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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018
TOWN HALL 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Council Members: Elizabeth Taylor Martinez
Gabriel Fernandez
Debbie Conover
Richard Conover
Mayor: Fred Spencer Deno, IV
Attorney: Jose Herrera, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Council Member Block at 6:352 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 – November 16, 2017

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 16, 2017 was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 3-0.

2. BEAUTIFICATION

Council Member Block reported that the minutes for December 7, 2017, December 19, 2017 and January 11, 2018 have been submitted.

Council Member Conover arrived at 6:43 p.m.

Mr. Martinez reported that the Holiday Yard Winners were as follows:

- 1) 1st Place – Kyle Snoke of 6331 NW 38th Terrace
- 2) 2nd Place – Lilian Venegas of 6321 NW 38th Terrace
- 3) 3rd Place - Elinor Pelaez of 6321 NW 40 Street
- 4) 4th Place - Mark Inhoof of 5902 NW 40 Terrace

Mayor Deno reported that the Village of Virginia Gardens received \$5,000 from a Neat Street Grant.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Deno reported that Commissioner Diaz was hosting a movie night on January 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Virginia Gardens soccer field.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council Member Block reported that there were no citizen comments.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Block reported that there were no old business issues.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Block reported that there was no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council Member Block reported that the meeting for the month of January, 2018 was cancelled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council Member reported that the statistics for the month of November and December, 2017 have been submitted.

B. Request Council approval of attached applicant.

Interim Chief Hernandez is requesting council approval of applicant Ramon Sacramento as a part time police officer. Mr. Sacramento was previously a police officer in Virginia Gardens back in the 1980's. Mr. Sacramento is currently employed by El Portal Police Department but will be resigning. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Mr. Ramon Sacramento as a part time police officer for the Village of Virginia Gardens was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

C. Request council approval to move Part-time Officer Dan Garcia to Full-Time. Interim Chief Hernandez is requesting council approval to move Officer Garcia from Part time to Full time. Full time Officer Mario Nunez has requested to be moved to Part time. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Officer Garcia as a full time, officer was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 4-0.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that the soccer field lights need to be adjusted.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Director Martin reported that various FPL lights were damaged by Hurricane Irma. Mr. Martin reported that he submitted a formal request to receive LED light fixtures at no cost to the Village of Virginia Gardens.

Public Works Director reported on the project for Drain Improvement. Mr. Martin reported that we receive a grant from the State for \$125,000. Mr. Martin introduced Mr. Ken Grosse from Cherokee Consulting. Mr. Grosse stated that a proposal from JVA was received for \$146,500. Mayor Deno reported that the Village will Piggyback from the 66 Avenue project. Attorney Herrera stated that this is an expansion of the original contract. A motion by Council Member Fernandez to authorize the Mayor and Public Works Director to enter into a contract with JVA was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

11. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

B. RESOLUTION NO. 935

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA. ADOPTIN AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS AND COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS CORPORATION (CCC); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Herrera reported that Resolution No. 935 is to adopt Amendment 2 extending the Agreement through March 18, 2019. This agreement is for the registration of vacant real property which have been abandoned and to property subject to a mortgage that has been determined by the mortgagee to be in default. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Resolution No. 935 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 4-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez would like to continue prayers for Melanie Martinez.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Conover to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion was approved 4-0.