



**Fred Spencer Deno IV**  
Mayor

**Jorge Arce**  
Council President

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes  
**March 16, 2023**  
6:36 p.m.

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

**1. Call to Order**

Council President **Jorge Arce** called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**2. Invocation**

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the invocation.

**4. Roll Call**

Council President **Jorge Arce**, Council Member Block, Council Member Conover, Council Member Fernandez, 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. Presentations**

**7. Citizens Comments**

Mike Woods, a concerned resident of 6675 NW 38th Street, requested a regular update regarding the project on 67 Ave and 37th St.  
Mayor suggested sending a Flyer to update residents regarding the project.

**8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda**

## **9. Approval of Minutes**

(a)-Regular Council Meeting – March 16, 2023

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 16, 2023, made by Council Member Fernandez, was seconded by Council Member Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

## **10. Mayor's Report**

(a)-Request Council approval of contractor for the Central Drainage Improvements project (39 Street from 62<sup>nd</sup> to 59<sup>th</sup> Ave and from 38<sup>th</sup> St. from 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to 60<sup>th</sup> Ave.

(b)-Mayor presented bids and recommended to award FL- Engineering at \$1,260,520, the lowest bidder. A Resolution and Contract will be introduced at the next council meeting by Attorney Cuadra.

A motion to approve FL-Engineering contractor made by Council Member Taylor was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 5-0.

(c)-Ongoing project on the NW 67<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bicycle and Pedestrian Project & 37 St. Project. Flyers will be sent out to update residents regarding the project.

## **11. Administrative Items**

(a)-**Administration**

(b)-**Beautification**

The Minutes for the month of March 2023 have been submitted.

(c)-**Planning & Zoning**

The Minutes for the month of March 2023 have been submitted.

A motion to approve the minutes for the Planning & Zoning meeting of March 16, 2023, made by Council Member Taylor, was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

(d) – **Public Safety**

The statistics for February 2023 have been submitted  
Chief Hernandez requested approval from the Council for the new Part-Time Officer, Francisco Amador.

A motion to approve Francisco Amador as our new part-time officer on March 16, 2023, made by Council Member Taylor, was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

**(e) – Public Works**

**(f) – Recreation**

Due to field construction! The Easter Bunny will be making his annual rounds driving through our Village on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:30 Pm to 7:00Pm

**(g) - RESOLUTION**

1-A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CRIMINAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RELATING TO BAIL AND BOND REFORM, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE ORDER WOULD RESULT GRANTING MANY CRIMINAL OFFENDERS A RELEASE ON THEIR OWN RECOGNIZANCE, WITHOUT ATTENDING A FIRST APPEARANCE HEARING BEFORE A JUDGE AND WITHOUT ANY MONETARY BOND BEING POSTED; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion to approve opposing bail and bond reform on March 16, 2023, made by Council Member Fernandez, was seconded by Council Member Taylor. The motion passed 5-0.

2.A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WATERSTONE UNIT EXPRESS, LLC SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST OF WATERSTONE AIRPORT CAPITAL LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS AS APPROVED BY RESOLUTION 895 AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED BY RESOLUTIONS 973 AND 932 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5911 NW 36<sup>TH</sup> STREET (FOLIO NO. 26-3025-001-0112); AMENDING SECTION 1 OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ADJUSTING FLOOR AREA SQUARE FOOTAGE; AND AMENDING SECTION 2 OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT HEIGHT VARIANCES.

A motion to approve resolution by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

3.A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA GRANTING / DENYING VARIANCES OF CHAPTER 16 SECTIONS 3.3.2 (D); 6.2.1; 6.4.2; 6.6.(B)(4) AT 6595, 6555, AND 6501 NW 36 STREET, IDENTIFIED UNDER FOLIOS NUMBER 26-3025-001-0291 & 26-3025-001-0188; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL.

A motion to approve the requested variances along with the expressed conditions and site plan approval by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Taylor. The motion passed 5-0.

**4.A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA GRANTING / DENYING VARIANCES OF CHAPTER 16 SECTIONS 6.2.4 (A) AT 5911 NW 36 STREET, IDENTIFIED UNDER FOLIO NUMBER 26-3025-001-0112; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Must add security camera requirements to the Development Agreement and the timing of development of this project.

A motion to approve height adjustment and adjust the total building square footage by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

**5. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA GRANTING / DENYING VARIANCE OF CHAPTER 16 6.2.4 (A) 6830 NW 38 TERRACE, IDENTIFIED UNDER FOLIO NUMBER 26-3025-003-0790; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A motion to table for next month April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 made by Council Member Taylor was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

## **12. Attorney's Report**

### **13. Old Business**

(a)-Selection of Council Liaisons are as follows:

Police Department – Council Member Jorge Arce  
Public Works – Council Member Debra Conover  
Beautification – Council Member Gabriel Fernandez  
Planning & Zoning – Council Member Elizabeth Taylor-Martinez  
Seniors – Council Member Richard Block  
Recreation – Council Member Richard Block

### **14. New Business**

### **15. Good & Welfare**

Prayers for Melanie Martinez, Ernesto Perez, Esther Block, Council Member Block's spouse and Member Arce's sister.  
Condolences to Member Arce and family for the loss of his brother in law.  
Happy wedding anniversary to member Block and wife!

**16. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Taylor. The motion passed 5-0. President Council Arce adjourned the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**