



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Gabriel Fernandez
President

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

Final Budget Hearing Meeting
Minutes
September 29, 2025
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Council President Gabriel Fernandez called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Richard Block led the Invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Richard Block led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Mayor Fred Spencer Deno, IV, Council President Gabriel Fernandez, Council Member Richard Block, Council Member Conover, Council Member Jorge Arce , and Council Member Elizabeth Taylor-Martinez were in attendance. Attorney Cuadra 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. CITIZENS COMMENTS

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A) Resolution - A Resolution of the Mayor and Village Council of the Village of Virginia Gardens, Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopting the final millage rate for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026 in the amount of 4.8500 mills which is 3.86% higher than the roll-back rate of 4.6696 mills; announcing the percentage increase in the property taxes; and providing for an effective date.

A motion was made by Council Member Arce was seconded by Council Member Conover to approve Resolution A for budget-Fiscal year 2025/2026. The motion passed 5-0.

B) Resolution - A Resolution of the Village of Virginia Gardens, Miami-Dade County, Florida, approving fiscal year 2025/2026 budget for the General Fund beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; providing for effective date.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Block to approve Resolution B for budget-Fiscal year 2025/2026. The motion passed 5-0.

C) Resolution - A Resolution of the Village of Virginia Gardens, Miami-Dade County, Florida, approving fiscal year 2025/2026 budget for the Public Works fund beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; providing for effective date.

A motion was made by Council Member Arce was seconded by Council Member Taylor-Martinez to approve Resolution C for budget-Fiscal year 2025/2026. The motion passed 5-0.

D) Resolution -A Resolution of the Village of Virginia Gardens, Miami-Dade County, Florida, approving fiscal year 2025/2026 budget for the Water Department beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; providing for effective date.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez was seconded by Council Member Arce to approve Resolution D for budget-Fiscal year 2025/2026. The motion passed 5-0.

8. GOOD & WELFARE

Council Member Taylor-Martinez requested prayers for Melanie Martinez and her Family.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Final Budget Hearing Meeting at 5:38 p.m. was made by Council Member Taylor- Martinez and was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 5-0.