

1 **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida, held  
2 on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 6:00 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 Abraham, Tom Laputka, Anthony J. Pupello, Gary A. Blair; City Attorney Bill  
12 Reischmann; City Manager Jamie Croteau; City Clerk Deborah Renner.  
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14 Council Member Tom Abraham introduced Dana Karuvela, who performed a violin rendition of the Star  
15 Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful.  
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- 17 **1. RESOLUTION NO. 659-11:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of  
18 Orange City, Florida, pursuant to Section 4.12 of the City Charter, canvassing the  
19 votes and declaring the results of the runoff election held in the City of Orange City  
20 on November 8, 2011; repealing all resolutions in conflict herewith and providing for  
21 an effective date.  
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23 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 659-11 into the record.  
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25 **Council Member Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 659-11,**  
26 **seconded by Council Member Blair and passed by unanimous roll call vote**  
27 **of the Council.**  
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- 29 **2. Outgoing Council Member's Remarks**  
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31 Mayor Strickland invited the outgoing Council Members to make their farewell comments.  
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33 **A. Council Member Jeff Allebach**  
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35 Council Member Allebach stated, "It's time, I had to come to retire." He recalled what prompted him to  
36 become a council member. He said he attended a visioning session in the City in 1995 and was fortunate  
37 to see several of the things that were "dreamed up" become a reality. Citing the development a  
38 commercial area on Saxon Boulevard and development of a medical "hub" in the City, Council Member  
39 Allebach stated "I am pretty proud of that." He talked about the problems and obstacles that Council has  
40 overcome during his tenure. He stated that when the economy was better, Council consistently lowered  
41 the millage rate to keep services affordable. City staffing has grown and now includes caring people who  
42 work hard for the citizens. He recalled other council members that he has worked with over the years and  
43 stated they truly "wanted to make a difference."  
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45 Addressing the newly elected officials, Council Member Allebach stated that there is still a lot to do. He  
46 challenged the Council to "continue to help people feel a sense of community and pride." He stated,  
47 "Make it so that people cannot bash government and remember that a Council that works together gets  
48 things done." Council Member Allebach concluded by stating "The last nine years that I have been on

1 Council have been really, really good...I had a lot of good times, fun times. I am sad to go at this  
2 moment, but I still live here and I'm proud of it. One last final plug, January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> is the Manatee  
3 Festival.”

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5 Vice Mayor Crippen asked Mr. Allebach to step down from the dais. He presented him with a plaque for  
6 his years of dedicated service as a Council Member for Orange City.

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8 B. Mayor Harley Strickland

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10 Mayor Strickland thanked Mr. Allebach for his help in reading the title of resolutions and ordinances into  
11 the record. He said five years ago, he did not know he would be a mayor. He said his family had been  
12 involved in Orange City politics for many years but that he is a social worker at heart and was raised to  
13 help others. Politics is a hard life. Learning to be a mayor is also difficult because there are no road maps.  
14 It took several years to learn the job and what a mayor needs to do on behalf of the citizens. Mayor  
15 Strickland stated, “I am getting ready to close this chapter in my life and that leaves me feeling sad. It  
16 also leaves me with a sense of relief and takes away a burden. I have always tried to represent our city  
17 well. Some of that has worked well and some has not worked so well. My intentions have been good, but  
18 not always perceived that way by others. We (*the City*) have gone through a period some people would  
19 call a revolution. The number of changes that have occurred in the City government in last 4 years are  
20 significant, changes that were needed and that prompted me to run for office. I hope that the next time  
21 that changes are needed, other folks will step forward. I have learned that one of the prime motivations  
22 for many politicians is that they get ticked off about something and decide they are going to run to do  
23 something about it. Well, that's certainly what happened for me and I am proud of all that has happened  
24 for my city and your city and our city.”

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26 Mayor Strickland noted a plaque on the wall of the Council Chambers lists the Mayors of Orange City and  
27 his name is now on it. He discussed the previous Mayors of the city. Mayor Strickland concluded by  
28 stating, “The existence of this town has been amazing, we have had lots of people come and go.” The  
29 Mayor continued stating, “The city has grown from a little bitty staff to a large staff providing a lot of  
30 services.” He thanked the staff for all they do and suggested that everyone who sees City staff out and  
31 about working to also thank them. Mayor Strickland stated, “The staff was putting up Christmas  
32 decorations and I can't wait to see what that is going to look like. That would be wonderful. So again, it's  
33 been a great ride, I've enjoyed it and I wish our city and all of you well.”

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35 Vice Mayor Crippen presented Mr. Strickland with a plaque for his years of dedication and service as  
36 Mayor of Orange City.

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38 3. Oath of Office- Newly Elected Council Members

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40 A. District 1 Council Member Michael G. Wright  
41 B. District 2 Council Member Ron Saylor  
42 C. District 3 Council Member Tom Abraham  
43 D. Mayor Tom Laputka  
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45 Mayor Strickland asked the newly-elected officials to come forward. City Clerk Debbie Renner  
46 administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Michael G. Wright, District 1; Ron Saylor, District  
47 2; Tom Abraham, District 3; and Mayor Tom Laputka. Each newly-elected Council Member took their  
48 place on the dais.

1 4. Adjourn  
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3 Mayor Laputka noted there will a brief reception for the newly elected officials. He noted the Regular  
4 City Council meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, Mayor Laputka  
5 adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
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7 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

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10 Gloria Thomas, CMC

Date

11 Deputy City Clerk

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