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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017
TOWN HALL 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Council Members: Jorge Arce
Elizabeth Taylor Martinez @ 6:45 p.m.
Richard Block
Steve Petterson
Mayor: Fred Spencer Deno, IV
Attorney: Jose Herrera, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Council Member Arce 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 – April 20, 2017

A motion by Council Member Petterson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 20, 2017 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 3-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

Council Member Arce reported that the minutes for May 4, 2017 have been submitted.

Mayor Deno reported that Mr. Martinez was not present.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Request for Council approval to donate \$450.00 to the Pelican Playhouse.

A motion by Council Member Petterson to donate \$450.00 to the Pelican Playhouse was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion was approved 3-0.

Mayor Deno stated that the Police Banquet was very nice event.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council Member Arce reported that Mr. Jorge from the Miami Dade Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind was present. Mr. Jorge presented Mayor Deno with a Plaque thanking the Village of Virginia Gardens for their kind donation.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Arce reported that there was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Arce reported that there was no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council Member Arce reported that the minutes for the May 16, 2017 meeting were submitted.

Ms. Howard reported that the EAR issue will be discussed during the Attorney's report.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council Member Arce reported that the statistics for the month of April, 2017 have been submitted.

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

Acting Chief McGugan reported that there were complaints regarding vehicles that were parking on the sidewalks at Blessed Trinity Church. Council Member Arce inquired if we had spoken with Father Alfaro as he makes announcements during Mass. Acting Chief McGugan reported that Lt. Coleman will speak with his father as he is a lector at the Church.

Acting Chief McGugan reported that he would like to implement the DARE program and will be sending a memo to the officers for that position.

Acting Chief McGugan reported that the police department will be applying for the 2017 COPS grant which will pay 75% of a police officer full time salary for 36 months.

Acting Chief McGugan reported that there are two full time positions which are currently vacant. Acting Chief McGugan would like to fill these positions by appointing Officer Mario Nunes and Officer Kory Johnson from part-time to full-time officers. A motion by Council Member Petterson to approve the two full time officers was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 4-0.

Council Member Arce inquired regarding our Mutual Aid policies and Acting Chief

McGugan reported that we do have Mutual Aid policies with other police agencies. Council Member Arce inquired about a memo sent to the officers regarding a new police department protocol for assisting other agencies. Council Member Arce would like clarification regarding the memo. Acting Chief McGugan reported that the memo stated that officers must obtain permission from a supervisor if they are dispatched to a routine call for another agency. Acting Chief McGugan stated that he does not want to have officers far from our boundaries and leave the Village unprotected.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that there is no new recreation news.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Director Martin presented the drawing for the senior patio canopy. Mr. Martin reported that it is a water proof canvas and that ground break will begin after our 4th of July event.

Public Works Director Martin reported on the 40th Street project. Mr. Martin stated that there are standing water issues which will be addressed at a meeting with the engineers.

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 was revised by adding the life safety provisions, the secondary means of ingress and amended with an exemption to allow one window boarded or closed. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 358 was seconded by Council Member Petterson. The motion was approved 4-0.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 361- FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR) BASED AMENDMENTS TO THE VIRGINIA GARDENS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; THE AMENDMENTS ARE TO THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES FOR THE FOLLOWING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS: FUTURE LAND USE; TRANSPORTATION; HOUSING; INFRASTRUCTURE; CONSERVATION; RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE; INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINAITON; AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING

TRANSMITTAL TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
OPOORTUNITY FORR REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Herrera reported that he would like to table this Ordinance until next month. A motion by Council Member Petterson to table the first reading of Ordinance No. 361 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 4-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Mayor Deno and the Council wished Council Member Taylor Martinez and Council President Conover a happy birthday.

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 Block. The motion was approved 4-0.