

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS  
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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016  
TOWN HALL 6:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Council Members:                   Jorge Arce  
  Richard Block  
  Debra Conover  
                  Mayor:                                 Fred Spencer Deno, IV  
                  Attorney:                             Jose Herrera, Esq.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Council President Conover Arce at 6:35 p.m.

**INVOCATION (MOMENT OF SILENCE)** The Invocation was led by Council Member Block

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Block

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. First Budget Hearing Meeting – September 12, 2016

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the minutes of the First Budget Hearing Meeting of September 12, 2016 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 3-0.

B. Regular Council Meeting – September 15, 2016

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 15, 2016 was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 3-0.

C. Final Budget Hearing Meeting- September 26, 2016

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the minutes of the Final Budget Hearing meeting was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 3-0.

A motion to move up Public Safety was made by Council Member Arce was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 3-0.

2. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Introduction of Newly Hired Police Officers

Lt. Sosa introduced Officer Dan Garcia and Officer Victor Rodriguez as the recently hired Police Officer for the Village of Virginia Gardens.

Lt. Sosa reported that the police officer are reserves and are doing great.

B. Council President Conover reported that the statistics for the month of September, 2016 have been submitted.

Lt. Sosa reported that the statistics for the month of September, 2016 were submitted and we have 90 more citations and 34 more cases which are mostly code enforcements.

3. **BEAUTIFICATION**

Council President Conover reported that the minutes for October 13, 2016 were provided.

Mayor Deno reported that if there are any code enforcement issues, please contact the Village office immediately. Mayor Deno reported that the Lights were received today and should be shortly installed.

4. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Presentation of Grant check from Mr. Jacob Bennett of Oleta River State Park.

Mayor Deno presented Mr. Bennett to the meeting. Mr. Bennett presented the Council with a Florida Recreational grant check in the amount of \$100,000.00 and congratulations with winning the grant. Mayor Deno reported that this for the ballpark lighting.

B. Request approval for \$30.00 Holiday Gift Cards to be provided for all Village Employees for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the \$30.00 Holiday Gift Cards was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 3-0.

C. Commissioner Jose Pepe Diaz Movie Night scheduled for November 4, 2016

Mayor Deno reported that Commissioner Pepe Diaz will be hosting a Movie Night at Virginia Gardens Soccer Field on November 4, 2016 at sunset. Mayor Deno reported that Miami Dade Pet adoption van will also be in attendance.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Conover reported that there were no citizen comments.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Conover reported that there was no old business.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Conover reported that there is no new business.

8. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council President Conover reported that the meeting for the month of October, 2016 had been cancelled.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that the Soccer season opened on Wednesday October 19, 2016. Mayor Deno reported that the shade sails for the tot lot have been installed along with the Police shade structures.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Council Member Block reported that the sidewalk of 65 Avenue and 41 Street needs some gravel or rocks because of the mud. Public Works Director Martin reported that the water drainage needs to go somewhere and this is not an adequate solution. Mayor Deno reported that we are waiting for a grant in order for us to do this correctly.

11. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

Attorney Herrera reported that he did not have a report.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Mayor Deno reported that there was no Good & Welfare information.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Block to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion was approved 3-0.