



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Gabriel Fernandez
President

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

Special Council Meeting
Minutes
July 17, 2025
6:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Council President Gabriel Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Richard Block led the Invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Elizabeth Taylor-Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

Council President Gabriel Fernandez, Council Member Richard Block, Council Member Jorge Arce, Council Member Debra Conover, Council Member Elizabeth Taylor-Martinez and attorney Guillermo Cuadra were in attendance. Mayor Fred Spencer Deno, IV 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. Motion to adopt Tentative Millage Rate and set First Budget Hearing date and Time.

Millage Rate at 4.8500

Hearing Date: Monday, September 15 at 5:30PM.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adopt Tentative Millage Rate and set First Budget Hearing date and Time. Was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 5-0.

8. (A) Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AT 4.8500 MILLS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY REVENUE TO MEET THE DETERMINED BUDGETARY NEEDS OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion by Council Member Arce to adopt the Resolution to set the tentative millage rate at 4.8500 was seconded by Council Member Elizabeth Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Good & Welfare

10. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. was made by Council Member Conover and was seconded by Council Member Taylor- Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.