



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Gabriel Fernandez
Council President

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

Regular Council
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2025
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Council President **Gabriel Fernandez** called the meeting to order at 5:44 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 and Attorney Cuadra attended.

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– October 16, 2025.

A motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on October 16, 2025. was made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez and seconded by Conover. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

10. Mayor's Report

Public Director Garaboa and the Mayor met with Engineer K. to review Phase II, including modifications to the 63 Court project between 38th Terrace and 39th Street. They discussed installing new lines in that area, with plans almost ready for bidding. The clogged drains from the past two weeks have now been cleared.

11. Administrative Items

(a)-Administration

- No specific items discussed.

(b)-Beautification

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

(c)-Planning & Zoning

- No meeting for the month of November.

(d)-Public Safety

Chief Hernandez requested the Council's approval to appoint two new part-time officers, Lisbelis Martinez and William Rodriguez.

A motion to approve two new part-time officers, Lisbelis Martinez and William Rodriguez. On November 13, was made by Council Member Arce and seconded by Council Block. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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

(e)-Public Works

- Tree lighting scheduled for December 1, 2025 at 7:00PM.

(f)-Recreation

- Director of Recreation thanked the Chief, LT, and Police Department for their hard work, quick response, and dedication to the kids.

(g)-Resolutions

1.A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AMENDED 2024/2025 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND, PUBLIC WORKS FUND, WATER DEPARTMENT FUND AND CITT FUND BEGINNING OCTOBER 1,2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025;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 4-0.

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS UNDER THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND APPROPRIATE VILLAGE PERSONNEL TO EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to Approve Resolution 11(g) 1 .made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez. Was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion 4-0.

12. Attorney's Report

(a)- Ordinance –First Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, CREATING NEW ARTICLE III, OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED :SMOKE-, VAPE-,AND TOBACCO-FREE VILLAGE PROPERTY'; PROHIBITING VAPING AND THE USE OF TOBACCO OR NICOTINE PRODUCTS ON VILLAGE PROPPERTY; PROHIBITING SMOKING IN VILLAGE PUBLIC PARKS CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING THE REQUIRED EXCEPTION FOR UNFILTERED CIGARS IN PUBLIC PARKS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, SIGNAGE, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to Approve Ordinance 12(a) made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez. Was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion 4-0.

13. Old Business

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Good & Welfare

Happy Birthday to Daniela, Council Member Arce's granddaughter.
Happy Birthday to Oliver, Council Member Block's grandson.
Wishing a very happy birthday to our wonderful Council Member Block!
Our heartfelt condolences to the Webb Family for their loss.
Sending condolences to the Lennar family during this difficult time.
Condolences to Karen Bruno's family.

16. Adjournment

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

Council President Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: January 15, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.