

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,
2 held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue, Orange
3 City.

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

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7 The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Strickland and roll call was taken.

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9 **ROLL CALL**

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11 **PRESENT:** Mayor Harley Strickland; Vice Mayor Jeff Allebach; Council Members, Tom Laputka,
12 Tom Abraham, Don Sherrill, Paul Rasch, Jim Mahoney; City Attorney William Reischmann; Interim
13 City Manager Chester Murray, City Clerk Deborah Renner

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15 **INVOCATION**

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17 The Invocation was given by Ann Marie Seiler, Mosaic Unitarian Universalist Church, followed by the
18 Pledge of Allegiance.

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20 **1. ABSENCES:** None at this time

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22 **2. PRESENTATIONS:** **Proclamation – 2010 Census**

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24 Jose F. Martinez-Garriga, Partnership Specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau came forward and showed a
25 DVD regarding the 2010 Census (copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these
26 minutes). Mr. Martinez-Garriga stated that democracy is dependent upon fair and equitable
27 representation in Congress. The United States Constitution mandates a census of the population every
28 ten years to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the
29 United States. It is the goal of the Partnership Program to increase the response rate. Census
30 questionnaires will be mailed out mid-March 2010 and must be completed and returned by April 1,
31 2010. The questionnaire is short and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It asks about demographic
32 information such as name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship and whether the respondent owns or
33 rents their home. Questions about how we live as a nation, our diversity, education, housing, jobs and
34 more are now covered in the American Community Survey that is conducted every year throughout the
35 decade and replaces the Census 2000 long form questionnaire. The responses to the 2010 Census
36 questionnaire are strictly confidential.

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38 Council Member Laputka read a proclamation into the record proclaiming support for the goals and
39 ideals for the 2010 Census and encouraging all citizens to participate in activities to raise overall
40 awareness and participation in the Census process. Mr. Martinez-Garriga accepted the proclamation.

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42 Mayor Strickland commented that he attended several of the Community Block Development meetings
43 and learned that due to a lack of response to the 2000 Census, the City was not able to apply for
44 community block grants for several neighborhoods in the City. In addition, the City lost other potential
45 federal funding sources because there was no census data. An estimated 68% of the residents in Volusia
46 County completed the 2000 census. In response to a question from Mayor Strickland, Mr. Martinez-
47 Garriga said that \$400 billion is available annually, which equals \$3 trillion over a ten-year period.

1 Mayor Strickland stressed the importance of completing the census questionnaire noting that if more
2 people responded it would increase the City’s funding. He said that he has been talking to his neighbors
3 about the matter and recommended that everyone do the same. Mayor Strickland stated, “I think that we
4 need to all commit to make this happen.” He thanked Mr. Martinez-Garriga for coming.

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6 **3. CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

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8 Hugh Strickland, 420 May Street, came forward and advised that there would be a free concert on
9 Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Library Hall by the Middle School Band. He invited everyone to attend.

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11 **4. CONSENT AGENDA:** None at this time

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13 **5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING** None at this time

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15 **6. PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES – SECOND & FINAL READING:**

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17 **A. ORDINANCE NO. 396:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of
18 Orange City, Florida authorizing the granting to Florida Public Utilities
19 Company, its successors and assigns, a non-exclusive artificial, natural, and/or
20 mixed gas franchise to use the public rights of way of the City of Orange City,
21 Florida, and prescribing the terms and conditions under which said franchise
22 may be exercised; making findings; providing for non-codification, conflicts,
23 severability and effective date; and repealing prior ordinance.

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25 Vice Mayor Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 396 into the record.

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27 **Council Member Sherrill moved to adopt Ordinance No. 396 on second**
28 **and final reading, seconded by Council Member Mahoney.**

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30 Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wanted to speak for or against the
31 proposed ordinance.

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33 Mr. Reischmann reminded Council that Ordinance No. 396 was considered and approved on first
34 reading, with the stipulation that second reading be delayed until The Most Favored Nation Agreement
35 came forward. Ordinance No. 402 – The Most Favored Nation Agreement was approved on first
36 reading at the July 28th Council meeting and both are to be considered on second reading this evening.

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38 Mr. Reischmann said that Ordinance No. 396 is a franchise agreement with Florida Public Utilities
39 (FPU) and is required by the Charter. Adopting this ordinance will allow the City to continue its
40 franchise relationship with FPU. Ordinance No. 402, The Most Favored Nation Agreement (further on
41 the agenda) protects the City in the event FPU enters into a franchise agreement with another
42 municipality for an amount greater than the contractual amount than it has with Orange City. The City
43 could then automatically amend its franchise agreement with FPU to the greater amount.

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45 There being no further requests to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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47 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**

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1 **B. ORDINANCE NO. 399:** An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida,
 2 annexing the Burns property into the corporate limits of the City of Orange
 3 City, Florida; said property being generally located on the north side of Birch
 4 Avenue, approximately 250 feet west of South Volusia Avenue, containing
 5 approximately 0.31 acres; in accordance with the voluntary annexation
 6 provisions of Florida Statute 171.044; redefining the boundaries of the City of
 7 Orange City by amending the appropriate sections of the code of ordinances;
 8 containing a repealer provision, a severability clause and providing for an
 9 effective date.

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 11 Vice Mayor Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 399 into the record.

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 13 **Council Member Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 399 on**
 14 **second and final reading, seconded by Council Member Mahoney.**

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 16 Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wished to speak for or against this
 17 ordinance.

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 19 Jim Kerr, City Planner came forward and noted there were no changes.

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 21 There being no further requests to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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 23 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**

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 25 **C. ORDINANCE NO. 400:** An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida,
 26 annexing the Cateriny property into the corporate limits of the City of Orange
 27 City, Florida; said property being generally located on the north side of West
 28 Rhode Island Avenue, approximately 550 feet west of South Volusia Avenue,
 29 containing approximately 0.34 acres; in accordance with the voluntary
 30 annexation provisions of Florida Statute 171.044; redefining the boundaries of
 31 the City of Orange City by amending the appropriate sections of the code of
 32 ordinances; containing a repealer provision, a severability clause and
 33 providing for an effective date.

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 35 Vice Mayor Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 400 into the record.

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 37 **Council Member Mahoney moved to adopt Ordinance No. 400 on second**
 38 **and final reading, seconded by Vice Mayor Allebach.**

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 40 Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wished to speak for or against this
 41 ordinance.

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 43 Jim Kerr noted there were no changes.

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 45 There being no further requests to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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 47 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**
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1 **D. ORDINANCE NO. 401:** An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida,
 2 annexing the Ariel Ministries property into the corporate limits of the City of
 3 Orange City, Florida; said property being generally located on the north side
 4 of East Graves Avenue, approximately 300 feet west of Monastery Road,
 5 containing approximately 4.86 acres; in accordance with the voluntary
 6 annexation provisions of Florida Statute 171.044; redefining the boundaries of
 7 the City of Orange City by amending the appropriate sections of the code of
 8 ordinances; containing a repealer provision, a severability clause and
 9 providing for an effective date.

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 11 Vice Mayor Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 401 into the record.

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 13 **Council Member Mahoney moved to adopt Ordinance No. 401 on second**
 14 **and final reading, seconded by Council Member Rasch.**

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 16 Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wished to speak for or against this
 17 ordinance.

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 19 Jim Kerr noted there were no changes since first reading. He pointed out this property is 4.86 acres, and
 20 puts the City closer to its stated goal of increasing the boundaries to 7.0 acres square miles.

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 22 There being no further requests to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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 24 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**

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 26 **E. ORDINANCE NO. 402:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City of
 27 Orange City, Florida approving an agreement with the Florida Public Utilities
 28 Company, its Successors and Assigns relating to and supplementing, a non-
 29 exclusive artificial, natural, and/or mixed gas franchise to use the public rights
 30 of way of the City of Orange City, Florida; making findings; providing for
 31 non-codification, conflicts, severability and effective date; and repealing prior
 32 ordinance.

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 34 Vice Mayor Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 402 into the record.

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 36 **Council Member Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 402 on**
 37 **second and final reading, seconded by Council Member Mahoney.**

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 39 Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wished to speak for or against this
 40 ordinance.

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 42 Mr. Reischmann advised that Ordinance No. 402 is the “Most Favored Nation” agreement referenced
 43 earlier. Paragraph two of Exhibit A, contains language that would protect the City if FPU were to enter
 44 into another franchise agreement with another municipality for a higher rate than what is stated in this
 45 agreement.

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 47 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**
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1 There being no further requests to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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3 **7. RESOLUTIONS:**

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5 **A. RESOLUTION NO. 557-09:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of
6 Orange City, Florida, authorizing and directing the execution of an
7 agreement between the City of Orange City and the Volusia County Sheriff's
8 Office for the provision of police dispatch services; repealing all resolutions
9 in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date.

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11 Vice Mayor Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 557-09 into the record.

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13 **Council Member Laputka moved to adopt Resolution No. 557-09,**
14 **seconded by Council Member Sherrill.**

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16 Police Chief Jeff Baskoff came forward and advised this agenda item is for renewal of the City's Police
17 Dispatch Services contract with Volusia County beginning FY 2009-2010. It is a one-year contract for a
18 total cost of \$180,561, which is slightly higher than a 5 percent increase over the current contract. The
19 proposed contract is similar to the current version. The main difference is the provision added to section
20 2. Terms of Agreement, subsection c. Payment of Services, which states, "However, in the event of
21 unforeseen circumstances resulting in increased costs, cost of services may be increased after consulting
22 with the City." Chief Baskoff said he spoke with the County attorney to determine what would
23 constitute "unforeseen circumstances" and was advised it would include matters beyond the County's
24 control such as an unforeseen union mandated pay increase for dispatchers. It does not include costs
25 that are incurred normally such as equipment upgrades, etc. He said that while the County does not
26 anticipate any "unforeseen circumstances", the provision was provided as precaution in case it does
27 occur. The City would be notified and given an opportunity to approve or reject any proposed increases.
28 Chief Baskoff said the City has no complaints with the services provided. There were some problems
29 with a software upgrade, but the issues have been resolved. The County now has GPS capabilities. The
30 dispatchers are able to determine the location of Orange City Police Officers at all times because GPS
31 transmitters are in all police vehicles. Chief Baskoff said staff is asking permission for the City
32 Manager to enter into this contract.

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34 Council Member Laputka spoke in favor of this action. He expressed his concerns about the costs the
35 City would incur if it were to operate its own police dispatch service. Chief Baskoff said that next year
36 the Federal government would begin to regulate radio frequencies trying to provide a uniform
37 communicating system for all agencies. The Sherriff's office could encumber additional costs as a
38 result, however that would not be classified as "unforeseen costs." Mr. Murray pointed out that the cost
39 is still a bargain, it would cost the City about a 1/2 million dollars to set up a similar program.

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41 Mayor Strickland pointed out there is no procedure for negotiating or letting the City know in advance,
42 what the increase would be. He asked if that is important. Mr. Reischmann advised there is language in
43 Section 4 Resolution of Disputes to address issues pertaining to quality of service; however, the costs
44 and unforeseen circumstances are not defined. Mr. Reischmann suggested it would depend on staff's
45 comfort level with the County, because this agreement does give the County the opportunity to impose
46 unforeseen increased costs on the City. Chief Baskoff advised that the contract does allow for a yearly
47 fee increase but the City must be notified by May 1. Mayor Strickland said that he is raising the issue
48 because over the years the City has had problems with the County but that he would defer the matter to

1 the City Manager. Mr. Murray said that he understands the concerns but felt it does not warrant
2 delaying the signing of the contract because of the City's lack of alternatives. He said that he would
3 speak with the Sheriff's Office to see if some of the language could be modified. In response to a
4 question from Mr. Murray, Chief Baskoff said that all the cities in the County are considering this
5 agreement.

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7 Council Member Rasch questioned whether staff is satisfied with the quality of service provided by the
8 Sheriff's Office. Chief Baskoff responded in the affirmative. He advised that Dispatch has upgraded its
9 equipment and the dispatchers are very professional. In addition, the City does not have to deal with
10 personnel issues.

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12 Mayor Strickland spoke in support of executing the dispatch agreement. He stated, "I just am not very
13 comfortable with the County." He suggested that Mr. Murray speak with the County and express the
14 Council's concerns. Mr. Murray asked for further clarification. Mayor Strickland advised he is
15 recommending that Mr. Murray discuss the matter with the Sheriff's office, on behalf of the Council,
16 and reach an amiable agreement.

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18 Council Member Mahoney said he shares the Mayor's concerns. The language in last paragraph on
19 page two states, "...the total cost of the services by a figure that does not exceed the actual increase in
20 the cost of the services provided." He said the language is too vague. He stated, "I mean they can
21 simply change some formula of how they allocate space. I don't like that fact." Chief Baskoff said that
22 when he read the paragraph he understood it to mean negotiations would take place. In response to a
23 question from Council Member Laputka, Chief Baskoff said that historically the City has been paying a
24 5% increase every year. It was contractual and was spelled out in the contract. Mayor Strickland
25 pointed out it is not in this contract. Council Member Mahoney agreed, stating, "These economic times
26 are different."

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28 Mr. Reischmann noted that this is a one-year agreement that provides an opportunity for annual review.
29 The County would be able to come back to the City with new or unforeseen costs and increase the
30 agreement amount. Paragraph 2-b, while it is not clear exactly what the process is, gives the City a
31 chance to agree with the increase or to terminate the agreement with a 180-day or six-month notice if
32 staff is not comfortable with either the amount or the justification for the increase. These types of
33 contracts are a benefit for the County because it helps with shared fixed expenses. It would be
34 incumbent upon the County to work with local governments and make sure both sides are happy.

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36 Mr. Murray agreed. Currently Deltona provides the City's Fire dispatch and if necessary, the City could
37 negotiate with Deltona. Chief Baskoff remarked there are other options, the City could be dispatched
38 from anywhere in the country. Mayor Strickland stated, "So there is some competition, that is my
39 concern."

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41 In response to a question from Council Member Abraham, Chief Baskoff re-stated this contract is for
42 one year and the total cost is \$108,561. Mr. Murray advised the previous contract was for three years
43 with a guarantee of no more than a 5% annual increase. This proposed contract is for one-year.

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45 Council Member Mahoney pointed out that the timing may be an issue if the City were to dispute an
46 increase. The May 1 deadline and the six-month notification for termination would extend into the new
47 fiscal year. He questioned whether that timing mattered. Mr. Reischmann said it could be an issue
48 depending on when the City received notification of a potential increase. Council Member Mahoney

1 expressed his desire that staff work on the language of the contract. He stated, "I would like to see some
2 tighter language... These terms are too loose for me personally." Chief Baskoff suggested that the City
3 execute the contract for FY 2009-2010 and that staff begin negotiating for new language for the next
4 fiscal year. If the City is not happy with the negotiations, as of May 1 the City could terminate the
5 contract. Discussion ensued about the best way to proceed.

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7 As a point of order, Mayor Strickland said there is a motion on the floor. Council has talked about the
8 City Manager working with the County to "tighten" up the language. He suggested that the City
9 Manager work with Council Member Mahoney to find the appropriate language and authorize the City
10 Manager to execute the contract once that is completed.

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12 Vice Mayor Allebach said this resolution is authorizing the signing of the police dispatch agreement for
13 FY 2009/2010 at a cost of \$108,000. He said he feels this contract is acceptable for 2009-2010 and
14 suggested that Council direct staff to make sure there are delineations in future contracts. The Chief is
15 telling Council that he is happy with the services provided and the efficiencies that the Sheriff put in to
16 provide better dispatch services. He stated, "I am willing and ready to somehow call this question."
17 Council Member Sherrill said that he agrees with the Mayor, he does not trust the County. Council
18 Member Laputka said he agrees with the Vice Mayor.

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20 As a point of order, Mayor Strickland said Mr. Allebach has called the question. Mr. Reischmann
21 pointed out that the resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute this agreement however, the
22 agreement provides a space for the Mayor to sign. He asked Chief Baskoff if that would be an issue.
23 Chief Baskoff said that he did not believe that would be a problem, that the City Manager has done it in
24 the past.

25 **Motion passed by a 6/1 roll call vote of the Council, with Mayor**
26 **Strickland voting "no".**

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28 **B. RESOLUTION NO. 558-09:** A resolution of the City of Orange City, Florida,
29 opposing the proposed thirty-percent base rate increase by Florida Power and
30 Light (FPL); providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing
31 for an effective date.

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33 Vice Mayor Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 558-09 into the record.

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35 **Council Member Laputka moved to adopt Resolution No. 558-09,**
36 **seconded by Council Member Rasch.**

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38 Mayor Strickland advised everyone to contact the Public Service Commission and express his or her
39 concerns regarding this proposed rate increase. He said an 800-phone number is available in the
40 telephone book.

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42 Referring to the last sentence of the eight Whereas in the Resolution, Council Member Mahoney noted
43 that it states "The sole purpose of the rate increase according FPL is to increase the rate of return to
44 investors to 12.5% from the current 10.88%." He questioned whether FPL had actually made that
45 statement. Vice Mayor Allebach said that they did. FPL told the Public Service Commission that
46 nobody would invest with FPL for infrastructure and improved power grids for a 10.88% rate of return.

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48 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**

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2 **C. RESOLUTION NO. 559-09:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of
3 Orange City, Florida, rescheduling the regularly scheduled meeting of
4 September 22, 2009; repealing all resolutions in conflict herewith and providing
5 for an effective date.
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7 Vice Mayor Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 559-09 into the record.
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9 **Council Member Mahoney moved to adopt Resolution No. 559-09,**
10 **seconded by Council Member Rasch.**

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12 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**
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14 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

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16 **A. Contract for Animal Control Services**
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18 Chief Baskoff advised the purpose of this agenda item is to renew the animal services contract with the
19 Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Volusia, Inc. (SPCA). He said that currently the SPCA
20 charges the City \$24 to remove and care for an animal and that cost increased to \$40 per animal.
21 Council Member Rasch said he observed that some of the animals had been in the compound for a
22 while. He questioned if the animals could be removed more timely. Sergeant Lariscy stated that all but
23 one of the animals was removed.
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25 Chief Baskoff said the cost increased, significantly, but is still cheaper than entering into a contract with
26 the Humane Society. He explained that in addition to animal removal, the SPCA cares for the animal
27 until it is adopted and provides spay and neutering service. Mr. Murray said that he is comfortable with
28 the animal control program. Overall, the City is well within budgeted projections. He said originally,
29 he anticipated 200-300 animals for the first 5 months, but that has not occurred. Sergeant Lariscy is
30 doing a great job and that is reflected in the fact there have been no complaints since the program
31 started. Chief Baskoff agreed the program is doing well. Scanners were provided so that captured
32 animals could be scanned for identity chips. An animal captured today had an identity chip and as a
33 result was returned to its owner. He congratulated Sergeant Lariscy for his efforts. In response to a
34 question from Mayor Strickland, Chief Baskoff said the animal compound is monitored by two cameras
35 that feed into the Police department. Mr. Murray pointed out that once an animal is captured a picture is
36 taken and uploaded to the City web page from the compound. If a dog or cat is missing, residents can
37 go the City web page.
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39 **Vice Mayor Allebach moved that the Council authorize the City Manager**
40 **to execute the contract between Orange City and the SPCA of Volusia,**
41 **seconded by Council Member Sherrill.**
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43 Council Member Abraham questioned the budget line item for animal control in the proposed FY 2009-
44 2010 budget. He asked whether the maintenance of the compound was included. Mr. Murray
45 responded that the maintenance of the compound is funded in the Public Work department budget.
46 Council Member Abraham observed that the projected costs for FY 09/10 decreased by \$4,000 and then
47 increases slightly for FY 10/11. Mr. Murray said that is the projected amount.
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Motion passed by a 7/0 voice vote of the Council.

9. NEW BUSINESS None at this time

10. REPORTS

A. City Manager

Mr. Murray reported that the citizen that planned to donate her property to the City for a pocket park decided instead to sell the house.

Council Member Sherrill asked if there was any news on the Monastery. He said it is really an “eyesore”. Mr. Murray noted that that the monastery was purchased this week. The City Building Official’s church bought the Monastery and hired a general contractor. Renovations should start soon. Mr. Murray said that he would speak to the previous owner about the golf cart shed. Council Member Sherrill stated, “They have it half way down, they need to complete the demolition.”

B. Mayor/City Council

Council Member Sherrill said there would be a WAV meeting on August 19. He anticipates discussions about dismantling WAV.

C. City Clerk

Ms. Renner provided an update on the qualifying of potential candidates for the upcoming election. She said that two people have already qualified for the at-large seat; three people are in the process of qualifying for the District 4 seat; and two people in the process of qualifying for District 5.

D. City Attorney

No further report.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 28, 2009

Vice Mayor Allebach moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2009 Regular Council Meeting seconded by Council Member Laputka and passed by a unanimous 7/0 voice vote of the Council.

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Abraham spoke about the upcoming elections. He stated, “Everyone has a responsibility to educate the public about the voting rights of the citizens. Now that the districts have come, they need to know that they have to cast their vote twice, one for their district representative and another for the at-large candidate. If they don’t understand this very clearly, then the candidate would definitely pay for that.”

As requested by Mayor Strickland, Ms. Renner advised Council that the Governor has called a special election for Tuesday September 15. As a result, the canvassing board training date was changed to

1 Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Notice of the training will be in the
2 newspaper and on the City web site.

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4 Vice Mayor Allebach said the he observed new trees in the median on U.S. 17-92, he said that is Phase
5 II of the project with the Department of Transportation Beautification project. He said it was not free
6 because taxpayer money was used, however, the City of Orange City did not have to fund the project.

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8 Council Member Laputka said that he attended Orange City’s “National Night Out” Event last Tuesday.
9 The firefighters had all their equipment out, the jaws of life, etc., he said it was interesting. He stated,
10 “Council Member Rasch got there early and he was given a preferred parking space, turns out it was his
11 car, they clipped the top off of it, made it a convertible, and took the doors off. It was kind of sporty.
12 So I think that he was pleased with the outcome of that.”

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14 Council Member Rasch stated I think that everyone got this report from the Water District. He said that
15 it is interesting that an organization interested in preserving the environment puts out a report with a
16 blank page. He stated, “That’s always nice, they care about the water but not about the trees.” He said
17 the report is an evaluation of the cost effectiveness of rainwater harvesting in East Central Florida for
18 irrigation. He expressed his concern that the Saint John’s River Water Management District
19 (SJRWMD) is concerned with alternative water for lawns and not about drinking water. Council
20 Member Rasch urged everybody to contact the SJRWMD and express his or her disappointment with
21 this report.

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23 Mayor Strickland said that over the weekend he received a call from the Volusia County Baptist Church
24 asking him to officially greet some visitors from Tajikistan. The City Clerk came in and put together
25 care packages. The visitors were a delegation of students who had been working in a program for three
26 years, and were required to write an essay in English. Several thousand children participated in the
27 program, and this delegation were the top winners who were rewarded with a trip to the United States.
28 Mayor Strickland said the Minister of Education from Tajikistan came into the office today and he
29 officially signed and presented him with an Orange City History book. The Mayor stated, “It was very
30 interesting and fun, they were really nice folks.”

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32 **13. ADJOURN**

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34 There being no further business, Mayor Strickland adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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36 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

APPROVED ON:

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40 Gloria Williams, CMC
41 Deputy City Clerk

August 25, 2009

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