

## MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

From: Chester Murray, Interim City Manager

*Order for Chester Murray*

Date: January 21, 2009

Re: Harley Strickland and Threadgill Traffic Light Synchronization

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### **Purpose:**

Staff is seeking approval from the City Council to allocate the additional cost associated with synchronizing the new traffic light that will be installed at Harley Strickland Blvd and Threadgill Place with four existing traffic lights.

### **Background:**

The West Volusia Retail Center is near completion and as required by the development agreement the developer is ready to install the required traffic light at the intersection of Harley Strickland Blvd and Threadgill Place. Staff has determined that in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of residents and general public, the new traffic light at Harley Strickland Blvd and Threadgill Place should be synchronized with four existing traffic lights located at: (1) Harley Strickland Blvd and Veterans Memorial Pkwy, (2) Threadgill Place and Saxon Blvd, (3) Enterprise Road and Harley Strickland Blvd and (4) the hospital entrance off of Harley Strickland Blvd.

The additional cost associated to synchronize the new traffic light with the existing traffic lights is \$100,000. It is staff's opinion that the additional cost should be borne by the city and this can be justified due to the fact that the synchronization is an added benefit that will serve the health, safety and welfare of residents and general public, not just the West Volusia Retail Center. If Council approves the \$100,000 expense, the FY 08/09 budget will require an amendment. Staff anticipates amending the FY 08/09 budget in April 2009 at which time this item would be ratified. Further, it is proposed that the funding for this project would come from the undesignated fund balance that currently has a balance of just over \$4 million.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that council adopt Resolution No. 525-09 which will authorize the city to expense the \$100,000 for the cost associated with synchronizing the new traffic light with the existing traffic lights in the general area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 525-09**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA TO FUND CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE COST OF SYNCHRONIZING THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN THE GENERAL AREA OF HARLEY STRICKLAND BLVD AND THREADGILL PLACE; PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING FROM THE UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 TO PAY THE COSTS OF SUCH PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange City, Florida (the "City") desires to fund certain of the costs of a \$100,000 expenditure that will synchronize the new traffic light at Harley Strickland Blvd and Threadgill Place with four existing traffic lights (the "Project"), with available funds in the undesignated fund balance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that the "Project" will serve the health, safety and welfare of residents and the general public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City will fund the cost of up to \$100,000 to synchronize the new traffic light at Harley Strickland Blvd and Threadgill Place with four existing traffic lights located in the general area.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council authorizes the utilization of up to \$100,000 from the undesignated fund balance to pay for the "Project".

**SECTION 3.** The City Council directs staff to amend the FY 08/09 budget at a future date to properly appropriate the funding in the adopted FY 08/09 budget.

**SECTION 4.** The City Manager and the Finance Director of the City are hereby authorized to do all acts and things required of them by this Resolution for the full, punctual and complete performance of all the terms, covenants and agreements contained herein or necessary for the synchronization of the new traffic light with existing traffic lights in the general area.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

Jim Mahoney _____	Donald C. Sherrill _____
Tom Laputka _____	Tom Abraham _____
Donald Sandford _____	Jeff H. Allebach, Vice Mayor _____
Harley Strickland, Mayor _____	

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.**

**ATTEST:**

**AUTHENTICATED:**

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Deborah J. Renner, CMC, City Clerk

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Harley Strickland, Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

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William E. Reischmann, Jr., City Attorney