



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
Council President

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
APRIL 18, 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 6:35 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

7. Citizens Comments

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

9. Approval of Minutes

(a)-Regular Council Meeting –March 21, 2024 Approved

A motion to approve Regular Council Meeting for March 21, 2024 made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Mayor's Report

(a) The Mayor presented the Service Award from the League of Cities in recognition of twenty years of dedicated service to our community to Council Member Block, Council Member Conover, and Council Member Taylor-Martinez.

Congratulations on Your Outstanding Service Award!

(b) The Easter Egg Hunt held on March 29th was a success.

(c) Discussion and approval of the Central Drainage Project Bid.
Mayor to engage to move forward with ATC Engineering Award project.

A motion to approve the Mayor to engage ATC Engineering and Mr. Cuadra to prepare a contract and a resolution 10 (C) Made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 5-0.

(d) The Mayor discussed latest Update regarding future Village Projects.

(e) The Mayor invites Council Members, Police Department personnel, and some business owners to a check presentation ceremony at Virginia Gardens City Hall/Police Department on April 22, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Representative Mario Díaz-Balart (FL-26) will present a \$480,000 check for law enforcement vehicle upgrades, funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024.

(f) Discussion regarding the overpayment of franchise fees by Florida Power & Light (FPL). In light of this, Mayor Spencer Deno has requested a thorough breakdown and details of the situation.

11. Administrative Items

(a)-Administration

(b)-Beautification

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

Annual Arbor Day will be held on April 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
Location to be determined.

(c)-Planning & Zoning

- No meeting for the month of April 2024.

(d)-Public Safety

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

(e)-Public Works

(f)-Recreation

(g)-Resolutions

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR A CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING PROJECT TO FUND THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY UPDATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN 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.

12. Attorney's Report

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A motion to approve Resolution 1 (a) Made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

Family Scavenger Hunt will be on Saturday, April 27th, 2024(**Free Event**).

15. Good & Welfare

(a) Condolences to Council President Jorge Arce and family for the passing of his Sister.

(b) Prayers and good health for Melanie and her Family!

(c) Speedy recovery for Jody, Our Public Works Employee.

(d) Happy Birthday to our Council President, Jorge Arce, on his special day! 🎉

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 7:30 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: May 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.