



**Fred Spencer Deno IV**  
Mayor

**Jorge Arce**  
Council President

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes  
**JULY 20, 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 6:33 p.m.

**2. Invocation**

Acting Council President Richard Block led the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Acting Council President Richard Block led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

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

**5. Meeting Notices**

- o 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.
- o 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**

Millage Rage meeting will take place on August 1, 2023.

## **9. Approval of Minutes**

(a)-Regular Council Meeting - June 15, 2023 Approved

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 15, 2023, made by Council Member Conover, was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 3-0.

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

## **11. Administrative Items**

### **(a)-Administration**

### **(b)-Beautification**

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

### **(c)-Planning & Zoning**

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

### **(d) - Public Safety**

- The statistics for the month of July 2023 have been submitted.
- Request Council approval of a new Part-Time Police Officer.

A motion to approve new Part-Time Police Officer Eliza R. made by Council Member Conover was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 3-0.

### **(e) - Public Works**

- Attorney Cuadra to prepare a letter to FL. Engineering regarding 37<sup>th</sup> Street project.

Acting Council President Richard Block passed the gavel to Council Member Conover to make a Motion.

A motion to have Attorney Cuadra prepare a letter to FL. Engineering made by Acting Council President Richard Block, was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 3-0.

### **(f) - Recreation**

### **(g) - RESOLUTIONS**

1-A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SITE PLAN APPLICATION FROM A3M INVESTMENT, LLC TO BUILD AND OPERATE A MIXED USE COMMERCIAL PROJECT INCLUDING SELF-STORAGE AND OTHER RETAIL SPACE, ON A PARCEL OF LAND, AT 6595, 6555, AND 6501 NW 36 STREET, IDENTIFIED UNDER FOLIOS NUMBER 26-3025-001-0291 & 26-3025-001-0188; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to Approve Item 11 (g) 1 made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 3-0.

2- A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA GRANTING/DENYING VARIANCE OF CHAPTER 16 SECTION 6.4.2 AT 6250 NW 37TH TERRACE, IDENTIFIED UNDER FOLIO NUMBER 26-3025-006-0260, PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion to Approve Item 11 (g) 2 made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 3-0.

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

## **13. Old Business**

## **14. New Business**

Dates for the Budget workshop & PD contract will be sent to all Council Members by Village Clerk Maritza Fernandez.

## **15. Good & Welfare**

Prayers and good health for everyone!

## **16. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 3-0. Acting President Council Block adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: August 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**