



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
Council President

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
September 21, 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 6:34 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Council President Arce, Council Member Block, Council Member Conover, Council Member Fernandez, Council Member Taylor-Martinez, 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

A Motion to move up Item 8 (C) and 11(D) to the agenda made by Council Member Taylor- Martinez, was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

- Officer Alyssa Raistrick, a New Part-Time Police Officer was formally introduced to the Mayor and the Council Members on September 21st.
- Proclamation declaring the month of September 2023 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"

Meghan, a courageous little girl, read a Thank you letter expressing her heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for this proclamation, recognizing it as an honor and a symbol of hope for all children whose lives have been touched by childhood cancer.

Meghan has become a symbol of hope and inspiration for children and families affected by childhood cancer, and her story has touched the hearts of many.

7. Citizens Comments

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

(a)-Final Budget Hearing is scheduled for October 2nd, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

(b)-Eryn Russell of Florida League of Cities presented 20 years of service award for Council members Richard Block, Elizabeth Taylor-Martinez & Debra Conover. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

(c)-Proclamation declaring the month of September 2023 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"

9. Approval of Minutes

(a)-Regular Council Meeting – -August 17, 2023 Approved

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of -August 17, 2023 made by Council Member Block, was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Mayor's Report

(a)- Discussion and approval of the third Amendment for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service Agreement from Waste Management to be effective on January 1, 2024.

11. Administrative Items

(a)-Administration

(b)-Beautification

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

(c)-Planning & Zoning

No meeting for the month of September.

(d) –Public Safety

- The statistics for the month of August 2023 have been submitted.
- Electric truck lights are on backorder.

(e) –Public Works

(f) –Recreation

Soccer practice starts on August 21; the game is set to be either at the end of September or the beginning of October—Date to be announced!

(g) - RESOLUTION

1- A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, RA TI FYI NG AND APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION OF DADE COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, A COPY OF WHICH WILL BE ON FILE WITH THE VILLAGE CLERK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN 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 5-0.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion to Approve Item 11 (g) 2 made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Taylor -Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

3. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING RECYCLING FEES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY

CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion to Approve Item 11 (g) 3 made by Council Member Taylor –Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

4. FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR) BASED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ROLL CALL

Council President Arce, Council Member Block, Council Member Conover, Council Member Fernandez, Council Member Taylor-Martinez.

A motion to Adopt Item 11 (g) 4 made by Council Member Fernandez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

12. Attorney's Report

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Good & Welfare

Prayers and good health for Melanie and her Family!
Prayers and Speed Recovery to Juan Delgado, who is in the hospital, and Council member Fernandez's son; he will be undergoing surgery for his shoulder.

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0. Council President Arce adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: October 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.