

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS  
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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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 Member Petterson at 6:36 p.m.

**INVOCATION (MOMENT OF SILENCE)**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Block.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Special Council Meeting – July 20, 2017**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 20, 2017 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 4-0.

**B. Regular Council Meeting – July 20, 2017**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 20, 2017 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 4-0

**C. Budget Workshop Meeting – August 22, 2017**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting on August 22, 2017 was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion passed 4-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

Council Member Petterson reported that the minutes for August 3, 2017 have been submitted. Mr. Martinez reported that the Arbor Day Tree Dedication was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity parking lot. Mayor Deno, Village Council, Village Staff, Beautification committee members, Public Works department and Mike from Superior Landscaping were in attendance. Mr. Martinez reported that the September, 2017 Beautification committee was cancelled.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Update of Hurricane Irma

Mayor Deno reported that crews from Grubbs are in the Village and that the first pass was completed. Mayor Deno reported that low hanging limbs are being cut down and all tree debris will be mulched.

Council President Conover arrived at the meeting.

Public Works Director Martin reported that cutting crews were in the Village this morning; however, Grubbs has not control of the equipment that arrives to work at the Village. Mr. Martin reported that self-loaders and dump trucks are coming back to the Village. Mayor Deno reported that all the debris should be taken care of before October 10<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Deno reported that bulk trash pickup is scheduled for October October 10<sup>th</sup> and that Mr. Neal from Waste Management advised that bulk trash items should be separate from vegetation items.

B. Final Budget Hearing scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Deno reported that the final budget hearing has been scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

C. Municipal Elections Tuesday, September 26, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Deno reported that the Municipal Elections have been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council Member Taylor Martinez thanked the Police Department for their efforts during Hurricane Irma. Mayor Deno also thanked the Village staff for their efforts on behalf of the residents.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Conover appointed Liaisons to the following departments:

Public Works - Steve Petterson  
Beautification - Debra Conover  
Police – Elizabeth Taylor Martinez

Planning & Zoning – Jorge Arce  
Recreation & Seniors – Richard Block

Council Member Arce asked to be excused from the council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Council Member Petterson reported regarding the data breach from Equifax that affected 140 million people. Council Member Petterson distributed an email detailing customer not to sign an agreement with Equifax and to freeze your credit immediately at each of the three credit bureaus.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council Member Petterson reported that the Planning & Zoning meeting for the month of September, 2017 was cancelled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council Member Peterson Conover reported that the statistics for the month of July and August, 2017 have been submitted.

Acting Chief Hernandez inquired if there were any questions regarding the statistics for the month of July and August, 2017.

Mayor Deno stated that a week before Hurricane Irma, Detective Raymond Hernandez was appointed Acting Chief. Mayor Deno stated that a few days after the hurricane, Acting Chief Hernandez, Officer Manny Espinosa and he went to the Florida Keys to distribute pallets of ice and food.

Acting Chief Hernandez thanked the police department for their efforts during Hurricane Irma and thanked the Mayor and Village Council for supporting him and the police department during this time.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that the field and tennis court lights are off. Mayor Deno reported that the fence between the parking lot and the field is down.

Council Member Taylor Martinez reported that some traffic signs were down and Mayor Deno reported that the County has already surveyed the Village.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Director Martin stated that he has nothing else to report.

11. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

A. ORDINANCE NO. 361-SECOND 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.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 361 was seconded by Council President Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Petterson reported that there are no good & welfare issues.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council President Conover to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion was approved 4-0.