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

PRESENT: Council Members: Debra Conover
Richard Block
Gabriel Fernandez
Mayor : Fred Spencer Deno, IV
Attorney: Guillermo Cuadra, Esq.

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

INVOCATION (MOMENT OF SILENCE) The Invocation was led by Chaplain DaSilva

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chaplain DaSilva.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Special Council Meeting – September 19, 2019

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of September 19, 2019 was seconded by Council Member Conover.

The motion was approved 3-0.

B. Regular Council Meeting – September 19, 2019

A motion by Council Member Conover to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 19, 2019 was seconded by Council Member Block.

The motion was approved 3-0.

C. Final Budget Hearing – September 23, 2019

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the minutes of the Final Budget Hearing meeting of September 23, 2019 was seconded by Council Member Conover.

The motion was approved 3-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the minutes for the October 2, 2019 meeting were provided.

Mayor Deno provided an update regarding the status of the Tree Ordinance. Mayor Deno stated that it is in the final review stage at the County.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

Mayor Deno requested Council approval for the \$30.00 Holiday Gift Cards. A motion from Council Member Block to approve the \$30.00 Holiday Gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 3-0.

Mayor Deno reported that we have Steve Altman from the Village Hardware in attendance. Mayor Deno reported that the Village Hardware is the longest running business in Virginia Gardens. Steve stated that the Village Hardware has been in Virginia Gardens for the past 48 years. The Council presented a plaque to Steve for his dedicated service.

B. Discussion regarding adding an addendum to the Law Enforcement Police Contract

Attorney Cuadra is in the process of making some changes. Mayor Deno stated that in the current police contract, the officers are obligated for mandatory participation in the ICMA. In the past the officers have made the decision whether to receive the \$2,000.00 lump sum or participate in the ICMA. Mayor Deno does not want to obligate the officers so an addendum has to be added to give the officers the ability to opt-out in writing of the ICMA. Mayor Deno would like to bring back the addendum at next month's meeting.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there were no citizen comments.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Council President Fernandez reported that there was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Appointment of Council Liaison's

Council President Fernandez appointed the following:

Beautification & Planning and Zoning – Debra Conover

Seniors – Elizabeth Taylor Martinez

Public Works – Richard Block

Recreation – Jorge Arce

Police Department – Gabriel Fernandez

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the meeting for the month of October, 2019 was canceled.

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

Lt. Morales inquired if there were any questions regarding the statistics.

Mayor Deno reported that there is a traffic back up of traffic on 36 Street and had asked the Chief to look into vehicles that are heading north bound in a south bound lane.

9. **RECREATION**

Mayor Deno reported that soccer is still going strong.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

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

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

A. ORDINANCE NO. 363 – SECOND READING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA,
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 362 RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR
PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING OF GOODS AND SERVICES;
CLARIFYING EXEMPTION PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Cuadra stated that this is the second reading for Ordinance No 363 which amends Ordinance No 362 which should list exemptions to the competitive bidding requirements, omitted list exempt provisions from competitive services. Attorney Cuadra stated that Ordinance No 363 lists the exempt provisions thus correcting a scrivener's error.

Council President Fernandez passed the gavel to Council Member Block. A motion by Council Member Conover to approve the second reading of Ordinance No 363 was seconded by Council President Fernandez. The motion passed 2-1 with Council Member Block voting no.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Block reported that he and Council Member Conover attended the memorial services for former Council Member Steven Petterson at Blessed Trinity Church. Mayor Deno and Council wished a speedy recovery for Paul Bithorn

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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