



**Fred Spencer Deno IV**  
Mayor

**Gabriel Fernandez**  
Council President

Regular Council  
Meeting Minutes  
**November 21, 2024**  
6:30 p.m.

Council Members  
**Jorge Arce**  
**Richard Block Debra**  
**Conover**  
**Elizabeth-Taylor Martinez**

### **1. Call to Order**

Council President **Gabriel Fernandez** called the meeting to order at 6:45 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**

Mayor Spencer Deno, Council President Fernandez, Council Member Taylor-Martinez, Council Member Block, Council Member Conover, Council Member Arce 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) – Mr. Lorenzo Johnson Sr. from Community Youth against Violence presented a Power Point regarding Operation Teen Curfew Procedures.

### **7. Citizens Comments**

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

## **9. Approval of Minutes**

(a)– Regular Council Meeting – October 17, 2024.

A motion to Approve Regular Council Meeting - October 17, 2024. Made by Council Member Block Was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 5-0.

## **10. Mayor's Report**

(a) The Mayor provided an update on the Village Drainage Project, noting it is 98% complete with a final walkthrough to be conducted with Public Works.

(b) The Mayor announced that our Annual Christmas event will take place at the Curtis Mansion on December 14th.

(c) The Mayor announced that "Santa under the Stars" will take place on December 20th.

(d) The Mayor expressed gratitude to Las Mercedes for their generous donation of gift cards and turkeys for the senior citizens of VG.

## **11. Administrative Items**

### **(a)-Administration**


### **(b)-Beautification**

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

### **(c)-Planning & Zoning**

- No meeting for the month of November 2024.

### **(d)-Public Safety**

- The statistics for November 2024 have been submitted.
- Update on the 3rd Annual Pig Roast Bowl Series, South Florida PBA Law Enforcement Edition that was held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at Tropical Park from 10 AM to 6 PM. Team logo: "VGPD Getting Piggy with It!"  Great Team Building event!

### **(e)-Public Works**

### **(f)-Recreation**

Soccer Banquet will take place Monday night February 10, 2025

### **(g)-Resolutions**

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AMENDED 2023/2024 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND, PUBLIC WORKS FUND, WATER DEPARTMENT FUND AND CITT FUND BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to Approve Resolution 11(g) 1.made by Council Member Arce Was seconded by Council Member Taylor-Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

**12. Attorney's Report**

**13. Old Business**

**14. New Business**

Council Member Block expressed honor in representing the Village of Virginia Gardens at Boeing for Veterans Day.

**15. Good & Welfare**

Thank you Council President Jorge Arce for your Three year commitment and support!

**16. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

Council President Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: January 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**