



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
Council President

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
AUGUST 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 6:28 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 Taylor-Martinez, Council Member Fernandez 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} – Presentation of the proposed Virginia Gardens Community Garden by Nicolas Fernandez

7. Citizens Comments

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

9. Approval of Minutes

(a)-Special Council Meeting - July 18, 2024

A motion to approve Special Council Meeting for July 18, 2024 made by Council Member Fernandez. Was seconded by Council Member Block The motion passed 5-0.

(b)-Regular Council Meeting –July 18, 2024 Approved

A motion to approve Regular Council Meeting for July 18, 2024 made by Council Member Fernandez. Was seconded by Council Member Block The motion passed 5-0.

10. Mayor's Report

- The ongoing drainage project is currently in its final stages for Phase 1, focusing on the completion of sidewalks and asphalt work. Preparations are underway to initiate Phase 2.
- The Village of Virginia Gardens is donating three vehicles to the Miami Springs Police Department. This initiative reflects our commitment to fostering collaborative partnerships and optimizing resource allocation to enhance public safety within the Miami Springs community.
- The Village of Virginia Gardens actively participated in the City of Miami Springs' Back to School Pool Party on August 11, demonstrating our dedication to community engagement and support.
- Recent updates regarding grant submissions are forthcoming, highlighting our ongoing efforts to secure additional funding and resources.

11. Administrative Items

(a)-Administration

(b)-Beautification

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

(c)-Planning & Zoning

- The meeting has been canceled for the month of August 2024.

(d)-Public Safety

- The statistics for the month of July 2024 has been submitted.
- Chief Hernandez has proposed to hire Officer Alejandro Trujillo to the VGPD Family.

A motion to Hire Officer Alfredo Trujillo as a Part-Time Officer made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez. Was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

(e)-Public Works

(f)-Recreation

- Over 150 children have registered for the soccer program, highlighting strong interest and participation.
- Soccer practices are set to begin on August 19th.

(g)-Resolutions

12. Attorney's Report

(a) SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS; CHAPTER 16 ARTICLE IV AMENDING PROVISIONS REGARDING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES; CHAPTER 16 ARTICLE VI AMENDING CERTAIN LAND SUBDIVISION AND IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to table (12a) made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Good & Welfare

Happy Belated Birthday to Mayor Fred Spencer Deno IV!
Sending prayers for Roberto Castillo and his family.
Wishing 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 Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

Council President Arce adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: September 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.