

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,  
2 held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue, Orange  
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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

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7 The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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; Tom Abraham,  
12 Anthony J. Pupello, Gary A. Blair, O. William (Bill) Crippen; City Attorney William Reischmann;  
13 Interim City Manager Chester Murray, City Clerk Deborah Renner

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15 **ABSENT:** Council Member Allebach

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17 The Invocation was given by Don Sherrill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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21 **2. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** Presentation of FY 2008/2009 Audit  
22 Tom Reilly, Holland & Reilly, CPA

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24 Tom Reilly, Holland & Reilly, CPA came forward to provide an overview of the audit process (a copy  
25 of the visuals for the audit presentation is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes). Mr.  
26 Reilly said Holland & Reilly issued an “unqualified” audit opinion for FY 2008-2009 which means the  
27 financial statements were prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles  
28 (GAAP), with no exceptions noted. A single federal audit was not performed because the City’s federal  
29 expenditures were not in excess of \$500,000. The financial statements will be submitted to the  
30 Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for their “Certificate of Achievement” award which  
31 the City has received for the past eight years.

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33 Mr. Reilly began his presentation with an overview of the current issues with the financial statements.  
34 He said the financial statements are composed of the government wide and the fund financial statement.  
35 Mr. Reilly noted the City had a decrease in interest earning this past year. He said the City received  
36 \$446,725 in overpayments from FEMA that is carried as a liability as FEMA will be seeking  
37 reimbursement once it realizes the error. The City incurred \$548,000 in debt related to the Sparkman  
38 Ridge Special Assessment District which will be repaid through property taxes over the years. Mr.  
39 Reilly said one of the major challenges facing local municipalities are mandates to find alternative water  
40 sources. The City has prepared for that event by collecting a surcharge on the water bills, which raised  
41 \$231,000 that has been set aside as a “nest egg.” Mr. Reilly advised that next year the City is required to  
42 implement an “Other Post Employment Benefits Liability” on the books. An actuary consultant was  
43 hired to determine what the liability will be.

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45 Mr. Reilly said the City's assets greatly exceeded its liabilities. The City had \$11 million in assets and  
46 \$10.3 million in liabilities with \$8.5 million in net assets in the General Fund. The Enterprise fund had  
47 \$12 million in assets, \$3.7 million in liabilities and \$8.3 million in net assets. Mr. Reilly explained that  
48 2007 and 2008 were exceptional years due to one-time expenditures that were not repeated in the  
49 subsequent years. In 2007 the City borrowed a line of credit for the failed West Volusia Partnership

1 Center and paid it back in the same year. In addition, in 2008 the City had expenditures that did not  
2 repeat in 2009 such as the contribution to the West Volusia Rhode Island Project and the settlement  
3 agreement with the former city manager. In 2009 the City went into a “tightening the belt” mode, which  
4 returned the City to the financial position it had in 2006.

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6 Mr. Reilly discussed the General Fund revenues by source. He said that property taxes are the largest  
7 revenue source for the city, which is consistent with prior years. He discussed the expenditures by type  
8 and function. He said the Public Safety and personnel services were the largest expenses.

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10 Mr. Reilly said the City's debt service is in “pretty good” shape, compared to other municipalities. He  
11 said the Fund balance increased by \$490,000 and most of it is unreserved and undersigned. He stated  
12 the City is in a “good liquid” position.

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14 Mr. Reilly said that every year the City had revenues in excess of expenses in the Enterprise Fund. In  
15 2005/2006 a rate study was conducted that recommended that the rates be raised in order to cover  
16 expenses each year. He said that City has done that to make sure the bond covenants and expenses are  
17 covered. The rates were increased in 2008 by 2.74% and wastewater by 3.5%, however this fiscal year,  
18 the City did not raise the rates because the alternative water charges. The expenses for the Enterprise  
19 fund are pretty spread out around the board. Almost one-quarter of the expense within the Enterprise  
20 Fund is coming from depreciation of capital assets. The net assets have had steady growth over the  
21 years and at the end of 2009 it was \$8.3 million, an increase of \$542,000 from the prior year.

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23 In response to a question from Mayor Strickland, Mr. Reilly said the City is financially in much better  
24 shape than others he has seen.

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26 **Council Member Blair moved to accept the FY 2008/2009 Audit,**  
27 **seconded by Vice Mayor Laputka, and passed by a 6/0 voice vote of the**  
28 **Council.**

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30 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

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32 Jim Cameron, Sr. VP Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce came forward to talk about the  
33 upcoming Volusia Day event in Tallahassee. Mr. Cameron said a bus will be taking 200 people to  
34 Tallahassee on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be “Jobs for Volusia.” This event is being funded by private  
35 sector funds. A number of speakers have been invited including legislators that deal with economic  
36 issues. He described the activities being planned and invited Council members to attend noting that a  
37 blue shirt is the required attire. In response to a question from Council Member Blair, Mr. Cameron  
38 advised no training sessions are planned, however, participants would be provided with information  
39 before March 24<sup>th</sup> and videos will be shown during the bus trip.

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41 Kate Wallace, 861 Tappan Circle came forward to talk about the County “mobile pet vet cruiser.” She  
42 said the pet vet cruiser offers a low-cost spay/neuter service and discussed the long-term benefits  
43 associated with the program. Ms. Wallace stated, “I would like to know what I personally can do...as  
44 this program will help the City, the citizens and the pet population.” Mayor Strickland acknowledged  
45 that some cities have contracted with the pet vet cruiser. He advised Ms. Wallace to contact Mr. Miller  
46 regarding the matter.

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48 Alan James, 1045 East Graves Avenue came forward and recalled that issues with regard to the sign  
49 ordinance were discussed some time ago. He requested an update. Mr. Reischmann advised that he

1 provided his comments to the Development Services Department. He stated his understanding that the  
2 matter would be brought before the Council once a new city manager is hired.

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4 Paul Rasch, 2058 Kings Richard Ct., came forward and said that the Council fired one of the best City  
5 Managers this City has ever had. He stated, "You've made a big mistake and the citizens of Orange City  
6 will have to pay."

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8 Linda Kownacki, 414 May Street, Interim Chair, Sustainable Water Committee, came forward and  
9 provided an update on the activities of the Sustainable Water Committee. She distributed handouts  
10 (copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes). Ms. Kownacki said a  
11 mission statement has been developed by the Committee. Referring to maps of the major watersheds of  
12 the Saint John's River Management District, Ms. Kownacki said the City is in the best area in the  
13 County regarding drainage. She explained watersheds are where the water flow converges and moves  
14 into the basin. She used the analogy of a plugged sink filled with water describing Orange City as the  
15 plug. Ms. Kownacki detailed the issues the Committee has been working on. She said that although the  
16 Committee agrees there is currently no water shortage, the mandates of the Saint John's River Water  
17 Management District require cities to look at alternative water sources. She said the Committee has  
18 been looking for long-term solutions involving conservation. The best way to cause conservation is to  
19 raise water rates equal to water usage. Using reclaimed water, changing regulations to reward  
20 conservation, using landscaping for conservation and obtaining grant funding are some of the other  
21 issues the Committee has been working on.

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23 Council Member Blair noted that studies have shown that West Volusia should run out of water first.  
24 Ms. Kownacki said the science used in the studies is being challenged as the methodology and data is  
25 being questioned. Council Member Blair expressed his opinion that if there is no water shortage, the  
26 City should not be charging the residents 25% more on their water bill. He noted the Sustainable Water  
27 Committee appears to be concentrating on water conservation. Ms. Kownacki said the Committee is  
28 looking at all possibilities. She acknowledged there is a lot of water in the area and suggested that the  
29 City needs to look at different ways of using the water that we have and reward those who conserve.  
30 She said if possible the 25% could be used to offer rebates to encourage water conservation. In response  
31 to a request from Mayor Strickland, Ms. Kownacki discussed the suggested revised alternative water  
32 source water fees. She said a \$4 flat fee for all water customers and an incremental surcharge based on  
33 upon usage should be charged. In response to question from Council Member Pupello, Paul Johnson,  
34 Public Works Director, came forward and stated the average residential use is 7,000 gallons per month.  
35 Mayor Strickland noted this matter would be discussed later on the agenda.

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37 Henry Durica, 1310 E. Lansdowne came forward and said that the reception at the library was excellent.  
38 He said that he hoped the candidates were asked whether they would become residents of the City.

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

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42 **5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:** None at this time

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44 **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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46 **A. ORDINANCE NO. 364:** An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida,  
47 annexing the RaceTrac property into the corporate limits of the City of  
48 Orange City, Florida; said property being generally located on the northeast  
49 corner of North Volusia Avenue and East New York Avenue, containing

1 approximately 3.91 acres; in accordance with the voluntary annexation  
2 provisions of Florida Statute 171.044; redefining the boundaries of the City  
3 of Orange City by amending the appropriate sections of the Code of  
4 Ordinances; containing a repealer provision, a severability clause and  
5 providing for an effective date.  
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7 Vice Mayor Laputka read the title of Ordinance No. 364 into the record.  
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9 **Council Member Blair moved to adopt Ordinance No. 364 on second**  
10 **and final reading, seconded by Vice Mayor Laputka.**  
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12 Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wanted to speak for or against the  
13 proposed ordinance.  
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15 Jim Kerr, City Planner came forward and introduced Steven Riddle, Project Manager for RaceTrac. Mr.  
16 Kerr said RaceTrac is building a new facility in DeLand and will soon be building a RaceTrac location  
17 on North Volusia Avenue and wishes to annex the property into the city. He pointed out the location on  
18 a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes)  
19 and said the property is contiguous to the city limits and meets State statutes on annexation. Mr. Kerr  
20 noted the first reading for this ordinance was held September 2008. Since that time, the site plan was  
21 being reviewed and was recently approved. In response to a question from Mayor Strickland, Mr.  
22 Riddle noted RaceTrac plans to “break ground” within the next three months.  
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24 Mr. Durica came forward and noted that within 2½ miles along U.S. 17-92 there are 8 gas stations. Two  
25 stations are closed and are an “eyesore” in the community. He questioned what impact a RaceTrac  
26 would have on the smaller gas stations that may be put out of business. He asked, “Will they become an  
27 “eyesore” as well?” Mr. Kerr pointed out that a RaceTrac will be constructed at that location whether  
28 the property is annexed into the city limits or not.  
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30 Council Member Pupello noted there are “nice” trees on the property he asked what arrangements the  
31 City has made to protect them. Mr. Kerr responded this site meets the requirements of the City’s tree  
32 ordinance. There being no further requests to speak, the mayor closed the public hearing.  
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34 **Motion passed by a 6/0 roll call vote of Council.**  
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36 **7. RESOLUTIONS:**  
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- 38 **A. RESOLUTION NO. 594-10:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of  
39 Orange City Florida, authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an  
40 agreement with the City of DeLand, the City of Deltona, and the County of  
41 Volusia for further refinement and peer review of the West Volusia Transient  
42 Groundwater Model, implementation of an environmental monitoring plan  
43 and additional consulting work in support of the aforementioned activities;  
44 and providing for an effective date.  
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46 Vice Mayor Laputka read the title of Resolution No. 594-10 into the record.  
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48 **Council Member Blair moved to approve Resolution No. 594-10,**  
49 **seconded by Council Member Crippen.**

1 Mr. Johnson came forward and advised this is a follow-up to an ongoing study the West Volusia  
2 Suppliers (the Suppliers) have been performing over the last 14 months. He provided a brief history,  
3 noting the water utilities of West Volusia joined together and have started and nearly completed a  
4 transient groundwater model that is a “living” model versus the static model that SJRWMD uses. Mr.  
5 Johnson said this resolution is for a peer review to validate the West Volusia Transient Groundwater  
6 Model findings. In addition, the Suppliers plan to implement an environmental monitoring plan which  
7 will require putting in wells and using an existing well that Orange City no longer uses for portable  
8 water supply. He said a monitoring plan will provide real data on the aquifer levels in the Blue Springs  
9 water shed area. The Suppliers anticipate a final report from the consultant on the groundwater model in  
10 early March. Mr. Johnson read an email from the contractor updating the Suppliers about the  
11 groundwater model in which the contractor said the groundwater model calibration is complete and  
12 looks good. During the calibration the contractor found an interesting condition north of Blue Spring  
13 that should reduce the overall spring flow impacts due to ground water pumpage. Mr. Johnson said the  
14 contractor is currently setting up a model to analyze the impact of the four utilities withdrawals after  
15 2020, 2025 and 2030. He also suggested the Suppliers estimate their withdrawals, using the new model  
16 and the current spring flow requirement of 142 cubic feet per second and then challenge the SJRWMD  
17 requirement to achieve 157 cubic feet per second as unreasonable and unnecessary. Mr. Johnson  
18 concluded by stating the Suppliers are close to having some “hard hitting” numbers to take to the  
19 District. He said that while the findings may not change the requirement to find a supplemental water  
20 supply, the requirement could be reduced to drawing water from the river for irrigation purposes. He  
21 stated, “That would be an ideal situation.” Vice Mayor Laputka and Council Member Crippen spoke in  
22 support of the resolution.

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24 **Motion passed by a 6/0 roll call vote of Council.**

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26 **B. RESOLUTION NO. 595-10:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of  
27 Orange City, Florida acknowledging and approving a second 12-month  
28 extension of the Development Order for the site plan of Chinchor Electric  
29 Industrial complex, on a 5.54 acre, said parcel located on South Leavitt  
30 Avenue approximately 450 feet south of East Rhode Island Avenue, Orange  
31 City, Florida; repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict  
32 herewith; and providing for an effective date.

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34 Vice Mayor Laputka read the title of Resolution No. 595-10 into the record.

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36 **Council Member Crippen moved to approve Resolution No. 595-10,**  
37 **seconded by Vice Mayor Laputka.**

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39 Wendy Hickey, Planning & Zoning Analyst came forward and advised that in 2007 Mr. Chinchor  
40 planned to expand his business on Leavitt Avenue. However due to the current economic downturn he  
41 was not able to get commercial financing. As a result he requested and was granted an extension of the  
42 development order for the site plan by the Development Services Director in 2008. Ms. Hickey advised  
43 that in April 2009 legislation was passed that provided Council the ability to extend development orders  
44 in one-year increments up to seven years. Staff is recommending Council approval of Mr. Chinchor’s  
45 second extension of the development order.

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47 **Motion passed by a 6/0 roll call vote of Council.**  
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- 1           **C. RESOLUTION NO. 596-10:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of  
2 Orange City, Florida acknowledging and approving a second 12-month  
3 extension to the Development Order for the site plan of Miller Road Centre a  
4 2.52 acre, said parcel located on Miller Road approximately 315 feet west of  
5 South Volusia Avenue, Orange City, Florida; repealing all resolutions or  
6 parts of resolutions in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.  
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8 Vice Mayor Laputka read the title of Resolution No. 596-10 into the record.  
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10           **Council Member Crippen moved to approve Resolution No. 596-10,**  
11           **seconded by Vice Mayor Laputka.**  
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13 Ms. Hickey advised this development has the same issue as the previous one. She said the owner plans  
14 to build a warehouse on Miller Road to provide office and storage space for professionals. However, he  
15 is unable to do it at this time due to the economy.  
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17           **Motion passed by a 6/0 roll call vote of Council.**  
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19 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**  
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21           **A. Alternative Water Fees Review and Discussion** (*Requested by Vice Mayor Laputka*)  
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23 Ron Saylor, 361 Dixon Street came forward and spoke in favor of the alternative water surcharge. He  
24 stated the fee is a “good” thing, but the people want to know where the money is going. He said an  
25 update should be provided every six months. The update could be put on the back of the water bills.  
26 Mr. Saylor also suggested giving a credit for installing conservation devices.  
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28 Council Member Blair spoke against the alternative water surcharge. He agreed with Mr. Saylor’s  
29 comments that the citizens need to know where the money is going. Council Member Crippen said he  
30 feels the surcharge is a good idea as the City will need an alternative water supply source that may  
31 require major changes to the infrastructure. He agreed an update as to where the money is going is  
32 necessary. Council Member Pupello said he supports collecting the money now but the City needs to do  
33 a better job in explaining where the money is going. Council Member Pupello noted water consumption  
34 has decreased since the implementation of the surcharge. He said he would support using the fees as  
35 rebates to encourage water conservation. Council Member Abraham said that Council was not told the  
36 truth about the fee and that he would support reversing the decision to add the 25% surcharge.  
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38 Vice Mayor Laputka said that he wanted this item on the agenda to facilitate discussion. He suggested  
39 the matter be placed on the agenda quarterly so that Council is kept informed as to where the money is  
40 going. Mayor Strickland noted that the City was facing an 80% reduction in its Consumptive Use  
41 Permit at the time the fee was implemented. He said that he does not believe the threat from the Water  
42 Management District will go away. He suggested that the City’s experience be shared with the members  
43 of the West Volusia Partners. If all water suppliers instituted a huge increase, the people would fight the  
44 problem “all the way to Palatka.”  
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46 Mr. Johnson pointed out the Suppliers will get a final report from the consultant with regard to the  
47 reclaim water retrofit conservation study in early March. He said it will have some strong goals for  
48 conservation, specific gallons per capita usage, targets that are attainable. The report will provide a list  
49 of what can be achieved, and will provide a good handle on the associated costs. He suggested that

1 Council wait to see what the recommendations and goals will be as it will give a “firmer” picture of  
2 what will be needed to achieve the maximum use of the current water supply. He stated perhaps some  
3 of the money that has been collected could be used toward conservation.  
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5 Council Member Blair recommended that Council take action tonight by repealing the \$4 per month  
6 surcharge. Mr. Reischmann advised the surcharge can only be repealed by a resolution noting that if  
7 directed, staff could prepare the resolution for the next meeting. Council Member Abraham concurred  
8 with Council Member Blair and suggested that the rate also needs to be decreased from 25 to 14%. He  
9 stated, “This Council needs to be a little bit more compassionate at this time.”

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11 **Council Member Blair moved to direct staff to prepare a resolution**  
12 **repealing the \$4 per month flat rate water fee and to lower the 25%**  
13 **surcharge to 14%, seconded by Council Member Abraham.**  
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15 Mayor Strickland questioned whether the ramifications of this action were fully considered. Mr. Miller  
16 suggested that he be given an opportunity to meet with staff to fully study the impact of this action.  
17 Mayor Strickland clarified that once staff has collected the necessary information on the impact of this  
18 action the resolution would be brought forward.  
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20 **It was the consensus of Council to allow Mr. Miller time to study the**  
21 **issue and provide a report to Council.**  
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## 23 **9. NEW BUSINES**

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25 Council Member Blair requested an agenda item to discuss how to handle the police department. He  
26 asked the City Manager to get a figure on what it would cost to have the Sheriff Department handle law  
27 enforcement services for the City. Council Member Blair stated it is not his desire at this time, however,  
28 the City should have a “Plan B”, depending on results of the internal investigation. Mayor Strickland  
29 concurred.  
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## 31 **10. REPORTS:**

### 32 **A. City Manager**

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35 Mr. Miller thanked Council for the opportunity to come back to the City again. He said that he is  
36 pleased to be back and working with many of the same people that he worked with in 2003. Mr. Miller  
37 said he will be preparing a Friday newsletter that will update Council on the activities of the City.  
38 Council Member Blair thanked Mr. Miller for agreeing to be the acting city manager. He stated, “You  
39 are a perfect fit for us right now.” Council Members Crippen, Pupello, Abraham and Vice Mayor  
40 Laputka concurred.  
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### 42 **B. Mayor/City Council**

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44 Mayor Strickland noted some of the upcoming events with the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce.  
45 He reported on the Volusia Council of Government (VCOG) meeting last night. He said one of the  
46 items discussed was growth management in Volusia County. He said there was no unity as many of the  
47 issues discussed are not experienced by each municipality. Mayor Strickland said the he spoke with  
48 County Council Member Andy Kelly about the MPO meeting. He was advised there were ongoing  
49 discussions regarding the location of the SunRail station. At this time, the County plans to honor their

1 agreement with DeBary to have the SunRail station in that city. Mayor Strickland said he would provide  
2 more information as it becomes available. In response to a question from Council Member Blair, Mayor  
3 Strickland noted Council must appoint an alternate to the MPO.

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5 **C. City Clerk**

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7 The City Clerk had no further report. Mayor Strickland thanked the City Clerk and staff for  
8 coordinating the city manager reception last week. He said it was well organized and a “wonderful”  
9 experience. Council Member Blair concurred. He said everyone took notice, including the candidates.  
10 Addressing the City Clerk Council Member Blair stated, “You did a fabulous job.”

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12 **D. City Attorney**

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14 Mr. Reischmann reported on the GEL developer’s agreement. He said that he and Allen Watts have  
15 been working with GEL’s new representative for the last month and are making progress. He said he  
16 anticipates a fully executed developer’s agreement would be completed soon. Mr. Reischmann provided  
17 a report on the attorney fees the City has incurred. He said legal fees paid by the City in 2007 totaled  
18 \$166,000, \$173,000 in 2008, and \$130,000 in 2009. The January bill was \$22,000 and February is  
19 running about \$12,000 to date. Mr. Reischmann noted the increased fees were due to the issues with the  
20 police department as significant time has been spent on public records requests and legal research. He  
21 said that once the matter is resolved the fees should go back to normal.

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23 **11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**February 9, 2010 Regular Meeting**

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25 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to approve the minutes of the February 9,**  
26 **2010 Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Crippen and**  
27 **passed by a unanimous 6/0 voice vote of the Council.**

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29 **12. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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31 Council Member Blair welcomed Mr. Miller. He thanked the City Clerk for the “great job” she did this  
32 weekend on the city manager reception and the scheduled interviews.

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34 Council Member Crippen concurred with Council Member Blair’s comments.

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36 Council Member Pupello said he received positive comments about the new Community Newsletter. He  
37 thanked Angel Smith and stated it was a “good job.”

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39 Council Member Abraham said that Council did its best to interview the city manager candidates in the  
40 time allotted. He said the City Clerk’s office can record an audio CD of the meeting. Council Member  
41 Abraham asked Council to listen to the recording as this is a very important decision. He said his  
42 question was on economy, environment and ethics. He said he intentionally asked that question as he  
43 feels that every city manager should have knowledge about “sustainability.” He said that he heard the  
44 word “sustainability” from only three candidates.

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46 Vice Mayor Laputka said the credentials of the candidates were “outstanding” and the interviews were  
47 “excellent.” He said he considered the personality and compatibility of the candidates to the City. He  
48 said that he continues to go back to the candidate’s comments and suggested that Council do the same.

1 Mayor Strickland said that he spoke with Mr. Baenziger and was advised that Council should contact the  
2 candidates directly if they have additional comments or questions. Mayor Strickland said that he wanted  
3 to address former Council Member Rasch’s comments about the former interim city manager. He  
4 requested that a Beacon editorial regarding Chester Murray be entered into the permanent record. The  
5 Mayor noted that Mr. Murray effectuated many positive changes as Development Services Director.  
6 Mayor Strickland offered his personal thanks for the many years of service that Mr. Murray provided.  
7 Council Members Abraham, Crippen, Pupello and Vice Mayor Laputka agreed with the Mayor’s  
8 comments. Council Member Abraham stated it was something that had to be done. Council Member  
9 Blair said that he was saddened when he read of Mr. Murray’s article in the newsletter. He expressed  
10 his belief that Mr. Murray wanted to go out “very gracefully” and he was not afforded that luxury.

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12 **13. ADJOURN**

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14 There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Strickland adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

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16 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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20 Gloria Williams, CMC

21 Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVED ON:**

March 09, 2010