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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
TOWN HALL 6:30 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Council President Arce at 6:34 p.m.

INVOCATION (MOMENT OF SILENCE)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Taylor Martinez.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Council Meeting – November 15, 2018

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 15, 2018 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. Council President Arce reported that the minutes for December 6, 2018, December 18, 2018 and January 10, 2019 have been submitted.

Mr. Fierro reported that the winners for the Holiday Yard were as follows:

1st Place – Lilian Venegas of 6321 NW 38 Terrace

2nd Place – Kyle Snoak of 6331 NW 39 Terrace

3rd Place – Elinor Pelaez of 6321 NW 40 Street

Mayor Deno reported that the Council should have a copy of the Tree Ordinance for review. Attorney Herrera is requesting a copy of the Miami Dade County Tree Ordinance for comparison.

Mayor Deno reported that oak trees were planted on NW 40 Street and are being watered by Superior Landscaping.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Movie Night sponsored by Miami Dade Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz to be held on Saturday January 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Deno reported that a flyer had been distributed regarding Movie Night. Mayor Deno advised that Incredibles 2 would be featured.

B. Accountant Auggie Torres to present final financials for the end of fiscal year 2017-2018

Accountant Torres reported that the cash balance for the Village of Virginia Gardens from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 was \$725,082.93 and as of October 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 the cash balance was \$914,892.26. Accountant Torres advised that the Water Department Cash reserves were \$474,449.02. Accountant Torres reported that the expenditures are less than what we thought they would be; therefore, we have more monies in reserve.

C. Mr. Howard Attias from Full Moon Creative to introduce himself to Mayor and Council. They will be taking over the video taping of the council meetings.

Mayor Deno reported that Comcast is no longer in the video taping business. Mr. Attias thanked the Mayor and the Council for our business.

D. Discussion regarding Waste Management Contract renewal

Mayor Deno reported that the Waste Management contract expired on December 31, 2018 and the contract was extended for six months. Attorney Herrera reported that if the numbers do not change dramatically, we should renew with Waste Management. Mayor Deno said normally the renewal rates would be 3% or the CPI rate.

E. Request council approval to extend contract with Envirowaste through piggy-back of City of Doral's Agreement.

Mayor Deno reported that we have used Envirowaste for a great number of years. Mayor Deno reported that the rates are great and we should extend the contract with Envirowaste through piggy back of City of Doral's agreement. Attorney Herrera provided the Council with Resolution No. 948 for approval.

4. **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Resolution No. 948

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH ENVIROWASTE SERVICES GROUP, INC., FOR SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE’S STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM, RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT, REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT, AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Resolution No. 948 was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

F. Set date and time for a special meeting to discuss parking in swale areas. Mayor Deno reported that a special meeting to discuss parking in swale areas would be held on February 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Attorney Herrera reported that he was been working on this issue extensively and has information that he and the Mayor have put together for the special meeting. Mayor Deno reported that he and the Council have been getting email’s and phone calls regarding this matter.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Arce reported that there were no citizen comments.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Arce reported that there was no old business.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Liaison appointments are as follows:

Mr. Gabriel Fernandez -	Beautification
Mr. Richard Block-	Seniors & Recreation
Ms. Debra Conover-	Police
Ms. Elizabeth Taylor Martinez-	Public Works
Mr. Jorge Arce-	Planning & Zoning

B. Discussion regarding possibly hosting a Family Bingo day on Saturday, February 23rd at 3:00 p.m. – requested by Council Member Richard Block
Council Member Block reported on Council Member’s Fernandez idea on hosting a Family Bingo day.

8. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. The meeting for the month of January, 2019 has been cancelled.

9. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council President Arce reported that the statistics for the month of November, 2018 and December, 2018 have been submitted.

Chief Hernandez inquired if there were any questions regarding the statistics.

B. Request council approval of attached applicants.

Chief Hernandez requested council approval for Police Applicants Michael Fernandez and Gabriel Diaz. A motion by Council Member Conover to approval Mr. Michael Fernandez and Mr. Gabriel Diaz was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez.

The motion passed 5-0.

C. Request council approval to move Officer Luis Carmona from reserve to part-time.

Chief Hernandez stated that he is requesting council approval to move Police Officer Carmona from reserve to part-time. A motion by Council Member Block approving Police Officer Carmona be moved to part-time was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

10. **RECREATION**

A. MSVG Soccer Awards ceremony to be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Deno reported that the soccer awards ceremony was scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

11. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Work Director Martin stated that we have a permit in place and construction meeting has been held for ADA project. Mr. Martin reported that February 11, 2019 is the commencement date.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez is requesting prayers for Melanie Martinez.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Taylor Fernandez. The motion was approved 5-0.