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**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019
TOWN HALL 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Council Members: Elizabeth Taylor Martinez
Debra Conover
Jorge Arce
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 6:45 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 – July 18, 2019

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of July 18, 2019 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

B. Regular Council Meeting - July 18, 2019

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

C. Special Council Meeting – August 6, 2019

A motion by Council Member Conover to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of August 6, 2019 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

D. Special Council Meeting – August 28, 2019

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of August 28, 2019 was seconded by Council Member Conover. The motion was approved 5-0.

E. Budget Workshop Meeting – August 28, 2019

A motion by Council Member Conover to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop meeting of August 28, 2019 was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

F. First Budget Hearing Meeting – September 9, 2019

A motion by Council Member Block to approve the minutes of the First Budget Hearing meeting of September 9, 2019 was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion was approved 5-0.

2. **BEAUTIFICATION**

A. Council President Fernandez reported that the minutes for the August 7, 2019 meeting were provided.

Beautification Member Jaime Fierro inquired if there were any questions.

3. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

A. Final Budget Hearing scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Deno reported that the First Budget Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

B. Jose Fuentes from Becker & Poliakoff would like to report that the Village of Virginia Gardens was able to secure two appropriations through Manny Diaz and Bryan Avila. The projects are \$385,000 each. Mr. Fuentes reported that the Special sessions began this week.

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**

Council President Fernandez reported that there was no new business.

7. **PLANNING & ZONING**

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

8. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

A. Council Member Block reported that the statistics for the month of July, 2019 and August, 2019 have been submitted.

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

B. Request Council Approval of new applicant, Mr. Angel Lluvet for a reserve position.

A motion by Council Member Arce to approve Mr. Lluvet for the position as a reserve police officer was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.

Mayor Deno thanked Detective Darwin Villaviciencio for his Active Shooter Training Class for the Post Office and thanked Darwin for all his hard work. Chief Hernandez Commended Detective Villaviciencio for his hard work on the strong-armed robbery case which resulted in an arrest.

Chief Hernandez reported that he contacted Attorney Cuadra regarding off duty details. Attorney Cuadra reported that all off duties must be coordinated through a municipality and not independently. Chief Hernandez reported that off duties will be conducted correctly and through our Mutual Aid Agreements. Attorney Cuadra stated that our off-duty details are now currently running correctly and compliantly.

Attorney Cuadra reported that we will have an off-duty program ready by the next meeting.

9. **RECREATION**

Recreation Director Jimmy Carter reported that the Miami Springs Optimist Club is having a BBQ throwdown on Saturday at 6:30. Recreation Director Carter reported that opening day for soccer season is October 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

10. **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Work Director Martin reported that everything that he was working on was covered by the Mayor's report.

11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

A. RESOLUTION NO. 955

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF VIRGINIA GARDENS, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IN ADDRESSING THE HEALTH CRISIS PRESENTED BY THE USE OF E-CIGARETTES BY BANNKIN AND/OR RESTRICTING SALES TO MINORS.

Attorney Cuadra is requesting Council Approval of Resolution No. 955 and urges the Florida Legislature to take immediate and direct action in addressing the grave health crisis relation to e-cigarette use by minors by banning and or restricting e-cigarettes sales to minor.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve Resolution No. 955 was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 5-0.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 363 – FIRST 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 Ordinance No 363 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.

A motion by Council Member Taylor Martinez to approve the first reading of Ordinance No 363 was seconded by Council Member Arce. The motion passed 5-0.

12. **GOOD & WELFARE**

Council Member Taylor Martinez is asking for prayers for Melanie Martinez.

13. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion by Council Member Block to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. was seconded by Council Member Taylor Martinez. The motion was approved 5-0.