

Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Gabriel Fernandez
Council President



Regular Council
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 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 Block led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Block Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Council President Fernandez, Council Member Arce, Council Member Block, Council Member Conover, Council Member Taylor-Martinez, Mayor Spencer Deno IV. 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. Presentations

7. Citizens Comments

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

9. Approval of Minutes

- (a) – Regular Council Meeting– Sep 18, 2025.
- (b) – Final Budget Meeting– September 29, 2025.

A motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on September 18, 2025. was made by Council Member Conover and seconded by Council Arce. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

A motion to approve the minutes for the Final Budget Meeting held on September 29, 2025 was made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez and seconded by Council Conover. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

10. Mayor's Report

- Met with Commissioner Nathalie about Ludlum/Royal Poinciana area issues, including storm debris, algae, and the crane's purpose and potential removal.
- Met with US Congressman Mario Diaz Balart and mentioned that we have secured full reimbursement and titles for our electric vehicles funding.
- Ongoing approval process for a \$450,000 grant to fund radios and body cameras for law enforcement.
- Will consult with Attorney Cuadra on applying ordinances for free smoking zones and fencing regulations.
- Under state law, open carry of firearms is permitted in parks; signage will be posted to clarify that no firearms are allowed.

11. Administrative Items

(a)-Administration

- No specific items discussed.

(b)-Beautification

- The Minutes for the month of October 2025 have been submitted.

(c)-Planning & Zoning

- No meeting for the month of October.

(d)-Public Safety

- The Statistics for the Month of October 2025 have been submitted.

(e)-Public Works

- No specific items discussed.

(f)-Recreation

- No updates provided.

(g)-Resolutions

- No resolutions discussed.

12. Attorney's Report

No report was provided.

13. Old Business

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Good & Welfare

A heartfelt birthday message celebrating Chief Hernandez's 64th birthday on October 17th, honoring his dedicated service, leadership, and positive impact on the community, along with warm wishes for joy, health, and happiness in the year ahead.

16. Adjournment

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

Council President Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: November 14, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.