



Fred Spencer Deno IV
Mayor

Gabriel Fernandez
Council President

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

Regular Council
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2026
6:30p.m.

1. Call to Order

Council President **Gabriel Fernandez** called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 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. Presentations

7. Citizens Comments

8. Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda

- (a) — Final Budget Hearing scheduled for September 28th 2026 at 5:30PM

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE URBAN QUALIFICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE VILLAGE'S PARTICIPATION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S URBAN COUNTY ENTITLEMENT JURISDICTION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME), AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAMS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2027, 2028, AND 2029; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; RATIFYING THE PRIOR TRANSMITTAL OF THE VILLAGE'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to approve the Resolution (g) 2. Was made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez and seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

12. Attorney's Report

- (a) FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS BY CREATING CHAPTER 12.5, "PARKS AND RECREATION," AND CREATING ARTICLE I THEREOF, ENTITLED "SMOKE-FREE AND VAPE-FREE PARKS," TO PROHIBIT SMOKING AND VAPING IN VILLAGE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE STATE LAW LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, PROHIBITED CONDUCT, WASTE DISPOSAL, SIGNAGE AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion to approve the Resolution (g) 1. Was made by Council Member Taylor-Martinez and seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

13. Old Business

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Good & Welfare

None.