

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,
2 held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue, Orange City.

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4 **CALL TO ORDER**

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6 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Strickland and roll call was taken.
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8 **ROLL CALL**

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10 **PRESENT:** Mayor Harley Strickland; Vice Mayor O. William (Bill) Crippen; Council Members Jeff
11 Allebach, Tom Laputka, Anthony J. Pupello, Gary A. Blair; City Attorney Bill Reischmann; City
12 Manager Jamie Croteau; City Clerk Deborah Renner
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14 **ABSENT:** Council Member Tom Abraham
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16 **INVOCATION**

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18 The Invocation was given by Pastor Randy Marquart, Calvary Chapel of West Volusia, followed by the
19 Pledge of Allegiance.
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21 **1. ABSENCES:** Shall the absence of Council Member Blair at the June 14, 2011 meeting be excused?
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23 **Vice Mayor Crippen moved to excuse the absence of Council Member**
24 **Blair at the June 14, 2011 meeting, seconded by Council Member**
25 **Allebach, and passed by unanimous 6/0 voice vote of the Council.**
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27 **2. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** None at this time
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29 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**
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31 Hugh Strickland 420 May Street came forward and requested that agenda items 4a and 4b be removed
32 from the Consent agenda to allow for citizen comments.
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34 Ron Saylor, 361 Dixon Street came forward to discuss water issues in his neighborhood. He provided
35 used water filters from homes on Dixon and Carpenter streets and he talked about the problems the
36 residents are having. He stated that when the City bought the Utility, it was informed that pipes on three
37 streets needed to be replaced. Mr. Saylor asserted that people are paying for drinkable water and not
38 getting what they paid for.
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40 Dalton Efird, 490 Varlene Street, DeLeon Springs came forward and said his family attended the July 4th
41 Festival in Orange City. He said the fireworks display was more than expected and he thanked Orange
42 City for putting on such a phenomenal program.
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44 **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**
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46 **It was the consensus of the Council that agenda items 4a and 4b be removed**
47 **from the Consent Agenda.**
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49 c) Approval of June 28, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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2 **Council Member Allebach moved to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2011**
3 **Regular Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Blair and**
4 **passed by a 6/0 roll call vote of the Council.**
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6 *(Discontinue Consent Agenda Format – Each item is voted on individually)*
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- 8 a) Resolution No. 644-11: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
9 Florida, rescheduling the regularly scheduled meeting of September 13, 2011; repealing all
10 resolutions in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date.
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12 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 644-11 into the record.
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14 **Council Member Laputka moved to adopt Resolution No. 644-11, seconded**
15 **by Council Member Blair.**
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17 Hugh Strickland, 420 May Street came forward to discuss his opposition to Resolutions 644-11 and 648-
18 11. He read from Section 2.06 of the Charter, noting that it states that Council cannot create new
19 obligations for the City during the interval between the general election and the swearing-in of newly
20 elected council members. He suggested there was still time to complete the budget process before the
21 election and expressed his belief that these resolutions violate the Charter. Mr. Strickland concluded by
22 asking Council to consider his comments when deliberating.
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24 Mr. Reischmann said he agrees with Mr. Strickland's comments that Council must be careful about
25 enacting new polices or creating new obligations. However he does not agree that applies to the budget
26 procedures as set forth by the State. He noted there is a relationship between Sections 2.06 and 4.03 of
27 the Charter. Before the Charter amendments, the City had a few days between the general election and
28 the swearing in of the new members so there would not be any time for the Council to create new
29 policies or obligations. Currently, the Charter calls for a general election in September and a run-off
30 election in November. Mr. Reischmann discussed what would constitute a new policy or obligation. He
31 stated his opinion that complying with the statutory process for enacting a budget would not be
32 interpreted as a violation of the Charter. Mr. Reischmann said the Council has a dilemma because of the
33 impact of the language changes to Section 4.03 onto Section 2.06. It is the law of unintended
34 consequences.
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36 Council Member Laputka asked what the risks are. Mr. Reischmann explained a budget is not a legal
37 obligation. It is a roadmap that will be implemented later through the creation of obligations such as
38 contracts and purchasing approvals. The worst case scenario is that someone would file an action of
39 declarative relief to challenge the adoption of the budget if it was done after the general election. He
40 reiterated that in his opinion, enacting the budget would not be a violation of the Charter.
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42 Council Member Pupello asked whether the City could complete the budget process during the
43 timeframes suggested by Mr. Strickland. Ms. Croteau said the budget hearing dates could be
44 rescheduled but only within a certain timeframe and as a result citizens may be excluded from
45 participating in the public hearings. Christine Davis, Finance Director came forward and said that
46 according to TRIM guidelines, the first date a public hearing can be held is September 3rd, a holiday
47 weekend, and the second public hearing would occur on September 18th which still falls beyond the date
48 of the election. At this time there is no way to accommodate by rearranging the calendar to have the
49 budget adopted by September 13th and still meet statutory requirements.

1 Council Member Allebach noted that the budget process has been the same for several years. Moving
2 the dates forward at this time would be a disservice to the citizens because it would eliminate public
3 input. He suggested that it was an insult to assume that outgoing council members would do anything
4 harmful to the City in which they live.

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6 Mr. Reischmann pointed out that Section 7.04 of the Charter mandates that the budget be fully adopted
7 by September 30th. It is based on State statutes. If there is any doubt as to how to interpret Section 2.06
8 together with Section 4.03, the specific language in Section 7.04 resolves it as it provides consistency
9 with State laws.

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11 Vice Mayor Crippen agreed the budget is a guide to spending in the City. He noted there are several
12 budget amendments throughout the year. He said it would appear that the City could proceed and still
13 be in compliance with State statute. Mr. Reischmann advised State statutes are very clear and dictate
14 how all local governments must proceed to adopt a budget. It is a statutory statewide preemption of this
15 process and it is very clear the City is obligated to follow that process. Council Member Blair agreed.

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

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19 b) Resolution No. 648-11: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange
20 City, Florida, calling for a General Election for Council Member Districts 1, 2, 3
21 and Mayor, and a run-off election if necessary to be held September 13, 2011
22 and November 8, 2011 respectively; listing the qualifying period during which
23 persons may file for said elections; officially notifying the Supervisor of
24 Elections of said dates; repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict
25 herewith and providing for an effective date.

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27 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 648-11 into the record.

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29 **Council Member Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 648-11,**
30 **seconded by Council Member Blair.**

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32 Mr. Strickland came forward and noted this resolution references a general election, not a regular
33 election. He said once the new Council takes office he will come forward requesting that the City revert
34 to its old schedule of having a primary in September and a general election in November. Mr.
35 Reischmann advised that the term “general elections” in the resolution be replaced with “regular
36 elections” to be consistent with the Charter.

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38 **Council Member Allebach moved to amend Resolution No. 648-11 by**
39 **replacing all instances of the term “general election” with “regular**
40 **election”, seconded by Council Member Blair.**

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42 In response to a question from Vice Mayor Crippen, Mr. Reischmann explained there is no real
43 difference between a general or regular election. He explained that before the Charter amendment the
44 first vote was called a primary election and the second vote a general election. It was flipped around and
45 the first vote is now called a “regular election” and the second is the “run-off.” The objective is that if
46 everyone wins in the regular election by more than 50% then only one election is required. The problem
47 is the one sentence in Section 2.06 that carried over from the earlier version of the Charter. The purpose
48 of this resolution is to provide notice to the Supervisor of Elections. In response to a question from Ms.

1 Renner, Mr. Reischmann recommended that all advertisements have language that is consistent with the
2 Charter.

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4 **Motion to amend passed by unanimous 6/0 roll call vote of the Council.**

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6 **Main motion passed by unanimous 6/0 roll call vote of the Council.**

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8 **5. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING:**

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10 **A. ORDINANCE NO. 464:** An ordinance of the City Council of the City
11 of Orange City, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article
12 IV, Code Enforcement, Divisions 1 and 2; relocating and adding
13 definitions; revising the procedure for issuance of code enforcement
14 notices and citations, the process for classification of violations and civil
15 penalties and the procedure to pay or contest violations; adding
16 provisions regarding judgments of the Court; providing for severability,
17 conflicts and effective date.

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19 Council Member Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 464 into the record.

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21 **Council Member Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 464 on first reading,**
22 **seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen.**

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24 Sgt. Greg Lariscy, Code Enforcement Supervisor came forward and provided a PowerPoint presentation
25 (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.) He stated the purpose of
26 this ordinance is to amend the City’s current civil citation process to address conflicts with Florida
27 Statute Chapter 162. It will provide conformity with the civil citation rules established by the local court
28 system and would provide a cost effective supplemental enforcement option. He assured Council the
29 hearing process will remain, that this action will provide an alternative to that process. Sgt. Lariscy
30 discussed the similarities and differences of the citation and hearing officer process and displayed
31 examples of the type of infractions where a citation process would be beneficial. Sgt. Lariscy said staff
32 recommends Council approve Ordinance No. 464.

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34 Mr. Reischmann advised that Chapter 162 F.S. provides two ways to enforce the code, through the
35 hearing officer and the citation process. This ordinance does not change the way the City enforces the
36 codes, it is a more practical way for Code Enforcement to bring certain violations into compliance. It
37 makes the City’s code consistent with Chapter 162 F.S. He classified this action as a “clean-up.”

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

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41 **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None at this time

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43 **7. RESOLUTIONS:**

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45 **A. RESOLUTION NO. 646-11:** A resolution of the City of Orange City, Florida,
46 relating to the collection and disposal of solid waste in the incorporated area of
47 Orange City, Florida; establishing the estimated assessment rate for solid waste
48 service assessments against assessed property located within the incorporated area
49 of Orange City, Florida, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011; directing

1 the preparation of an updated assessment roll; authorizing a public hearing and
2 directing the provision of notice thereof; and providing an effective date.

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4 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 646-11 into the record.

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6 **Council Member Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 646-11,**
7 **seconded by Council Member Allebach.**

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9 Ms. Davis advised that approving Resolution No. 646-11 will set the preliminary rate for the 2011 Solid
10 Waste Tax Roll. She provided a brief history noting that originally the solid waste fee was \$259. Last
11 year that rate was reduced to a blended rate of \$207 per month after the City successfully negotiated a
12 lower fee. This year is the first full year of the lowered rate of \$190 per month. Ms. Davis advised this
13 resolution establishes the maximum that the solid waste tax roll will be. She said letters will be sent to
14 any homeowner who was issued a certificate of occupancy during the past year, explaining what the
15 solid waste tax roll is. Ads will be run for four consecutive weeks and on August 23rd the final
16 assessment resolution will come forward. Ms. Croteau stated that now the garbage rate is approximately
17 what County resident's pay.

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

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21 **B. RESOLUTION NO. 647-11:** A resolution of the City of Orange City, Florida,
22 adopting a proposed millage rate for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year; establishing the
23 date, time and place for a public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the
24 tentative budget; directing communication, expressing legislative intent; repealing
25 all resolutions in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date.

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27 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 647-11 into the record.

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29 **Council Member Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 647-11,**
30 **seconded by Council Member Blair.**

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33 Ms. Davis advised the purpose of Resolution No. 647-11 is to set the tentative millage rate for FY 2011-
34 2012. The tentative rate establishes a ceiling on the millage rate assessment and cannot be increased.
35 Staff is recommending the rollback rate of 7.077 mills which would generate the same amount of ad
36 valorem taxes as last year. Ms Davis displayed a chart of historical data on the average annual taxes by
37 tax year (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes). She noted a
38 significant decrease in the taxable value of homes from 2007 to 2011 that resulted in a decrease in ad
39 valorem revenue as well. If the roll back rate is levied, it will produce the same amount of money as last
40 year and would provide a 6.1% decrease for the average resident. This calculation is based on the
41 current tax base, including commercial properties and annexations.

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43 Next, Ms. Davis displayed a chart of the various scenarios available for establishing a tentative millage
44 rate. She discussed the new State voting requirements for Council. She said the City could adopt a
45 7.6283 mills tentative tax rate which will provide an average residential tax bill of \$333 annually or \$28
46 per month. Another alternative is to set the tentative millage rate at 7.5338 which will generate the same
47 ad valorem taxes as last year for a \$329 annual or \$27 per month tax fee.

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1 Ms. Croteau explained the City delivered a budget below roll back last year and that is the reason the
2 tentative tax rate could be set at 7.6 mills with a majority vote. Staff is recommending that the
3 maximum rate be levied once the tentative rate is set. It can be decreased but cannot be increased. In
4 addition, it provides the average homeowner a decrease. Ms. Croteau said it has been another tough
5 budget year. The City's costs have increased, but there has been a 10% decrease overall in tax values.
6 She said the new State requirement that employees contribute to their pensions has decreased the
7 amount the City will pay this year, but it is anticipated that it will go back up the following year. She
8 recalled that staffing was decreased last year and that the remaining employees were asked to contribute
9 more this year. Even though the budget was levied below rollback last year, new programs were added.
10 Staff feels that these programs are very important to the community and if the rollback rate is levied the
11 City could continue to provide those types of services.

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13 A lengthy discussion ensued with each Council Member expressing their concerns about the tentative
14 millage rate. Council Members Allebach and Laputka and Vice Mayor Crippen said they can support a
15 7.5338 tentative millage rate because it is not a tax increase for the citizens. It will allow the City to
16 generate the same amount of ad valorem taxes as last year and the City can continue to provide
17 community events.

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19 Council Member Pupello said the City will be facing some tough challenges from the State that will be
20 burdensome. The citizens have expressed their appreciation of the enhancements the City has made to
21 the community. The roll-back rate will still provide such things. He questioned what additional
22 enhancements the City would provide if the tentative millage rate was set at 7.5338 mills.

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24 Council Member Blair said he can support 7.6283 mills as a tentative millage rate. He said it is the
25 maximum that can be assessed. It can be decreased and gives the City a lot of wiggle room. However,
26 he said he also could support 7.5338 mills if Council desires.

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28 Mayor Strickland cautioned Council to make sure the press understands what the millage rate will
29 achieve for the City. He said the press seems to be concerned with the millage rate and not the dollar
30 amount of taxes that will be generated. He said the tax value of a house in Orange City may be
31 completely different in another municipality. He said he could support the roll back rate.

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33 In response to a question from Council Member Pupello, Ms. Croteau said the City would generate
34 approximately \$200,000 in additional revenue if the millage rate were set at the 7.5338 mills. He
35 questioned what the City would do with the additional funding.

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37 Vice Mayor Crippen said if the citizenry is comfortable paying the same amount of taxes as last year,
38 this is a matter to discuss at the budget workshops. He noted that the City can come back down to roll
39 back, or the money could be used on the City's infrastructure. It is an opportunity to ask the citizens
40 what they want.

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42 Mayor Strickland stated staff is recommending the roll back rate. He asked the City Manger to discuss
43 how staff arrived at that decision. Ms. Croteau discussed some of the problems the City has had to
44 address. She said staff picked the roll back rate because it is not a tax increase and was surprised that
45 the average resident is going to get a decrease. It is very unusual. She attributed it to annexations over
46 the last year. Ms. Croteau said even though some of the capital needs of the City are going to go unmet,
47 staff felt they could provide the same level of service as last year at the roll back rate.

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49 **Council Member Blair moved that the tentative millage rate be set at**

1 **7.5338 for FY 2011/2012, seconded by Council Member Allebach.**

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3 Vice Mayor Crippen reiterated that this is the tentative maximum rate that can be set and there will be a
4 time to decrease if that is necessary.

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6 **Motion passed by a 5/1 roll call vote of Council, with Mayor Strickland**
7 **voting “no.”**

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9 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

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11 **A. Community Improvements**

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13 Paul Johnson, Public Works Director, came forward and stated staff was seeking approval to proceed
14 with two community improvement projects. He recalled that one of the goals for the City this year was
15 to create a dog park. Originally, money was set aside to fence off an area in Valentine Park. After
16 several discussions, staff feels that utilizing vacant land along S. Leavitt Avenue would be a better
17 location for the dog park. However additional funding is needed to complete the project. Mr. Johnson
18 displayed an aerial slide of the proposed dog park noting that a consultant did the conceptual design at
19 no cost. He discussed what would be required to build the dog park and stated the cost would be about
20 \$41,000. Mr. Johnson said the owner of G.E.L Recycling has offered to assist with the project by
21 putting in the entry and parking areas with lime rock base, or asphalt millings, clearing the path and
22 providing a mulch surface for the nature trail and by providing landscaping. His donation would lower
23 the City’s cost to \$23,000. Staff is contacting some of the local veterinarians and businesses to see if
24 they would help sponsor the dog park.

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26 Gene Evans, owner GEL Recycling came forward and stated, “Some cities have river walk, some have
27 beach walks, we (the City) can have dog walks.” He stated he is looking forward to participating with
28 the City on this project.

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30 Council Member Blair thanked Mr. Evans for partnering with the City. He questioned what the cost to
31 maintain the dog park will be. Mr. Johnson said staff is already maintaining the property and that the
32 use of staff time is the only other expense that would be incurred.

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34 Mayor Strickland said he thinks this is a great idea. He asked if security cameras for the area were
35 considered. Mr. Johnson responded that surveillance cameras are already installed in the area and could
36 be redirected to this property.

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38 In response to a question from Council Member Laputka, Ms. Croteau said there may be a slight
39 increase in the insurance liability, but she does not believe that will be an issue.

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41 Next, Mr. Johnson discussed improvements to 197 N. Oak Avenue. He said staff would like to
42 construct a “passive park” at this location. He displayed a Powerpoint slide outlining what is being
43 considered noting that it includes sidewalk improvements, landscaping and the installation of a fountain.
44 He said staff anticipates the project will cost approximately \$4,251.35. Mr. Johnson concluded by
45 stating that staff is seeking Council’s authorization to move forward with both community improvement
46 projects at a maximum cost of \$29,000.

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48 Council Member Laputka said he fully endorses the dog park, however, he expressed his concerns that
49 the park on North Oak is in a residential area. He questioned if the surrounding property owners were

1 consulted. Ms. Croteau said she discussed the matter with the property owner to the north, who was
2 pleased the City was going to do something with the property. The neighbors are accepting of the plans
3 and have expressed concerns that the City does not pave the property and use it for parking. WAVA
4 Hall has asked permission to use the house on the property for additional storage and the City plans to
5 allow that.

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7 George Goshorn, 201 N Oak St. came forward and said he tried to buy the property but the City outbid
8 him. He said he likes the concept but had some questions about the hours of operation. Mr. Johnson
9 said the hours of operation for all the parks in the City are sunrise to sunset. There will be no lighting so
10 no one should be in that park at night. Mr. Goshorn said he was pleased with what he seen.

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12 Mayor Strickland stated that is a nice amenity it may not be utilized much. He said he is concerned that
13 it is may not be a good use of the money. Council Member Blair disagreed. He said when he lived on
14 that side of town he would have used the park. Council Member Allebach agreed with Council Member
15 Blair. Vice Mayor Crippen said he liked the idea of the park being in a more centralized location in the
16 City. He asked what it would cost to maintain the park. Mr. Johnson responded staff time and labor.
17 Vice Mayor Crippen said many people use the alleys as a walking path. Oak Street is a particularly
18 attractive street from Graves all the way up to French Ave.

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20 **Council Member Allebach moved to approve use of the Community**
21 **Improvement funds, not to exceed \$29,000 to create a dog park on S.**
22 **Leavitt Avenue and passive park at 197 N. Oak Avenue as presented,**
23 **seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen, and passed by a 6/0 roll call vote of**
24 **Council.**

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26 **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

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28 Council Member Blair expressed his concern that the City Manager has not had an evaluation this year.
29 He suggested that a new form be developed for this purpose so that Council could do “a proper
30 evaluation.” He advised that he felt this would be to Ms. Croteau’s benefit. Council Member Blair
31 noted that every other year he served on the Council, the City Manager did receive an evaluation.

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33 Council Member Laputka asked for clarification as to whether Council Member Blair was referring to a
34 public evaluation. Council Member Blair responded that he wanted to conduct a “formal evaluation like
35 we’ve always done in the past.”

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37 Mayor Strickland asked the City Clerk whether she had received City Manager evaluation forms from
38 all of the Council Members. Ms. Renner responded that she had received completed evaluations from
39 “most” of the Council.

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41 Council Member Blair said that when he went to see the City Manager and brought his form, she
42 informed him that form was not being used because it was so “complicated.” Because of this, he said
43 that he did not complete his. Council Member Blair said that Ms. Croteau informed him that Mayor
44 Strickland was not using his form either. Mayor Strickland responded that he used the last page on the
45 form. Council Member Blair said that he was confused by the procedure and questioned whether
46 anyone else was. Council Member Laputka concurred and said that he was “in that crowd.” He advised
47 that he also did not complete his form for the same reason. Council Member Laputka asked Council
48 Member Blair whether he was suggesting that an agenda item be prepared for the public meeting.

1 Council Member Blair suggested that a mutually agreed upon form be used and then discussion should
2 be held. He said that would then constitute her "official evaluation."
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4 Mayor Strickland responded that an abbreviated evaluation was done at the end of Ms. Croteau's first
5 six months of employment. Council Member Blair said that it should be done yearly. Mayor Strickland
6 advised that the yearly evaluation was done using the form. Council Member Blair called it "arbitrary."
7 Council Member Laputka concurred and said that he is in agreement with Council Member Blair.
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9 Council Member Blair stated, "So I can rest assured tonight that we will see...have a discussion next
10 meeting...." Ms. Croteau responded, "fine." Mayor Strickland suggested that a form be decided upon
11 by Council prior to the evaluation being done. Ms. Croteau said that she was not sure where the
12 previous form came from and advised that she had met personally with each Council Member to go over
13 the evaluation. She concurred that most everyone had issues with the form. She noted that the form had
14 not been selected by her, but was one that was previously used. Council Member Blair acknowledged
15 that did happen, however, he stated, "In any organization you have a file and those should be within
16 your file, is the way I look at it." He stated his understanding that a form would be selected. Council
17 Member Allebach suggested that three or four forms be brought forward as an agenda item at the next
18 meeting. Ms. Croteau noted that her contract requires that she also agree with the form that is selected.
19 Council Member Blair suggested that the Clerk obtain some forms for consideration. Once the form has
20 been selected, an item will be placed on the agenda in two weeks to conduct the evaluation. Council
21 Member Blair stated, "I'm good with that."
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23 Council Member Crippen said that the form appeared to him like other evaluation forms he had see at
24 the State. He said that he was not aware that it was not an "approved form." Mayor Strickland
25 suggested that the discussion had gotten beyond "New Business." Council Member Blair disagreed and
26 said that he was unclear with where the response to his question was headed. Mayor Strickland
27 responded that Council Member Blair could ask his questions, but maintained that this was not an issue
28 for discussion at this time.
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30 **10. REPORTS:**

31 A. City Manager

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34 Ms. Croteau thanked staff involved in the 4th of July celebration. She said it went very well. Ms.
35 Croteau said Movies in the Park will be on Friday July 15th at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.
36 Ms. Croteau announced the City applied for and was awarded an urban forestry grant. It is a matching
37 grant that will allow the City to do a tree survey which will provide a tree inventory and a database. The
38 total grant is \$13,000 and the City's portion is \$6,500. Ms. Croteau said the City has had a Facebook
39 page since November. She said 75 people like us on Facebook. She asked anyone who has a Facebook
40 page to like the City. Information is posted regularly to that page. Ms. Croteau said that last year the
41 City allocated \$7,500 for mobile printers as part of participating in the Sheriff's record management
42 system for the police department. The Sheriff's Office is not ready to start using the mobile printers.
43 Staff is seeking authorization to use the money allocated for the printers for fingerprint software and a
44 print pad to fingerprint children and high risk adults.
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46 Council Member Allebach questioned how it would work. Pete Thomas, Police Chief, came forward to
47 discuss how the fingerprinting system would work. Council Member Pupello asked who is considered
48 high risk, Chief Thomas stated adults who have medical conditions and cannot tell us who they are.
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1 **Council Member Allebach moved that the City Council authorize the**
2 **purchase of the live scan fingerprinting system for children as presented**
3 **in place of the mobile printers, seconded by Council Member Blair.**
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5 Vice Mayor Crippen asked what the cost would be. Ms. Davis responded the cost for the live scan
6 module is \$4,115 and the budgeted amount for the mobile printers is \$7,500.
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8 **Motion passed with a 6/0 roll call vote of the Council.**
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10 Ms. Croteau said that staff had an update on Miller Lake. Mr. Johnson said the project is moving
11 forward. Five of the seven homeowners in the area have accepted the offers for their property. There
12 appears to be some resistance from a couple of the homeowners, but the County is moving forward. Mr.
13 Johnson said the County has gotten the results back from the sewer study done on Enterprise Road.
14 There are five voids in different areas under the road that need to be filled and grouted. The voids are
15 not large but in several different areas along the outside lane of the road, so the County will not have to
16 shut down the road to do the work. The County is in the process of designing the work that needs to be
17 done. Council Member Allebach stated it is a dangerous situation. He questioned if a timetable was
18 available. Mr. Johnson provided an update on the City's negotiations with DOT to acquire the Mill
19 Lake property, the Lansdowne borrow pit, Miller Pond and the Terrace Hill property. He said the
20 negotiations are moving forward. DOT is in the process of drafting agreements for the City to acquire
21 those properties. The City is still negotiating with DOT about monetary support because of the pipe
22 stations that are to be installed. DOT has agreed to help with cleaning out Mill Lake to increase the
23 capacity of the lake. He stated that is a "big plus."
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25 Council Member Blair asked for an update on the Historic Preservation Board. Ms. Croteau said that a
26 notice was put in the newsletter and on the web site asking anyone who is interested in serving on the
27 board to contact the City Clerk's office. Several people have already called in. Council Member
28 Laputka noted that the graphic printer who produces the newsletter is going out of business. He asked if
29 staff had considered that. Ms. Croteau said staff is seeking quotes for a new printer. Council Member
30 Laputka said he was concerned and is happy the City has a plan. He said people are starting to
31 appreciate the newsletter coming out on time and all of the information that is in there. He stated, "And
32 I commend it."
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34 B. Mayor/City Council
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36 Vice Mayor Crippen said he attended the monthly meeting of the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor. No
37 decisions were made as there was no quorum. The group talked about ways to generate funding such as
38 promotional license plates. Members were asked to send a letter of support for the City of Sanford to
39 join the Heritage Corridor Group. The Vice Mayor said he has sample letters. It was the consensus of
40 the Council that the City Manager and the City Clerk prepare a letter of support for the next agenda.
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42 Council Member Allebach said that Sun Rail was approved and is moving forward. He said he looks
43 forward to working with the County and Congressman Mica to get a third rail station in the area.
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45 Mayor Strickland reported that he and Vice Mayor Crippen and Council Member Blair attended a
46 meeting on trails. Mayor Strickland asked Council Member Blair to talk about the meeting. Council
47 Member Blair said he went to talk to the County about the connectivity of the trails. He said he told
48 them the trail from Orange City to the trail by Blue Springs is very dangerous. Council Member Blair
49 said yesterday he sent the County Council a letter regarding the matter. He said he will be asking the

1 community for support once the County responds to his request. He anticipates that it will be a fight.
2 Council Member Blair said when the time comes he would like to go the County Council meeting with
3 as many citizens as possible to protest their decision, or lack of decision, to get that portion of the trail
4 paved. He stated it is a very dangerous situation.
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6 Mayor Strickland invited everyone to attend the Summit meeting Saturday July 16th at Deltona City Hall
7 at 9:00 a.m.
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9 C. City Clerk

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11 Ms. Renner reported that the City has candidates for each seat. Currently there are three candidates for
12 Mayor, one for District 1, and District 2 and two candidates for District 3. She said she has received
13 verbal confirmation this afternoon that everyone has qualified.
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15 Council Member Allebach asked the City Clerk to provide a comparative report on monies spent in
16 previous elections to make sure there is enough money budgeted to promote the election to the citizens.
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18 Ms. Renner said the Florida League of Cities annual conference is coming up. She said 5 council
19 members are attending and Council needs to choose a voting delegate to the conference.
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21 **It was the consensus of the Council that Mayor Strickland be the voting**
22 **delegate for the City.**
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24 D. City Attorney

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26 No further report.
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28 **11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (Consent Agenda)

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30 **12. COUNCIL COMMENTS**
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32 Addressing the citizenry in the audience, Vice Mayor Crippen stated, "Those who are present see that
33 the Council does not treat its responsibilities lightly, especially with respect to the budget." He
34 remarked budget workshops and hearings are coming up and encouraged everyone to come to those
35 workshops and to bring a neighbor. He stated, "The Council needs your feedback."
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37 Council Member Blair said the July 4th celebration was great. He said he especially enjoyed the pie
38 eating contest. He said he got a lot of positive comments and commended staff for their efforts.
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40 Council Member Laputka agreed with Council Member Blair. He said the improvements from last year
41 were great. Council Member Laputka commented that Council Member Blair's initiative for widening
42 the road is good. He suggested a similar project along Blue Springs Avenue as that road is dangerous
43 for the students going to and from school. Ms. Croteau noted that the City has applied for grant funding
44 to correct the problem on both roads but the City's application was not ranked very high.
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46 Council Member Pupello thanked everyone for coming. He said duty is part of the continuing
47 discussion of how to do what we do in this City. Council Member Pupello said the July 4th event was
48 great. He said he received nothing but positive comments. Council Member Pupello said he wished to
49 point out the outreach to the community and the sponsors that participated. Council Member Pupello

1 stated, "The Council lit a fire voting to go above the roll back rate." He agreed with Vice Mayor
 2 Crippen's comments that Council needs to get input from people to make sure it was the right decision.
 3 He stated, "Either way if it gets people in this chamber discussing what is important to them, then going
 4 above the roll back rate is a way to get citizen participation." He said he is interested to see how it is
 5 played out in the media in addition to possibly increasing citizen activity and participation.

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 7 Council Member Allebach said the July 4th celebration was great. He commended staff for the event.
 8 He said the number of people who participated showed what is important to this community. He said he
 9 observed a lot of people walking and spoke about the importance of creating walkable and sustainable
 10 enhancements for the community. Council Member Allebach said the landscaping at City Hall has
 11 improved its appearance. Council Member Allebach announced the Volusia League of Cities dinner is
 12 scheduled for July 28th in Daytona Beach. He invited everyone to attend. Council Member Allebach
 13 said the newsletter was great.

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 15 Mayor Strickland said the opening of the incubator in Daytona Beach is scheduled for July 27th. Mayor
 16 Strickland said the July 4th activities in DeBary were quite a success and a problem. He said he talked
 17 with someone who was there and it only took them an hour and a half to get back home. He said he
 18 liked that the City's events was on Saturday and the way the flag and the platform were set up this year.
 19 There seemed to be more activities for the kids this year. He stated his opinion these types of programs
 20 are valuable for the community and that it was really well done and well organized. Mayor Strickland
 21 said he disturbed a letter to Council regarding redistricting. He said the State of Florida is not proposing
 22 any maps but will be visiting communities to see what the citizens want. Mayor Strickland said he felt
 23 that the City needed to respond and make our request clear. The County proposed a number of maps
 24 that had Orange City and DeBary divided and chopped up. This matter will be discussed at the Summit
 25 on Saturday. Mayor Strickland said he prepared the letter for his signature but would like the Council to
 26 send the letter as a legislative body. A discussion ensued. Mayor Strickland said he would have the
 27 letter changed to reflect that it is from the entire Council. Council Member Laputka suggested bringing
 28 this letter forward at the Summit.

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 30 **13. ADJOURN**

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 32 There being no further business, Mayor Strickland adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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 34 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

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 38 Gloria Thomas, CMC
 39 Deputy City Clerk

July 26, 2011
 Date