

1 **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City,  
2 Florida, held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly  
3 Avenue, Orange City.

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

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7 The meeting was called to order at 4:07 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 Tom Laputka; Council Members; Jeff Allebach,  
12 Tom Abraham, Anthony J. Pupello, Gary A. Blair, O. William (Bill) Crippen; City Attorney  
13 William Reischmann; City Clerk Deborah Renner

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15 **1. Public Comment**

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17 Ron Saylor, 361 Dixson Street came forward. Referring to the Resolution No. 593-40 he expressed  
18 concerns that the City may be required to financially support the location of a station in the City.

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20 Linda White, 1908 Salem Ct., Deltona came forward and spoke in support of a commuter rail station in  
21 the City. She said the City's support is "vital" to opening a dialogue about moving the station to this  
22 City and does not require financial support. Ms. White advised that if the resolution is approved she  
23 will work with the City Clerk in sending the notice to the appropriate people. In response to a question  
24 from Council Member Blair, Ms. White said that she is not proposing a location, however, the end of  
25 Rhode Island Avenue is "ideal." Originally a station was planned for Saxon Blvd. but it was moved to  
26 Ft. Florida Road in DeBary. The next station is proposed to be in DeLand completely bypassing Orange  
27 City. She explained the urgency was due to a March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Mr. Reischmann pointed out this  
28 resolution does state a specific location, just that a station is located within the City's planning  
29 boundaries.

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31 Ms. White discussed the implications of appointing a current department head as the Interim City  
32 Manager. She said they may be called upon to make some very hard decisions that could jeopardize  
33 their relationship with the incoming City Manager. Ms. White noted there are organizations that could  
34 assist in finding someone that specializes in working for short periods of time. She stated it is a fairer  
35 process than utilizing internal staff.

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37 **2. RESOLUTION NO. 593-10:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of  
38 Orange City, Florida, supporting the location of a SunRail station within the  
39 planning boundaries of the City of Orange City; repealing all resolutions or  
40 parts of resolutions in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date.

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42 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 593-10 into the record.

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44 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 593-10,**  
45 **seconded by Council Member Blair, motion passed by a 7/0 roll call**  
46 **vote of the Council.**

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48 **3. RESOLUTION NO. 592-10:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of  
49 Orange City, Florida, appointing an Interim City Manager for the City of

1 Orange City; repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict  
2 herewith and providing for an effective date.  
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4 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 592-10 into the record.  
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6 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 592-10,**  
7 **seconded by Council Member Crippen.**  
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9 Council Member Allebach questioned the difference between an acting and interim city manager. Mr.  
10 Reichmann explained an interim city manager is appointed for an indefinite period of time, while an  
11 acting city manager is appointed to act on behalf of a current City Manager during a limited absence.  
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13 Mayor Strickland said that he spoke with Michael Pleus, DeLand City Manager, and he offered to assist  
14 the City with contacting the Range Riders if a decision was not made this evening. Council Member  
15 Blair agreed using the Range Riders is a good idea and could result in a quick selection. Council  
16 Members Crippen, Pupello and Allebach concurred with Ms. White's statements about using a  
17 department head and spoke in support of using the Range Riders. Vice Mayor Laputka said that he  
18 spoke with Eugene Miller who previously worked as interim city manager for the City. He distributed  
19 copies of Mr. Miller's resume noting that he indicated he would be willing and could start by Friday.  
20 Council Member Abraham said that he does not know Mr. Miller, however, after reviewing his resume  
21 he felt he would be a good choice for the position.  
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23 It was the consensus of the Council to consider Mr. Miller as Interim City Manager. Council Member  
24 Laputka noted that Mr. Miller requested a \$10,000 per month flat rate fee, pro-rated for the duration of  
25 service. Council Member Blair expressed his concern that compensation for Mr. Miller may be costly.  
26 In response to a question from Mayor Strickland, Christine Davis said the former Interim City Manager  
27 was making approximately \$12,000 per month. A lengthy discussion about an appropriate  
28 compensation ensued.  
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30 As a point of order, Mayor Strickland noted the motion of the floor does indicate who would  
31 negotiate a contract. Mr. Reichmann noted that the resolution was prepared with blanks pending  
32 Council's direction.  
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34 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to amend Resolution No. 592-10 Section**  
35 **1, to add the name Eugene Miller in the blank space of seconded by**  
36 **Council Member Crippen, and passed by a 7/0 voice vote of the**  
37 **Council.**  
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39 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to amend Resolution No. 592-10, Section**  
40 **2 to read in the blank space to serve from February 12, 2010 until a**  
41 **permanent City Manager is appointed by Council, seconded by**  
42 **Council Member Crippen.**  
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44 Council Member Allebach questioned the service date noting that a City Manager would be  
45 appointed on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Strickland noted a City Manager would be selected on March 1<sup>st</sup>  
46 but would not begin to work until contract negotiations are concluded and the contract is approved  
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49 **Motion passed by a 7/0 voice vote of Council.**

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**Vice Mayor Laputka moved to amend Resolution No. 592-10, Section 4 to read compensation is \$10,000 per month flat rate fee, pro-rated (on a per diem basis) for the duration of service, seconded by Council Member Crippen, amendment passed with a 7/0 voice vote of Council.**

Mr. Reischmann noted that the language in Section 6 authorizes the Mayor to complete the negotiations and to execute a contract with Mr. Miller. He said this resolution would become effective at that time.

**The main motion as amended passed with a 7/0 roll call vote of Council.**

Council Member Allebach thanked Vice Mayor Laputka for contacting Mr. Miller. He stated that it was an ideal solution to the problem.

**4. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Strickland adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

**APPROVED ON:**

Gloria Williams, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

March 09, 2010