

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Council President Arce 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 – September 20, 2018

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 20, 2018 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Final Budget Hearing Meeting – September 24, 2018

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Final Budget Hearing Meeting of September 24, 2018 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

**2. BEAUTIFICATION**

A. Council President Arce reported that the minutes for October 4, 2018 have been submitted.

Mr. Martinez reported that Israel Landscaping is going through the Village trimming trees. Mr. Martinez reported that Mr. Carrasco is requesting the Village to remove the Black Olive tree on the swale in front of his property. Mr. Martinez reported that this is an ongoing situation with Mr. Carrasco. Mayor Deno reported that there is nothing wrong with the tree so we cannot have it removed and suggested that Israel

Landscaping take a look at the tree to check if it needs to be trimmed and that there are no branches on the property.

Mr. Martinez thanked Police Chief Hernandez for the two new Yard of the month signs.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Request approval for \$30.00 Holiday Gift Cards to be provided for all Village Employees for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays

Mayor Deno is requesting Council approval for \$30.00 Holiday Gift cards. A motion by Council Member Conover to approve the \$30.00 gift Cards was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Request council approval for the results of the evaluation committee for the RFQ-DR2018 (Debris removal contractors)

Mayor Deno reported that the Village of Virginia Gardens contract with debris removal company expired. Following the FEMA and federal guidelines, we put out a public bid for debris contractors a few months ago. The Village received 4 responses. An evaluation review committee made up of Public Works Director James Martin, Village Architect Manuel Perez and Planning & Zoning Chairman Virginia Howard was created to rank the 4 respondents according to the following criteria:

- 1) Qualifications of the Respondent
- 2) Proposed Approach, understanding of and Response to Scope
- 3) Similar Projects completed by Proposed Project Manager and other Key Personnel
- 4) References

Mayor Deno reported that a public meeting was held to tabulate and rank the committee scores on September 20, 2018. Each of their individual scores were tabulated to obtain a grand total score for each respondent. The highest grant total possible being 300 points. The three highest ranking respondents will comprise the pool of qualified firms that we will request prices and contracts from.

Mayor Deno reported that the Final Rating is as follows:

- 1) DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES – 270 points
- 2) TFR ENTERPRISES – 257 points
- 3) WORLD WASTE RECYCLING – 235 points

A motion by Council Member Conover to approve the results and move forward and request prices and contracts from the final ratings respondents was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Deno stated that he received complements regarding the new BBQ area and the Tike Hut should be installed in the next few days. Council Member Taylor

Martinez suggested that we should dedicate the BBQ area in Ray Saldarriaga's memory.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to dedicate the new BBQ area in Mr. Saldarriaga's honor was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Arce reported that Mr. Steve Petterson of 6211 NW 40 Street was in attendance. Mr. Petterson stated that he had some concerns regarding a Miami Springs ad placed in the Gazette. The ad had incorrect boundary information about annexation area. Attorney Herrera stated that all cities have to be in agreement regarding their boundaries in order for the applications to be approved.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Arce reported that there was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Arce reported that there is no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council President Arce reported that the meeting for October, 2018 was canceled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

Chief Hernandez inquired if there were any questions regarding the statistics for the Month of September, 2018.

B. Request council approval to hire Mr. John Davis as a Part -Time Officer.

Chief Hernandez is requesting council approval to hire Police Officer Davis as a part time officer. Chief Hernandez reported that Officer Davis was a former Sergeant from Surfside Police Department. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Mr. John Davis as a part time police officer was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that the soccer season is in full swing.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Deno reported that Public Work Director Martin is not in attendance.

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

A. Resolution No. 945- SECOND READING

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA GRANTING A VARIANCE TO MR. ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ WITH RESPECT TO CHAPTER 16 SECTION 6.8 (J) TO ALLOW A 10 FOOT PRIVACY DURA FENCE ALONG THE REAR OF HIS PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 3711 NW 62 AVENUE.

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the second reading of Resolution No. 945 was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez is requesting prayers for Melanie Martinez.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.