



**Fred Spencer Deno IV**  
Mayor

**Jorge Arce**  
Council President

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

**2. Invocation**

Council Member Block led the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Block 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 Marie Angela Romero, who resides in Virginia Gardens, and Resident Malwina Kowalczyk, who lives in Miami Springs, raised concerns and disappointment with the treatment of young players in our youth soccer program, specifically related to Coach Pavon.

Mayor Spenser proposed convening a meeting involving Resident Marie Angela Romero, Resident Malwina Kowalczyk, Coach Pavon, and The Recreational Directors to address these issues and find constructive solutions moving forward.

**8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda**

- (a) Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm

**9. Approval of Minutes**

- (a)-Regular Council Meeting –February 15, 2024 Approved

A motion to approve Regular Council Meeting for February 15, 2024 made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

**10. Mayor's Report**

- (a) – Updated Council Members and Residents regarding future Village Projects.  
(b) – Congressman Mario Diaz- Balart approved our Community Project Funding (CPF) request for Village of Virginia Gardens- Law Enforcement Vehicle Upgrades in the amount of \$480,000.

**11. Administrative Items**

**(a)-Administration**

**(b)-Beautification**

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

**(c)-Planning & Zoning**

- No meeting for the month of March 2024.

**(d)-Public Safety**

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

**(e)-Public Works**

**(f)-Recreation**

**(g)-Resolutions**

**12. Attorney's Report**

- (a) A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA ADOPTING VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS TITLE VI PLAN AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to approve Resolution 12 (a) Made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 4-0.

**13. Old Business**

**14. New Business**

## **15. Good & Welfare**

- (a) Condolences to the family of Ernesto Castano, longtime Village resident and Beautification Board Member. Flower were sent on behalf of the Village.
- (b) Prayers and good health for Melanie and her Family!
- (c) Happy Birthday to our Village clerk, Maritza Fernandez. Thank you for your dedication and hard work in serving our community. Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with joy, success, and many memorable moments!

## **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 7:22 p.m.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**