



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
Council President

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
JUNE 15, 2023
6:30 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order

Acting Council President Richard Block called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Acting Council President Block, Council Member Conover, Council Member Fernandez, Council Member Taylor-Martinez, and Attorney Cuadra were in attendance. President Arce was absent.

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

- (a) Jason Neil from Waste Management presented a lower renewal option for the Village than those in place for the most directly comparable Municipality. This agreement expires on December 31, 2023.

A Motion to allow the Mayor to negotiate with Waste Management for potential renewal on behalf of the Council Members made by Council Member Conover was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Citizens Comments

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

9. Approval of Minutes

(a)-Regular Council Meeting – May 18, 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 Taylor - Martinez. The motion passed 4-0.

10. Mayor's Report

(a) A Motion to move up Item C to Item A. made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Taylor-Martinez. The motion passed 4-0

The Girls' Soccer team was brought in before the Council meeting to receive medals for their State Championship accomplishment.

Mayor presented a Donation to the MSVG Blitz 2005 Soccer Team on behalf of the city of Virginia Gardens and congratulated them on their continued success and accomplishments.

Recreation Director Spencer Deno III thanked the Mayor, the Council Members, and the Team Director of coach for Giovanni's De La Rosa soccer program, the City Clerk Maritza Fernandez and the Police Department for their continuous support. The next game will be in Louisiana on June 24th.
Good Luck!

Giovanni De La Rosa, Team Director of coach for the soccer program, presented a medal to Recreation Director Spencer Deno III and a Plaque with the Soccer team picture to Mayor Spencer Deno, Council members, and Village Clerk Maritza Fernandez.

(b) Update on NW 67th Ave. Bicycle and Pedestrian Project & 37 St. Project. The light poles were delivered today on the canal bank, and the work will commence soon. By two weeks should have new pavement and light Poles!

(c) Mayor mentioned that the Athletic field project is progressing quickly. Missing 5% of loose ends. The Installation of synthetic turf for the soccer field is almost done and will be ready for July 4th.

(d) The governor vetoed the City Hall expansion project, but Mayor stated that we would apply for another grant and only stop trying once we succeeded.

11. Administrative Items

(a)-Administration

Attorney Cuadra confirmed that we are still waiting for a response from the County Commissioner. They still need to act on our pending application since it's a Legislative approval.

(b)-Beautification

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

(c)-Planning & Zoning

There was no meeting for the month of June 2023.

(d) – Public Safety

The statistics for June 2023 have been submitted.

- The Electric Ford -150 truck was received and assigned to Lt. Morales.
- A contract was made with Blessed Trinity, and a school Resource Officer Otero has been assigned to Blessed Trinity. He is an active shooter instructor, CPR instructor, and very qualified.

(e) – Public Works

(f) – Recreation

(g) - RESOLUTION

1-A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE SECTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AS PREPARED BY WITHUMSMITH & BROWN, PC PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion to Approve Item 11(g) 1 made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

2- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, CORRECTING A SCRIVENER ERROR IN RESOLUTION 1025; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to Approve Item 11(g) 2 made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

3- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to Approve Item 11(g) 3 made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

12. Attorney's Report

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Good & Welfare

Congratulations to Nicolas, Council Member Conover's son, for graduating from Florida State College of Business and much success.

Congratulations to Angel, Council Member Fernandez, for graduating a year early with honors and for all his accomplishments.

Prayers for Melanie Martinez and her family.

Prayers for Esther and Council Member Block.

Condolences for the passing of Vilma H. Jagessar.; Flowers were sent on behalf of the Village for the celebration of life ceremony.

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0. Acting President Council Block adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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