



**Fred Spencer Deno IV**  
Mayor

**Gabriel Fernandez**  
Council President

Regular Council  
Meeting Minutes  
**February 20, 2025**  
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 6:32 p.m.

**2. Invocation**

Council Member Elizabeth Taylor- Martinez led the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Elizabeth Taylor- Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

Mayor Spencer Deno, Council President Fernandez, Council Member Block, Council Member Conover, Council Member Taylor-Martinez, Attorney Cuadra were in attendance. Council Member Arce 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**

- 9.** A motion was made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez and seconded by Council Member Conover to move up agenda item 11(d), the Report for Public Safety. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

- Chief Hernandez expressed his condolences to Council Member Taylor-Martinez and their family for their recent loss.
- Chief Hernandez introduced Lieutenant Morales, who presented two new officers: Officer Alfredo Trujillo and Officer Kevin Favard. Both officers come highly recommended.
- The statistics for the month of January 2025 have been submitted.

## **10. Approval of Minutes**

**(a)**– Regular Council Meeting– January 16, 2025.

A motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meetings held on January 16 was made by Council Member Block and seconded by Council Taylor-Martinez. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

## **11. Mayor’s Report**

- Mayor Fred Spencer Deno IV declared March 1-31, 2025, as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Virginia Gardens.
- A recent soccer event had a strong turnout, showcasing community support.
- The Mayor provided updates on projects submitted to Tallahassee regarding improvements to pumps and rehabilitation, roadway enhancements, and upgrades to police radios.
- The Holiday Inn project will soon begin, with ongoing discussions focused on increasing valet parking spots and ensuring adequate employee parking.

## **11. Administrative Items**

**(a)**-Administration

**(b)**-Beautification

- Director of Public Works Lazaro Garaboa provided an update on the city's maintenance, and the minutes for January 2025 have been submitted.

**(c)**-Planning & Zoning

**(d)**-Public Safety

**(e)**-Public Works

**(f)**-Recreation

**(g)-Resolutions**

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS TITLE VI PLAN AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to Approve Resolution 11(g) 1.made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez and seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**12. Attorney's Report**

No updates provided.

**13. Old Business**

None.

**14. New Business**

- (a)- The MSVG Bicycle Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for May 3, 2025 (Free Event).

**15. Good & Welfare**

- Condolences to Hector Martinez and his family for the passing of his mother on February 10, 2025.
- Prayers and well wishes for health were extended to Melanie and her family.

**16. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Council Member Conover and seconded by Council Member Taylor-Martinez. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Council President Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 20 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.**