

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS  
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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017  
TOWN HALL 6:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Jorge Arce  
Elizabeth Taylor Martinez  
Steve Petterson  
Debbie Conover  
Richard Block  
Mayor: Fred Spencer Deno, IV  
Attorney: Jose Herrera, Esq.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Council President Conover at 6:40 p.m.

**INVOCATION (MOMENT OF SILENCE)**

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

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Council Meeting – June 15, 2017

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 15, 2017 was seconded by Council Member Petterson. The motion passed 5-0.

**2. BEAUTIFICATION**

Council President Conover reported that the minutes for July, 2017 have been submitted. Mr. Martinez reported that all his code enforcement issues had been resolved. Council President Conover stated that the trees on 66<sup>th</sup> Street are blooming.

**3. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Presentation of check from Rep. Bryan Avila

Mayor Deno introduced Rep. Bryan Avila and welcomed him to the meeting. Rep. Avila stated that it is a pleasure coming back to Virginia Gardens. He reported that his wife's family lives in the Village.

Rep. Avila reported that it was an interesting legislation session in Tallahassee and that the Village had requested \$350,000 and \$250,000 for the next session. Rep. Avila stated that the request had not been vetoed. Rep. Avila presented the Village with a check for \$125,000.

B. Presentation of Key to the City-Town of Medley/Village of Virginia Gardens  
Mayor Deno introduced the Mayor Martell from the Town of Medley. Mayor Martell provided Mayor Deno with the Key to the Town of Medley and Mayor Deno provided Mayor Martell with the Key to the Village of Virginia Gardens.

C. First Budget workshop scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
Mayor Deno reported that the first budget workshop was been scheduled for Monday August 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

D. Special meeting regarding Annexation scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
Mayor Deno reported that a special meeting regarding annexation has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

E. Update on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event  
Mayor Deno thanked the entire Village Staff, Police and Public Works for their hard Work.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Conover reported that there were no citizen comments.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Conover reported that there was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Reminder to council member, please send your requests of department liaison to Council President Conover before the next meeting.  
Council President Conover requested that the Council Members email their requests of departments.

Council Member Arce reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Council Member Arce stated that he is considering not attending next year's parade due to the water and balloon issues. Council President Conover inquired if she could get involved with the planning of the parade. Mayor Deno reported that the Village is an invited guest to the parade by Miami Springs. Council President Conover reported that there was a bulletin by Miami Springs advised that water balloons were not allowed but it was not enforced.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council President Conover reported that the Planning & Zoning meeting for the month of July, 2017 was cancelled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council President Conover reported that the statistics for the month of June, 2017 have been submitted.

Acting Chief McGugan inquired if there were any questions regarding the statistics for the month of June, 2017.

Acting Chief McGugan introduced newly hired police officer Charlene Navarro. Mayor Deno reported that Ms. Navarro is a lifelong resident of the Village and the Village is happy to have her as a police officer. Ms. Navarro reported that she is has completed the DARE program.

Acting Chief McGugan advised the Council that the police department has a new flag and is currently in display.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that the soccer field is in bad condition but it should be re-sodded and ready for the soccer season in the next coming months.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Director Martin reported that the shade structure patio should commence next week and should be finished in two weeks. Public Works Director Martin also reported that the water and sewer lines for the Candlewood Suites will commence in the next couple of weeks; however, there will be some road closures. Council Member Petterson commented on the great lighting on 40<sup>th</sup> street.

11. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

A. RESOLUTION NO. 922

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE SECTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 AS PREPARED BY WITHUM SMITH & BROWN, PC; PROVIDING FOR EFFEECTIVE DATE

A motion by Council Member Steve Petterson to approve Resolution No. 922 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 359 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY CREATING NEW FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to the second reading of Ordinance No. 359 was seconded by Council Member Petterson. The motion was approved 5-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council President Conover reported that there are no good & welfare issues.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Block to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion was approved 5-0.