



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
Council President

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
MAY 18, 2023
6:30 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 6:33 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Taylor led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Taylor led Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

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

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

Attorney Cuadra requested to remove Item 11(g) 1

Action Taken: Item 11(g) 1 has been removed from the Agenda

9. Approval of Minutes

(a)-Regular Council Meeting – April 20, 2023 Approved

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 20, 2023, made by Council Member Fernandez, was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Mayor's Report

- (a) Update on NW 67th Ave. Bicycle and Pedestrian Project & 37 St. Project. Mayor stated they are working on a few issues with the lanes on 37th St, which will be resolved shortly.
- (b) Mayor mentioned that the Athletic field project is progressing quickly. The Installation of synthetic turf for the soccer field is almost done.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Mayor recommends looking into renewing our Police contract and the garbage contract. Both will expire on September 31st.
- (e) Mayor Requests for Participation on the Project Advisory Team for NW 67 Avenue Corridor Improvements Study. The email was sent out from the FDOT to register.

11. Administrative Items

(a)-Administration

Attorney Cuadra confirmed that our County Commissioner would not accept our Annexation, but the County still needs to respond to our pending application since it's a Legislative approval.

(b)-Beautification

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

(c)-Planning & Zoning

There was no meeting for the month of May 2023.

(d) – Public Safety

The statistics for February 2023 have been submitted.

- LT Morales mentioned that the Virginia Gardens Police Department hosted a Low-Light Firearms Training for all officers, and the training was a success.
Also, Candlewood suites hotel received training for ACTIVE SHOOTER HOSTILE EVENT RESPONSE by Officer Darwin and Officer Mertz.

(e) – Public Works

(f) – Recreation

(g) - RESOLUTION

1- 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.

A motion to remove Item 11(g) 1 from last month's Agenda made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

12. Attorney's Report

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Good & Welfare

Prayers for Melanie and her family!
Happy Birthday to Council Member Taylor!
Happy Birthday to Council Member Conover!

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0. President Council Arce adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: June 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.