

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,  
2 held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Blair and roll call was taken.  
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9 **ROLL CALL**

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11 **PRESENT:** Mayor Gary A. Blair; Vice Mayor O. William (Bill) Crippen; Council Members Bill  
12 O'Connor, Jeff Allebach, Jim Mahoney, Anthony J. Pupello, Evelyn Robinson; City Attorney Bill  
13 Reischmann; City Manager Dale Arrington; City Clerk Gloria Thomas.  
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15 **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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17 The Invocation was given by Pastor June Bush, House of God Saints in Christ, Inc followed by the  
18 Pledge of Allegiance.  
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20 **1. ABSENCES:** None at this time  
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22 **2. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

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24 A. Presentation of Plaques to former Council Members  
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26 Council Members stepped down from the dais to present a plaque to former Mayor Tom Laputka and  
27 Council Member Michael Wright honoring them for their years of service to the City.  
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29 B. Presentation of Awards - 2016 Parade and Lighting Contest Winners  
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31 Mayor Blair presented awards to the 2016 Parade and Lighting Contest winners. Best Overall, Robert  
32 and Marilyn Austin, 1833 Monastery Road; Most Innovative Joseph Koziok, 585 W. Lansdowne  
33 Avenue, Best Use of Color, Millie Martinez, 461 S. Leavitt Avenue, Honorable Mention Jan Behrends,  
34 124 Hickory Avenue.  
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36 C. State of the City  
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38 Ms. Arrington gave a detailed presentation on the State of the City (a copy of which is attached and  
39 becomes a permanent part of these minutes.)  
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41 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

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43 Sharon Stafford, representing the African American Heritage Festival came forward to ask Council to  
44 allow sponsorship funds to be disbursed prior to the Heritage Festival, February 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. She  
45 explained that the group is not financially able to provide deposits on the equipment needed for the  
46 event.  
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48 **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**  
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- 1 a. Bid Award Reconstruction of Council Chamber Wall
- 2 b. Minutes December 6, 2016 Special Meeting
- 3 c. Minutes December 13, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting

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 5 **Council Member Pupello moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by**  
 6 **Vice Mayor Crippen and passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**

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 8 **5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

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 10 A. **Ordinance No. 568** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange City,  
 11 Florida establishing a temporary moratorium within the jurisdictional limits of the  
 12 City of Orange City; adopting findings of fact; prohibiting any and all medical  
 13 cannabis activities during the moratorium period including the growing, cultivation,  
 14 processing, manufacture, dispensing, distribution, and sale of medical cannabis, low-  
 15 THC cannabis, derivative products, and related activities; directing staff to develop  
 16 proposed unified land development code provisions and other recommendations  
 17 regarding such cannabis related activities; providing for penalties, severability,  
 18 conflicts, and an effective date.

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 20 Mr. Reischmann read the title of Ordinance No. 568 into the record.

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 22 **Council Member Mahoney moved to adopt Ordinance 568 on first reading,**  
 23 **seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen.**

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 25 Vice Mayor Crippen noted that several other cities have taken a similar stance. He thanked Mr.  
 26 Reischmann and staff for bringing this matter forward.

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 28 **Motion passed on first reading by a 7/0 roll call vote of the City Council**

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 30 **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:-** none at this time

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 32 **7. RESOLUTIONS:-** none at this time

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 34 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

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 36 A. Budget Calendar Fiscal Year 2017/2018

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 38 Devlin Moore, Accounting Manager came forward and provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation on  
 39 the budget calendar for fiscal year 2017/2018 (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent  
 40 part of these minutes.)

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 42 Ms. Arrington advised that Dr. Herb Marlow will do the March annual strategic planning update this  
 43 year in order to try a different approach.

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 45 Council Members discussed different ways to engage citizen participation, including mailing out  
 46 reminders, automated calls, etc. Ms. Robinson suggested that every Council Member contact the  
 47 citizens in their districts. Ms. Arrington pointed out the various ways the City already provide  
 48 information to the citizens.

1 Council Members applauded Ms. Arrington on taking a “fresh start” with regard to strategic planning.

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3 **B. TEDS Presentation on French Avenue Design**

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5 Mike Hale, drafting engineer and data solutions, with the firm TEDS in Debary, gave a presentation on  
6 the West French Avenue sidewalk project. (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of  
7 these minutes.) Mr. Hale stated that due to some of the sidewalk being located on county property, they  
8 are requiring the city maintain it and incur the cost of doing so. He estimated these costs to be \$10,000 a  
9 year. He asked staff to agree to these terms.

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11 Ms. Arrington discussed the requirements that must be met before construction can begin. Mr. Hale  
12 commented that the TPO must agree to the financial amount needed from the City.

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14 Council Member Pupello voiced his concern that one of the sidewalks could cause safety issues due to  
15 its construction in front a business driveway. He also voiced his dislike that the County would require  
16 the City to incur permit fees and the cost of maintaining the sidewalk.

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18 Mayor Blair agreed with Council Member Pupello comments. Council Member Mahoney asked if  
19 changes could be made with respect to the safety issues. Ms. Arrington replied that the design is not  
20 complete at this time.

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22 Vice Mayor Crippen commented that the French Ave sidewalk is very important to the plan for River of  
23 Lakes Spring to Spring trails.

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25 **It was the consensus of the Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into an**  
26 **agreement with the County to cover the maintenance costs of the French Avenue**  
27 **sidewalk.**

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29 **C. Course Regarding Sunshine Law on January 17, 2017**

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31 Ms. Arrington reminded Council that an Executive Session is scheduled on January 17<sup>th</sup>. She suggested  
32 that the Executive Session be moved to the Council Chambers and a Sunshine Law course provided by  
33 the City Attorney immediately after that meeting.

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35 Mr. Reischmann described the legal requirements for elected officials to take these types of courses. He  
36 stated that he is qualified to provide the course and a certificate of completion.

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38 In response to a question from Council Member Pupello, Mr. Reischmann replied that due to the  
39 prevalence of social media it is important to take this course yearly.

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41 **D. Letter of Support- West Volusia Community Proposal –Additional Crisis Shelter Beds and**  
42 **Day Center for Homelessness**

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44 Ms. Arrington recalled the Marbut Study done several years ago which concluded that a homeless  
45 shelter be established in the middle of the County. All cities in the County would share in the operating  
46 costs. Michael Pleus, DeLand City Manager and a Neighborhood Center representative plans to propose  
47 a second homeless shelter on the east side of the County at the January 19<sup>th</sup> County Council meeting and  
48 have requested letters of support for other cities. Ms. Arrington recommended the City agree to provide  
49 a letter of support and consider making a financial donation beginning next fiscal year.

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2 **Council Member O'Connor moved to authorize the City Manager to**  
3 **provide a letter of support to the Neighborhood Center, seconded by**  
4 **Council Member Allebach.**  
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6 A lengthy discussion about the homeless shelter ensued.  
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8 **Motion passed by a 7/0 Roll Call Vote of the Council**  
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10 **E. Meeting Start Times (formally Agenda Item 10A Meeting Start Times)**

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12 Mayor Blair suggested that Agenda Item 10A Meeting Start Times is moved forward on the agenda to  
13 Agenda Item 8E.  
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15 Council Member Mahoney suggested that City Council meeting start times be changed from 6:00 p.m.  
16 to 6:30 p.m. He explained that it is difficult to get to the City from Orlando by 6:00 p.m.  
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18 **Council Member Mahoney moved that the City Council meetings start**  
19 **time be changed from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm, seconded by Vice Mayor**  
20 **Crippen**  
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22 Council Member O'Connor commented that several of the elderly population in the City liked the 6:00  
23 p.m. start time and if it is changed to 7:00 p.m. they would not be able to attend. He stated he is happy  
24 to hear the 6:30 p.m. time.  
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26 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the City Council**  
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28 The CRA meeting time will change now to 5:30 pm and all other board meetings will keep the 6:00 p.m.  
29 start time.  
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31 **Council Member Allebach moved that the request from the**  
32 **African/American Heritage Festival made during Citizens Comments**  
33 **be moved to the agenda. Motion died the lack of a second.**  
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35 **9. REPORTS:**  
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37 **A. Mayor/City Council**  
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39 Mayor Blair reported that he visited Mill Lake Park with Raul Palenzuela, City Engineer. He talked  
40 about the items discovered while he was there. The Mayor reported that he will be on a radio show to  
41 talk about the Council agenda. He also mentioned the upcoming Mayors Challenge.  
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43 Vice Mayor Crippen reported that he attended the River of Lakes meeting. He noted that there are new  
44 brochures on the Bartram trail.  
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46 Council Member Allebach announced that the Blue Spring Manatee Festival will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>  
47 and 29<sup>th</sup>. He discussed some of the festival details and asked council members to help promote the  
48 festival. Council Member Allebach noted that the number of manatees at Blue Spring Park continues to  
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**B. City Manager**

Ms. Arrington commented that she will be out of the office most of the day on Friday attending ethics training in Burnell. Ms. Arrington asked for volunteers for the radio show which will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup>. She advised that participants can call in or go to the radio show in New Smyrna Beach. Mayor Blair volunteered to do the radio show.

**C. City Clerk**

Ms. Thomas reported that the Clerk’s office will be sending out invitation to coordinate new city council photos for the website. She asked the Council to respond with their availability as soon as possible.

**D. City Attorney** none at this time

No report.

**Council Member Allebach motioned that discussion of the Maintenance of the city medians be added to New Business seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen, passed by a 7/0 voice vote.**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Member Mahoney asked that Council Member Allebach’s concern for the African American Heritage Festival be addressed.

**Council Member Mahoney moved that and agenda item regarding the Citizen Comments from the African American Heritage Festival be brought forward on the next agenda, seconded by Council Member Allebach and passed by a 7/0 voice vote.**

Council Member Allebach asked for an update about the maintenance and appearance of the medians in the City.

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** See Consent Agenda

**12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Mahoney stated that Ms. Arrington did an “exceptional job” on the State of City presentation.

Council Member O’Connor commented that it has been a lot of fun being on the Council. He agreed with Council Member Mahoney comments that Ms. Arrington did a great job on the State of City. He stated that he has friends on other city councils that have stated Orange City has a great council.

Vice Mayor Crippen thanked everyone who attended the meeting, it was very productive. He stated that he hears citizens say they love working with the staff of Orange City. He stated that he enjoys serving on the council.

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Council Member Allebach remarked he heard the same comments from citizens. The holidays were exciting and there are new changes. Council Member Allebach said that he was very happy to be here.

Ms. Robinson thanked Ms Arrington for taking the time to spend with her and answering all her questions.

Council Member Pupello thanked staff for the work they do. He stated that he was proud to celebrate community involvement and Orange City. He spoke in support of the City making a difference working on the homeless center. Council Member Pupello complimented Ms. Arrington on her presentation. He applauded staff for continuing to be professional.

Mayor Blair shared former Mayor Laputka’s statement that he has a great Council. Mayor Blair shared a story about mail he received from a veterinarian. The mail was a bag of clay representing the amount of cat feces one feral cat produces in a month. Mayor Blair commented that Orange City is the greatest community in the country.

**13. ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Blair adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Melani Brown, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVED ON:**

January 24, 2017  
Date