



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Gabriel Fernandez
Council President

Regular Council
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2026
6:30p.m.

Council Members
Jorge Arce
Debra Conover
Elizabeth-Taylor Martinez
Michael Tur

1. Call to Order

Council President **Gabriel Fernandez** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Taylor-Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Council President Fernandez, Council Member Arce, Council Member Conover, Council Member Taylor-Martinez, Council Member Tur, Mayor Spencer Deno IV and Attorney Cuadra were in attendance.

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**.

5. Presentations

- Mr. August Torres, the accountant for the Village of Virginia Gardens, presented the new requirements for the auditors and discussed the financials.

6. Citizens Comments

7. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

8. Approval of Minutes

(a) – Regular Council Meeting– March 19, 2026.

A motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on March 19, 2026. Was made by Council Member Arce and seconded by Council Member Tur. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

9. Mayor's Report

- The Mayor provided an update regarding FPL.
- Movie night is scheduled for next Friday at 6:30 PM in Virginia Gardens, sponsored by Commissioner Natalie Milian Orbis. The featured film will be "How to Train Your Dragon."
- Tax Collector Dariel Fernandez's TConnect mobile unit will be available at Virginia Gardens on May 9th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM to provide services.

10. Administrative Items

(a)-Administration

- No specific items discussed.

(b)-Beautification

- The Minutes for the month of April 2026 have been submitted.

(c)-Planning & Zoning

- Meeting for the April of March 2026 was canceled.

(d)-Public Safety

- The Statistics for the Month of April 2026 have been submitted.
- Chief Hernandez requested the Council's approval for the appointment of SRO Officer Jaime Fierro to serve at Blessed Trinity.

A motion to add this request by the administration to the agenda will be in order. Was made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez and seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

A motion to approve hiring Jaime Fierro as a new SRO Officer for Blessed Trinity was made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez and seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

(e)-Public Works

- Public Director provided an update on current projects.

(f)-Recreation

None.

(g)-Resolutions

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, RESOLVING THE FORMAL BID PROTEST FILED BY METRO EXPRESS, INC, IN CONNECTION WITH RPQ #001-2026 (VIRGINIA GARDENS PHASE II CENTRAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECTS # 2026-01, AND #2026-02, AND #2026-03); REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED, RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL PRICING PROCESS; AUTHORIZING RE-SOLICITATION OF THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF WATER RESTORATION ASSISTANCE, IN CONNECTION WITH DEP AGREEMENT NO. L0362; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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 Tur. The motion 5-0.

11. Attorney's Report

Attorney Cuadra explained the details that led to Resolution 11(g) 1.

12. Old Business

None.

13. New Business

None.

14. Good & Welfare

Best wishes to Gabriel Fernandez, George Arce and Zoila Lostarakos.
Wishing you all a very happy birthday!

16. Adjournment

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

Council President Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 21, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.