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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016
TOWN HALL 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Council Members: Steven Petterson
Elizabeth Taylor Martinez
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 Chaplain DaSilva

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chaplain DaSilva

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Council Meeting – August 18, 2016

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 18, 2016 was seconded by Council Member Petterson. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Budget Workshop Meeting – August 23, 2016

A motion by Council Member Petterson to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting of August 23, 2016 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 5-0.

2. BEAUTIFICATION

Council President Conover reported that the minutes for September 8, 2016 were provided.

Mr. Martinez inquired regarding the fertilizer spikes for the swale trees and Mayor Deno reported that it has not been researched.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Accountant Auggie Torres to present Quarterly Financials.

Accountant Torres reported that we had a transfer of monies to cover the expenditures in case the revenues were not sufficient. Accountant Torres reported that this was done so that we do not have any problems with the auditors.

Mayor Deno reported on the new LED lights which will be used when soccer seasons begin. Mayor Deno reported on the new shade structures for the police department.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

President Conover reported that there were no citizen comments.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

President Conover reported that there was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Proclamation to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Mayor Deno reported he would like the Village to donate \$500.00 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Council Member Petterson reported on the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This is a strictly research society for children's cancer. Council Member Petterson would like to make a donation of \$500.00 to the society. A motion by Council Member Petterson to make a donation of \$500.00 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 5-0.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

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

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

Lt. Sosa reported that the statistics for the month of August, 2016 were submitted.

B. Request Council Approval of attached applicants

Lt. Sosa reported that the previous three applicants have had the background checks, medical and polygraph. Lt. Sosa reported that they are ready to be sworn in and once they are sworn in, they will come forward to the Council. Det. Villaviciencio regarding the we are streamlining the process before the Council's approval. Lt. Sosa reported that these officers are coming in at reserves. A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the three applicants was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion was approved 5-0.

Mayor Deno reported that the Village of Virginia Gardens should start paying for the medical, polygraph and psychological exams for future police applicants. Det. Villaviciencio reported that most police departments usually pay for the exams. It was noted that we have a letter of understanding regarding new sworn police officers that if they leave the Village they have to reimburse the Village. It was noted that these three applicant's exams will be paid by the Village.

C. Request Council Approval of New Police Vehicles

Lt. Sosa is requesting approval for the Police Department to purchase two new police vehicles. One vehicle would be purchased through the HIDTA program and the other vehicle is a budgeted item. A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the purchase of two new police vehicles, one as a budgeted item and one from the HIDTA program was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

9. **RECREATION**

Recreation Director Deno reported that the LED lights were installed and they did an excellent installation job. Recreation Director Deno reported that Soccer season registrations started last week.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Deno reported that Public Works Director Martin is not present.

11. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

A RESOLUTION NO. 913

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, CREATING A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM AND JOINING THE CLEAN ENERGY GREEN CORRIDOR PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 163.08, FLORIDA STATUTES, ADOPTING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.01 FLORIDA STATUTES RELATING TO THE CORRIDOR'; PROVIDING FOR AOTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Herrera reported that this is a program that allows homeowners improvements and the monies will be added to the valorum taxes. A motion by Council Member Petterson to approve Resolution No. 913 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 914

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AMENDED 2015/2016 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve Resolution No. 914 was seconded by Council Member Petterson. The motion was approved 5-0.

Attorney Herrera reported that he and Building Official Annesse went to Bryson's to addressing the noise ordinance. Attorney Herrera reported that Bryson's will be submitting an as built survey within 30 days regarding the deck additions which were never approved by the Village of Virginia Gardens. Attorney Herrera reported that Bryson's was advised if the noise level is high after 11:00 p.m., they will be shut down.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Mr. Donald Howard spoke regarding the Miami Springs Senior Center. Mr. Howard reported that the City of Miami Springs is addressing moving the senior center which will be affecting the residents of Virginia Gardens because of the hot meal program. Mr. Howard reported that the issue has become very political and that the Village of Virginia Gardens has been spoken about and in a negative way.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Block to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Petterson. The motion was approved 5-0.