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

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Council President Conover at 6:35 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 – March 16, 2017

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 16, 2017 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 5-0.

2. BEAUTIFICATION

Council President Conover reported that the minutes for April 13, 2017 have been submitted.

Mr. Martinez reported that the trees planted on 40th street look beautiful and we have had only one complaint and Public Works Director Martin has taken care of it.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Accountant August Torres to present quarterly financials.

Accountant Torres reported that from the period of October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 our cash balance has grown from \$797,935 to \$1,813,151. Accountant Torres has projected that our revenues should exceed our expenses.

B. Request for review/changes to the Virginia Gardens Code of Ordinances for future annexation- Presented by Scarlet Hammons of the Corradino Group

Ms. Hammons stated that the changes would affect the current code of Ordinances and explained that these changes would be needed to allow for the existing zoning in the proposed annexation. Ms. Hammons reported that we are waiting for Certification from the County and reported that there would be no boundary changes to the last annexation application which was sent in 2009.

C. Request to amend the Virginia Gardens Comprehensive Plan for future annexation-Presented by Scarlet Hammons of the Corradino Group

Ms. Hammons reported that there were 3 categories added to the Comprehensive Plan. 1) Industrial & Office 2) Transportation including Terminals and 3) Restricted Industrial & Office. Attorney Herrera reported that there are some issues with the FEC which need to be addressed.

D. Update on the Easter Egg Hunt that was held April 14, 2017

Mayor Deno reported that the event was a great success and the weather was good. Mayor Deno thanked the Village staff, public works and Police Department for a job well done.

E. Update on the trip to Miami Dade Day's in Tallahassee that was held April 5-6

Mayor Deno reported that the meetings in Tallahassee were positive and was a great trip.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Conover that there were no citizen comments.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Conover reported that there was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Conover reported that there was no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council President Conover reported that the minutes for the April 13, 2017 meeting were submitted.

Mayor Deno reported that Ms. Howard was not present.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

Lt. Sosa inquired if there were any questions on the March, 2017 statistics.

B. Request Council approval for the use of LETF monies for the annual police Banquet.

Lt. Sosa is requesting council approval for the use of LETF monies for the annual police banquet being held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Miami Springs Country Club. A motion by Council Member Petterson to approve the use of monies from the LETF fund for the annual police banquet was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that baseball season is under way.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Director Martin reported that the asphalt overlay will started this morning and will be completed by tomorrow on the 40th street project. Mayor Deno thanked Public Works Director Martin for a great job well done on this project.

11. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

A. ORDINANCE NO. 358- SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING CRITERIA AND PROVIDING LIMITATIONS FOR THE PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF SHUTTERS DURING ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITONS, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, REPEAL, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Herrera stated that Ordinance 358 will be brought back next month with an exemption to allow one window boarded or closed. Attorney Herrera stated that the life safety code provides that if we have a secondary means of ingress we are good. Attorney Herrera reported that this the exception will be added to the Ordinance for the seconded reading.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 359- FIRST 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 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Herrera reported that this Ordinance will be brought back next month to fixing back the Port and Accommodation issues. A motion by Council Member Block to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 359 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

C. ORDINANCE NO. 360- FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GRDENS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING NEW LAND USE DISTRICTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE; AMENDING THE VILLAGE'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY UPDATING ARTICLES II, III AND VI; PROVIDING FOR EHT RRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Herrera reported that the same applies to this Ordinance which will be brought back next meeting for the second reading. A motion by Council Member Petterson to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 360 was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion was approved. 5-0.

12. GOOD & WELFARE

Council Member Petterson wishes to thank everyone for the good thoughts and wishes and thanked Council Member Block for everything he did.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion was approved 5-0.