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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017
TOWN HALL 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Council Members: Elizabeth Taylor Martinez
Gabriel Fernandez
Debbie Conover

Attorney: Jose Herrera, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Council Member Conover at 6:32 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 – October 19, 2017

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2017 was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 3-0.

2. BEAUTIFICATION

Council Member Conover reported that the minutes for November 2, 2017 have been submitted.

Mr. Martinez reported that he has nothing else to report.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Council Member Conover reported that Mayor Deno was not in attendance.

A. The annual Santa Under the Stars will be held on Friday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Conover reported that the Santa Under the Stars will be held on Friday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Denise Felcoma of National Federation of the Blind was in attendance and thanked the Village of Virginia Gardens for their support and gratitude.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Conover reported that there was no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Variance Request

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

5911 NW 36 STREET, VIRGINIA GARDENS, FL 33166

OWNER- WATERSTONE CAPITAL AIRPORT LLC

FOLIO:26-3025-001-0261

THE FOLLOWING VARIANCE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY WATERSTON CAPITAL AIRPORT LLC WITH RESPECT TO CHAPTER 26 SECTION 7.1.4A OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS CODE SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE:

Section 7.1.4A- Variance to allow for 357 square feet of signage for two (2) wall mounted signs and one (1) free standing monument sign; where eighty (80) square feet is allowed.

Attorney Herrera reported that there were no specifications on the Development Agreement for signage. The Variance is to permit the signage for two wall mounted signs and one free standing monument sign. The resolution is to amend the Development Agreement. Attorney Herrera reported that Planning and Zoning approved the variance request.

Mr. Dan Espino of Weiss, Serota P.A. was in attendance regarding the variance request. Attorney Espino reported that the site plan did not contain the rendering signs and the monument sign and it was a technicality that it was left out. Attorney Espino reported that he will work with Architect Perez regarding the illumination signs to make sure that they will not affect traffic or residents. Attorney Herrera also stated he spoke with Architect Perez regarding the line of site triangulations. Ms. Howard stated that the signage was also approved by the Planning & Zoning department.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 932

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA. AMENDING RESOLUTION 895 AND AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WATERSTONE AIRPORT CAPITAL LLC AND THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING SECTION 2 OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT GRANTING AND PROVIDING A VARIANCE TO PERMIT SIGNAGE.

A motion by Council Member Fernandez to approve the variance request and Resolution No. 932 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 3-0.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

B. Request Council approval of new applicant for reserve officer. Interim Chief Hernandez is requesting council approval of new applicant Francisco Lozano as a reserve officer. Council Member Conover reported that she has issues regarding his termination for violation of departmental policies. Interim Chief Hernandez reported that he had issues with his Sergeant. Attorney Herrera inquired if we have looked at his FDLE and his IA file. Attorney Herrera reported that if the Village is doing backgrounds checks on applicants, we should have all IA files on all applicants. The Council requested that this issue be tabled until the next meeting.

9. **RECREATION**

Council Member Conover reported that Recreation Director Deno was not present.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Council Member Conover reported that Public Works Director Martin was not present.

11. **ATTORNEYS REPORT**

Council Member Conover reported that the Attorney's report was addressed under Planning & Zoning.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

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

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion was approved 3-0.