



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
President

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

Special Council Meeting
Minutes
August 1, 2023
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Council President Jorge Arce called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Richard Block led the Invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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4. Roll Call

Mayor Fred Spencer Deno, IV, Council President Jorge Arce, Council Member Richard Block, Council Member Gabriel Fernandez and Council Member Elizabeth Taylor Martinez 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. Citizens Comments

Council President Jorge Arce reported that there were no citizen comments.

7. Presentation of Tentative Millage Rate and set First Budget Hearing date and Time.

Millage Rate at 4.9000

Hearing Date: Thursday, September 14 at 5:30PM

Mayor Deno reported that the current mileage rate was 4.6000 and suggested our mileage rate should be set at 4.9000 and commented that it could always be lowered.

- 8. (A) Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 AT 4.9000 MILLS SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY REVENUE TO MEET THE DETERMINED BUDGETARY NEEDS OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adopt the Resolution to set the tentative mileage rate at 4.9000 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 4-0.

9. Good & Welfare

Council President Arce reported that his mother in law passed away. Condolences were made. Council Member Taylor Martinez requested prayers for Melanie Martinez.

Mayor Deno reported that the first budget hearing date has been set for September 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

10. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. was made by Council Member Taylor Martinez and was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.