

**VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS  
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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 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

**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 Chaplain DaSilva.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Council Meeting – April 18, 2019

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 18, 2019 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. Council President Arce reported that the meeting for the month of May, 2019 was canceled.

Beautification Chairman Martinez and Council Member Fernandez met with Mr. Harris of Earth Advisors regarding the Tree Ordinance. Council Member Fernandez reported that we had been provided with the Ordinance. Mr. Martinez reported that some changes to the Ordinance are necessary. Mayor Deno advised Mr. Martinez to provide a copy to Council Member Fernandez to review in order to move forward. Mr. Martinez agreed and stated that after the necessary changes the Ordinance would then be sent back to the County for approval.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Discussion regarding creating an ordinance, regulating a short-term vacation rental for a single-family home.

Mayor Deno stated that this issue would be brought back from the Attorney next council meeting.

B. Discussion of contract for debris removal

Mayor Deno advised that the monitoring crew bid for debris removal was put out for bid twice with no response.

C. Request Council Approval to extend the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service contract with Waste Management, Inc. for an additional 4 years.

Mayor Deno reported that Jason Neal from Waste Management was in attendance. Mr. Neal stated that Virginia Gardens has the lowest solid waste rate in the County which is \$18.34 per resident. Mr. Neal reported that there is a CPI clause in the contract and the current WST (Water Sewer Trash) rate is 3.6% annually. Mr. Neal reported that the new contract will take effect on January 1, 2020. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the Solid Waste Collection Contract with Waste Management, Inc, for an additional 4 years was seconded by Council Member Block. The motion was approved 5-0.

D. Request Council approval of Musco Sports Lighting Quote for new VG Tennis Court light poles.

Mayor Deno reported that this is the quote of the FRDAP Grant in the amount of \$37,000.00 from Musco Sports Lighting. Mayor Deno reported that this quote includes the poles, pole demolition, Pole installation, Structural Engineering and Wiring. A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the quote for Musco Sports Lighting in the amount of \$37,000.00 was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Request Council approval of Musco Sports Lighting Quote for new electrical LED Lighting system and light.

Mayor Deno reported that this is the Department of Energy Grant in the amount of \$67,000.00 from Musco Sports Lighting. Mayor Deno reported that this quote includes the Fixtures, Driver Boxes, Wireharnesses, Contractor Cabinet, Controls and Project Management. A motion by Council Member Conover to approve the quote for Musco Sports Lighting in the amount of \$67,000.00 was seconded by Taylor Martinez. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Deno stated that when this project begins, the tennis courts will be resurfaced and that cost will be paid by the Village which could be approximately \$5,000.00.

F. Request Council approval to appoint Eugene Morales as Lieutenant. Mayor Deno reported that is has been approximately 8-10 years since the Village has had a Chief and a Lieutenant at the same time. Chief Hernandez stated that he has great confidence in Acting Lt. Morales. Mayor Deno stated that Acting Lt. Morales is doing a great job. A motion by Council Member Conover to approve Eugene Morales as Lieutenant was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0

Mayor Deno reported that he spoke with State Representative Bryan Avila and State Senator Manny Diaz Jr. and our project approvals have not been on the veto list.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Arce reported that Mr. Donald Howard of 6240 NW 37 Terrace was in attendance. Mr. Howard inquired as to the status of annexation. Mayor Deno reported that the Miami Dade County Planning Board is not in agreement with any of the applications whose municipalities who do not have a mileage rate lower than the County. Mayor Deno reported that the only application that was approved was the City of Doral. Mayor Deno stated that our application was deferred due to the fact that the FEC was not taken into consideration. Mayor Deno advised that the Village is looking into ways to bring our mileage rate down.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Arce reported that there is no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Block reported status of the grand opening of the Miami Springs Historical Society. Council Member Block would like consideration that the Council attend the grand opening cutting ribbon ceremony. Council Member Block reported that the Miami Springs Historical Society has raised approximately \$30,000.00 and has found a location building on East Drive in Miami Springs. A date for the grand opening has not been determined yet.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council President Arce reported that the meeting for the month of May, 2019 was canceled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council President Arce reported that the statistics for the month of April, 2019 have been submitted.

Chief Hernandez inquired if there were any questions. Chief Hernandez reported that Miami Dade County Mosquito Control has been around the Village.

Council Member Block inquired regarding the status of the radar trailer. Chief Hernandez reported that it had been ordered but when delivered was not the item ordered. Chief Hernandez reported that we are waiting for the correct radar trailer to arrive in the next few weeks.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that was no recreation business.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Work Director Martin reported that there was no new business. Mayor Deno inquired regarding the mosquito pellets for the storm drains and Director Martin responded that it was on the list of things to do.

Council Member Block reported that some residents were concerned about the rain puddles and Director Martin stated that to please provide him with the resident addresses.

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mayor Deno reported that Attorney Herrera was not present

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez is asking for prayers for Melanie Martinez. Council President Arce provided his condolences to the family of Joe Martin who passed away Mother's Day.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Block to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.