



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Gabriel Fernandez
President

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

Special Council Meeting
Minutes
July 23, 2026
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Council President Gabriel Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Invocation

Council Member Martinez 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 Jorge Arce, Council Member Debra Conover, Council Member Elizabeth Taylor-Martinez, Council Member Tur, Mayor Fred Spencer Deno, IV and attorney Guillermo Cuadra were in attendance.

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. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA GRANTING / DENYING A VARIANCE OF CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.2.3 AT 3910 NW 60TH AVENUE, IDENTIFIED UNDER FOLIO NUMBER 26-3025-009-0139; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

A VARIANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY ELKA LUCENA WITH RESPECT TO CHAPTER 16; SECTION 4.2.4 (E) OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS CODE SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE UTILITY SHED IN THE BACK YARD.

It should be noted that the Shed size (10 x 14) significantly impacts its placement, Section 4.2.3 (F) allows 5 ft. setback for 10 x 10 Sheds.
Original Shed property line setbacks were also non-compliant.
Minimum 10 ft required separation from building is compliant.

A Motion to Approve Resolution 6 (A) for the new Shed. Was made by Council Member Arce and seconded by Council Member Conover. The Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

7. Motion to adopt Tentative Millage Rate and set First Budget Hearing date and time.

Millage Rate at 5.1000

Millage Rate at Hearing Date: Monday, September 14 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 Tur. The motion passed 5-0.

(A) Resolution - A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 AT MILLS SO AS 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 to Approve Resolution 7 (A) by Council Member Elizabeth Taylor Martinez to adopt the Resolution to set the tentative mileage rate at 5.1000 was seconded by Council Member Arce. The Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

8. Mayors Report

- Special thanks to Chief Hernandez, Lieutenant Morales, Detective Villavicencio, and Officer Mandini for their support and excellent work during a special human trafficking operation. The State Attorney's Office sent a thank you letter for the Village of Virginia Gardens' assistance.
- Update on the two appropriations submitted this year and current stormwater project.
- The Budget Workshop Meeting is scheduled for August 27 at 5:30 PM.

9. Good & Welfare

10. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43P.M. Was made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez and was seconded by Council Member Conover The motion passed 5-0.