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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 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 6:35 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 – June 21, 2018

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 21, 2018 was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

2. BEAUTIFICATION

Council President Arce reported that the minutes for July 5, 2018 have been submitted.

Mr. Martinez reported that the location of the tree listing has been finalized and the trees have been ordered. Mr. Martinez reported that there are several dead and decaying trees that have been removed. Council Member Conover stated that the trees on NW 66th Avenue need to be trimmed because they are obstructing the view. Mr. Martinez will contact Superior Landscaping.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Account August Torres to present quarterly financials.

Accountant Torres reported that the end of the month cash balance generated from 10/1/17 through 5/31/18 was \$137,386.41. Mr. Torres reported that the cash revenues continue to increase.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to move up the approval of Resolution No. 939 under the Attorney's Report was seconded by Council Member Conover.

B. Resolution No. 939

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE GENERALPURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE SECTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AS PREPARED BY WITHUM SMITH & BROWN, PC; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion by Council Member Block to approve Resolution No. 939 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Request Council approval of estimate from the Pool Spa Billiard Store for the installation of a custom island Grill by the Recreation Building.

Mayor Deno reported that in the past we had a roll out BBQ which was not effective. Mayor Deno reported that we received three quotes and The Pool Spa Billiard quote was the cheapest. Public Works Director Martin reported that the grill is one half of the price of the quote. Mayor Deno reported that we will provide the stones and the doors. One of the other quotes had a second grill which Mayor Deno stated that we did not need. Mayor Deno would like to have the grill ready before soccer season starts in September, 2018.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the quote in the amount of \$9,179.72 from The Pool Spa Billiard Store was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Request Council approval of quotes from Revelation Sound to upgrade the audio sound system.

Mayor Deno reported that we are having issues with the analog system that we currently have for our sound system. Village Clerk Fernandez reported that we are having interference issues with the analog system. Mayor Deno reported all quotes are for the digital system.

A motion by Block to table t his item until we receive more quotes was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

E. First Budget workshop scheduled for Thursday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Deno reported that the first budget workshop has been scheduled for Thursday, August 23, at 6:00 p.m.

F. Update on 4th of July event.

Mayor Deno reported that it was a great event and thanked Village Hall staff and VG Police officers for a job well done.

G. Village Hall and surrounding buildings including pavilion is scheduled to be tented for termites on Thursday, August 30 through Friday, August 31. Village Hall will re-open on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Mayor Deno reported that the entire Village Hall will be tented for termites. Chief Hernandez reported that Village Hall will be opened for the police officers. Village Clerk Fernandez reported that the Pavilion will not be rented for this weekend.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Arce reported that there are no citizen comments.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Arce reported that there was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Arce reported that there was no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council President Arce reported that the meeting for the month of July, 2018 was scheduled for July 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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

B. Request Council approval to promote Officer Dennis Duron to Full Time

C. Request Council approval to promote Officer Victor Rodriguez to Full Time.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the promotions of Officer Duron and Officer Rodriguez from part time to full time was seconded by Council Member Fernandez. The motion passed 5-0.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that there the field is being irrigated and will be closed for a few weeks. Mayor Deno reported that the septic tank for the recreation building was pumped out.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

A. Discussion regarding ADA Crosswalk Project.

Public Work Director Martin reported that we have all the plans in place. Public Works Director Martin reported that the engineers estimate on cost was more that we have for the CITT project. Public Works Director Martin reported that we will need an RFP for contractors for this project because of the issues and cost.

B. Discussion regarding Ludlam Canal Signs

Mayor Deno reported that someone on Facebook put a photo of a big alligator on Ludlum Canal. Mayor Deno stated that since we put cheekee huts on Ludlam canal it was in our best interest to put up Alligator signs. Mayor Deno contacted Miami Springs and they agreed and made the decision on the signs so that it will be uniformed.

C. Discussion regarding Pet Waste Stations

Public Works Director Martin reported on Pet Waste Stations. Mr. Martin reported that we received a proposal from the Miami Rotary Club of Miami Springs for signs and plastic bags waste stations in exchange for a donation of \$150.00. Public Works Director suggested the pet waste stations be put in each of the cheekee huts.

11. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Fernandez thanked all who attended the Family night event. Council Member Martinez continued to ask prayers for Melanie Martinez.

12. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Taylor Block to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.