



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
Council President

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
FEBRUARY 15, 2024
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 6:32 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 Fernandez, Council Member Taylor-Martinez, and Attorney Cuadra were in attendance. Council Member Conover 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

7. Citizens Comments

Resident Brittany Morgan raised concerns about loose dogs jeopardizing the safety of pets in the community. Providing photographic evidence of her dog's recent attack during a walk, she underscored the urgency of addressing this issue. Additionally, Ms. Morgan highlighted the rising population of stray cats in the city, emphasizing the associated health risks. She expressed worry about maintaining control over their numbers and urged residents to refrain from feeding them.

Ms. Morgan cited the community ordinance as a means to address these concerns and called for action. In response, Attorney Cuadra suggested a comprehensive review of the existing ordinance, with a possible creation of a new regulation specifically prohibiting the feeding of animals. The objective is to ensure that any updates align with legal requirements and effectively address the safety and health issues raised by Ms. Morgan.

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

9. Approval of Minutes

(a)-Regular Council Meeting –January 18, 2024 Approved

A motion to approve Regular Council Meeting for January 18, 2024 made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Spencer recently visited Tallahassee to advocate for three pending projects that remain in the budget, awaiting approval.

The Mayor has formally requested the presence of all Council Members at the forthcoming Council Meeting on March 21 at 5:30 PM, with the specific intention of conducting a photo session.

11. Administrative Items

(a)-Administration

(b)-Beautification

- The Minutes for the month of February 2024 have been submitted.

(c)-Planning & Zoning

- No meeting for the month of February.

(d)-Public Safety

- The statistics for the month of February have been submitted.

(e)-Public Works

(f)-Recreation

(g)-Resolutions

12. Attorney's Report

Special Council Meeting has been called to address and provide specific directives related to the Annexation issue. The meeting is scheduled to take place on the same day as the regular Council Meeting, which is set for **March 21 at 6 PM.**

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Good & Welfare

Prayers and good health for Melanie and her Family!

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 5-0. Council President Arce adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: March 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.