



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
Council President

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
April 20, 2023
6:34 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 6:34 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Block led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Block led Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

Daniel Torres, representing his father, who resides at 6105 NW 39Th Street, is requesting the Council to consider removing a Mahogany Tree that is starting to damage to his property.
Mayor asked the resident to present this issue at the next Beautification meeting.

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

Attorney Cuadra requested to remove Item 11(g) 3 and 11(g) 4

Action Taken: Items 11(g) 3 and 11(g) 4 have been removed from the Agenda and Tabled for next month.

9. Approval of Minutes

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

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 Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

10. Mayor's Report

(a)- Mayor spoke with the County Director regarding the overflow structure for the past two permits. The County Director assured that all Pending permits for the ongoing project on NW 67th Ave. Bicycle and Pedestrian Project & 37 St. will be issued shortly.

(b)- Mayor recommends withdrawing FL- Engineering at \$1,260,520 BID And would like to table again in a few months.

A motion to reconsider Item 10-B from last month's Agenda made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 4-0.

(c)- The Village of Virginia Gardens would like to recognize Aventura Commissioner Michael Stem as an advocate of Fight Colorectal Cancer and their combined efforts to increase awareness and offer education on the importance of early detection and screening of colorectal cancer. Therefore, the mayor requests support and approval from Council to proclaim April 2023 as **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** In the Village of Virginia Gardens.

A motion to pass the proclamation COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

11. Administrative Items

(a)-**Administration**

(b)-**Beautification**

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

(c)-Planning & Zoning

There was no meeting for the month of April 2023.

(d) – Public Safety

The statistics for February 2023 have been submitted.

- Chief Hernandez introduced our new Part-Time Officer, Francisco Amador to the Council Members and Mayor.
- Chief Hernandez is in the process of updating Code Enforcement and changing the monthly stats format (Paperless).
- Council President Arce is requesting Chief Hernandez to address the following Issues;
 - Residents leave trash bins after trash pick-up for many days.
 - Cars parked blocking sidewalks.

(e) – Public Works

(f) – Recreation

- Installation of synthetic turf for the soccer field is on **Schedule**.
- Projected installation for the recreational walkway and dugouts date 5/2-5/4, if weather permits on Schedule (24 Hour Floor LLC), will install Premium concrete coated floors.

(g) - RESOLUTION

1-A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SWEETWATER AND THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE LEVELS OF POLICE SERVICE; PROVIDING IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to approve Resolution, made by Council Member Fernandez, was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

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 36TH 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 TABLE approve Resolution by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WATERSTONE UNIT EXPRESS, LLC (WATERSTONE) SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST OF WATERSTONE AIRPORT CAPITAL LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS AS APPROVED BY RESOLUTION 895 AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED BY RESOLUTIONS 932 AND 973 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5911 NW 36TH 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; AND CONDITIONS.

Action Taken: Table Resolution for next month May18th, 2023

4. 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.

Action Taken: Table Resolution for next month May18th, 2023

12. Attorney's Report

Attorney Cuadra will send Council Members, the Mayor, and the Chief a Draft of an Ordinance revamping our Code Enforcement for review at the next Council meeting.

13. Old Business

(a) Discussion regarding the benches for the memorial Project- Requested by Councilman Block \$5,000 Budget ongoing.

The Mayor suggests keeping it generic and will give a proposal for Council members to consider at the next Council Meeting.

14. New Business

Update on Dade Days!

Positive trip! Met with representatives and County Commissioner K. Cabrera regarding Annexation. A meeting will be held with property owners that responded to the survey on May 3 at the Hilton Garden Inn at 6 PM. A presentation will take place, and attorney Cuadra will be ready to answer all questions.

15. Good & Welfare

Prayers for Council Conover!

Prayers for Council Martinez!

Happy wedding anniversary to member Block and his wife!

Happy Birthday to Maritza!

Happy Birthday to Council President Arce!

Happy Birthday to Council Member Fernandez!

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0. President Council Arce adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: May 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.