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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017
TOWN HALL 6:30 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Council Member Taylor Martinez 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 – May 18, 2017

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 18, 2017 was seconded by Council Member Petterson. The motion passed 3-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that the minutes for June 8, 2017 have been submitted.

Mr. Martinez reported that the Yard of the Month for June, 2017 was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Alamina of 3921 NW 59 Avenue.

Mr. Martinez reported that the Beatification committee needs a proclamation for Arbor Day.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Deno reported on the 4th of July scheduled event. Mayor Deno stated that we are renting a double decker bus.

Mayor Deno thanked Ms. Tracy Byrd for working very hard to get Virginia Gardens the LAP recertification.

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that Council Member Block is not in attendance because he is at the Florida League of Cities meeting.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that there were no citizen comments.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that there was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that there was no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that the Planning & Zoning meeting for the month of June, 2017 was cancelled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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

Acting Chief McGugan reported that there was a flyer from Blessed Trinity regarding vehicles that were parking on the sidewalks.

Acting Chief McGugan reported that revised alarm notices were created to place on commercial businesses and residences to advise when police handle alarm calls.

Acting Chief McGugan is requesting council approval to move Officer Michael Castro from the reserve position to part-time position. A motion by Council Member Arce to approve Officer Castro to a part-time position was seconded by Council Member Petterson. The motion passed 3-0.

Acting Chief McGugan would like approval to hire Officer Charlene Navarro for a part-time police officer position. Acting Chief McGugan reported that Officer Navarro recently retired from the City of Miami Springs. Acting Chief McGugan reported that Officer Navarro is certified in the DARE program. Mayor Deno reported that Officer Navarro grew up in Virginia Gardens and is currently a resident and should be a great asset to our police department. A motion by Council Member

Petterson to hire Officer Navarro to a part-time position was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 3-0.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that there are no recreation issues.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Deno reported that the lights were replaced at the 40th street entrance sign. Mayor Deno reported that new lighting for the poles for the 40th street project was ordered and should be placed next month.

11. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

A. 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 COORDINATION; AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL TO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Herrera reported that there was an amendment to the evaluation regarding the duplex lot which should not change any policies. Ms. Scarlett Hammonds of the Corradino Group was in attendance and reported that the Plan will be reviewed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and should be approved by August, 2017. A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 361 was seconded by Council Member Petterson. The motion was approved 3-0.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 921

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CO-PERMITTEES NAMED IN NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. FLS000003 AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROVIDING FOR PERFORMANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND ALSO BETWEEN ALL CO-PERMITTEES PROVIDING FOR IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTANT DISCHARGES IN SHARED MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS, REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT, AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE

A motion by Council Member Petterson to approve Resolution No. 921 was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion was approved 3-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Mr. Donald Howard reported that there some issues with the 4th of July parade due to the construction on Westward Drive. Council Member Taylor Martinez stated that the parade route will be shortened because of this issue.

Mr. Howard also reported that the City of Miami Springs have turned in their annexation application to the County. Attorney Herrera reported that there are boundary issues between two cities. Mayor Deno reported that our application should be ready by next week.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Petterson to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion was approved 3-0.