



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Jorge Arce
President

Council Members
Richard Block
Debra Conover
Gabriel Fernandez
Elizabeth Taylor-Martinez

Special Council Meeting
Minutes
November 21, 2024
6:05 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Council President Jorge Arce called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Richard Block led the Invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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4. Roll Call

Mayor Fred Spencer Deno, IV, Council President Jorge Arce, Council Member Richard Block, Council Member Gabriel Fernandez, Council Member Elizabeth Taylor-Martinez, Council Member Debra Conover and attorney Guillermo 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. Approval of Resolution

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION.

A motion to approve the results of the November 5, 2024 General Election for the Village of Virginia Gardens was made by Council Member Debra Conover and seconded by Council Member Elizabeth Taylor-Martinez. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

7. Swearing-in Ceremony

The Honorable Ivonne Cuesta conducted the swearing-in ceremony for Mayor Fred Spencer Deno IV and Council Members Richard Block, Debra Conover, and Gabriel Fernandez.

8. Passing of the Gavel

The gavel was passed to the newly elected Council President, Gabriel Fernandez.

9. Lighting of the Annual Christmas tree

Mayor Fred Spencer Deno IV invited all Council Members, as well as the present audience and staff, to step outside to participate in the lighting of the annual Christmas tree.

10. Good & Welfare

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Council Member Richard Block, Chairperson Virginia Howard, and Administrative Assistant Macbeth Araque.

11. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. was made by Council Member Elizabeth Taylor Martinez and seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.