



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
Council President

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
September 20, 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 Conover, Council Member Fernandez and Attorney Cuadra were in attendance. Council Member Taylor-Martinez 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

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

- (a)– Final Budget Hearing scheduled for September 30th 2024 at 5:30PM

9. Approval of Minutes

- (a)– Regular Council Meeting – August 15, 2024
- (b)– Budget Workshop Meeting – August 26, 2024.

A motion to Approve Regular Council Meeting – August 15, 2024 and Budget Workshop Meeting – August 26, 2024 made by Council Member Block Was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

10. Mayor's Report

- (a)– Request council approval to hire Mr. Lazaro Garaboa as a part-time PW employee.

A motion to Approve Mr. Lazaro Garaboa as a part-time PW employee made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

- (b)– Update on the Drainage Project.

11. Administrative Items

(a)-Administration


(b)-Beautification

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

(c)-Planning & Zoning

- No meeting for the month of September.

(d)-Public Safety

- The statistics for August 2024 have been submitted.
- VG will participate in the 3rd Annual Pig Roast Bowl Series, South Florida PBA Law Enforcement Edition, on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at Tropical Park from 10 AM to 6 PM. Team logo: "VGPD Getting Piggy with It!" 
- VGPD will participate in the Childhood Cancer Gold Ribbon Parade on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 10 AM at Nicklaus Children's Hospital.
- VGPD will also take part in the Hometown Heroes Parade on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Tropical Park.

(e)-Public Works

(f)-Recreation

- Soccer practices are scheduled to begin on September 28th, contingent on weather conditions.

(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.

"One additional amendment needs to be made and included in section 4.2.3. The item specified should be revised to eliminate the current label 'H2' and establish that the rear setback should be 5 feet, while the side setback should be 10% of the width of the lot."

A motion to eliminate the word N Neighbor from 6.8 F made by Council Member Conover was seconded by Council Block. The motion passed 4-0.

Summary of Approval Motion

Move to approve this Ordinance as Amended F made by Council Member Block was seconded by Council Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

Roll Call Vote

Council President Arce, Council Member Block, Council Member Conover, Council Member Fernandez voted.

Attorney Cuadra has provided approval for the Item as amended.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

15. Good & Welfare

Welcome to Lazaro Garaboa to the VG Family!
Wishing a speedy recovery for Juan Delgado!

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 7:26 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: October 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.