and Attorney Cuadra were in attendance.

3. Invocation

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. Presentations

7. Citizens Comments

Village Resident Teresa Fabano, who lives near NW 64 Avenue and NW 40 Street, submitted a thank you card to the Mayor and to the Council for how beautiful the Village looks and for doing a great job on making the Village look lovely.

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

9. Approval of Minutes

(a) – First Budget Hearing – September 12, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes of the First Budget Hearing of September 12, 2022 made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

(b) – Regular Council Meeting – September 15, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 15, 2022 made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

(c) – Final Budget Hearing – September 26, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes of the Final Budget Hearing of September 26, 2022 made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

(d) – Special Council Meeting – October 11, 2022

A motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of October 11, 2022 made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

10. Mayor's Report

(a) – Update on current projects in the Village.

Mayor Deno stated that the Village the Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements project for NW 67 Avenue is underway and asked for surrounding residents to be patient. Mayor Deno mentioned that Public Works repaired 12 inch pipe that got damaged at the site. Council Member Conover asked if this project will include repaving of the streets as they are messed up. Mayor Deno replied that this project does in fact include repaving, relighting, etc...

(b) – Request Council approval for \$30.00 Holiday Gift Cards to be provided for all Village employees for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

A motion to increase the \$30.00 holiday gift cards to \$40.00 for all Village employees for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

11. Administrative Items

(a) – Administration

(b) – Beautification

The minutes for the meeting of October 5, 2022 have been submitted.

Hector Martinez, Beautification Chairman, stated that he received 10 calls this

month for trees. Mr. Martinez thanked Chief Hernandez for assisting in a tree pick up that was blocking a road here in the Village. Mr. Martinez mentioned that the annual Arbor Day is October 25th at 5 PM.

(c) – Planning & Zoning

The meeting for the month of October 2022 was canceled.

(d) – Public Safety

The statistics for the month of September 2022 have been submitted.

Chief Hernandez mentioned to the Council that three Virginia Gardens police officers went to Fort Myers to deliver \$1,000 worth of goods and helped out some residents along with departments over there. Chief Hernandez mentioned that the three police officers are Nelson Delgado, Seth Denison, and Osvaldo Prado. The Council and Mayor Deno extended their thanks to these officers for their generosity and kindness.

(e) – Public Works

(f) – Recreation

President Arce stated that the official soccer games started at Virginia Gardens on October 1, 2022.

12. Attorney's Report

(a) – RESOLUTION – A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, READOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 1018 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LAND; INCORPORATING NEW BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF SAID ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 12 (a) made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Taylor-Martinez. The motioned passed 4-0.

(b) – ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, GRANTING TO PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. D/B/A FLORIDA CITY GAS, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE GAS FRANCHISE, IMPOSING PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY PAYMENT OF A FRANCHISE FEE TO THE VILLAGE; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 12 (b) second reading made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Taylor-Martinez, which carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. The vote of the Council is as follows: Council President Arce: Yes. Council Member Fernandez: Absent. Councilman Block: Yes. Councilwoman Conover: Yes. Councilwoman Taylor-Martinez: Yes.

(c) – ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS; CHAPTER 16 ARTICLE IV AMENDING PROVISIONS REGARDING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES; CHAPTER 16 ARTICLE VI AMENDING CERTAIN LAND SUBDIVISION AND IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS; CHAPTER 16 ARTICLE VII AMENDING CERTAIN SIGN REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 12 (c) second reading made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover, which carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. The vote of the Council is as follows: Council President Arce: Yes. Council Member Fernandez: Absent. Councilman Block: Yes. Councilwoman Conover: Yes. Councilwoman Taylor-Martinez: Yes.

(d) – ORDINANCE – SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS,” SECTION 6-60, “BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE REVIEW,” TO REVISE AND UPDATE FEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 12 (d) second reading made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Taylor-Martinez, which carried 4-0 on a roll call vote. The vote of the Council is as follows: Council President Arce: Yes. Council Member Fernandez: Absent. Councilman Block: Yes. Councilwoman Conover: Yes. Councilwoman Taylor-Martinez: Yes.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Good & Welfare

Council Member Taylor-Martinez asked for prayers for Melanie Martinez. Council President Arce stated that November 8, 2022 is Election Day and urges everyone to go out and vote.

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0. Council President Arce adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: November 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.