

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,
2 held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue, Orange
3 City.

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

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7 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 William
13 Reischmann; City Manager Dale Arrington; City Clerk Gloria Thomas.

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15 **ABSENT:** None at this time

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17 **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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19 The Invocation was given by Council Member Pupello, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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21 **I. SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET FOR**
22 **FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018**

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24 **Mayor's Opening Comments:**

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26 *The City of Orange City intends to adopt a millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year*
27 *2017/2018. The rolled-back rate is 7.0466 and the proposed millage rate is 8.065 mills*
28 *which is 14.45% above the rolled-back rate as provided by the Property Appraiser of*
29 *Volusia County.*

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31 **Second Reading of Budget & Millage Ordinances:**

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33 William Reischmann, City Attorney, read the titles of Ordinance No. 582 and Ordinance No. 583 into
34 the record.

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36 A. **ORDINANCE NO: 582** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
37 Florida; certifying the millage rate for fiscal year 2017-2018 on all taxable property located
38 within the City of Orange City, Volusia County, Florida; containing a repealer provision; a
39 severability clause and providing for an effective date.

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41 B. **ORDINANCE NO: 583** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
42 Florida; adopting the annual budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017,
43 and ending September 30, 2018; authorizing subsequent amendments by resolution; repealing
44 all inconsistent ordinances or parts thereof; and providing for an effective date.
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1 Staff Presentation

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3 Christine Davis, Finance Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached and
4 becomes a permanent part of the minutes) that described FY 2017/2018 budget development. Ms. Davis
5 stated this was the final step in approving the budget. She recalled the past budget workshop meetings
6 and public hearing discussions. Ms. Davis provided flow charts for the ad valorem taxable value, fuel
7 tax, electric franchise fee and the communication services tax. She stated the budget challenges were
8 insufficient revenues to fund capital replacements, new positions, low property values coupled with a
9 slow economic recovery and external threats. She again provided a budget summary of the General Fund
10 and discussed the capital deferred budget; requested positions that were not funded, as well as positions
11 that were funded.

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13 Ms. Davis stated that staff recommends Council approve Ordinance No's 582 and 583 at second and
14 final reading.

15 Open Special Public Hearing

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17 Mayor Blair opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wanted to speak for or against Ordinance
18 No's. 582 and 583.

19 Close Special Public Hearing

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21 There being no requests to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

22 Council Discussion**23 II. ADOPTION OF THE MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 ON
24 SECOND READING**

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27 A. Ordinance No. 582 (Millage Ordinance) is voted on first.

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32 **Council Member O'Connor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 582 on second
33 and final reading, seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen and passed by a 7/0 roll
34 call vote of the City Council**

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36 B. Ordinance No. 583 (Budget Ordinance) is voted on second.

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38 **Council Member O'Connor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 583 on second
39 and final reading, seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen and passed by a 7/0 roll
40 call vote of the City Council.**

41 III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

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43 Mayor Blair read the following statement into the record:
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1 *The City of Orange City's adopted millage rate for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 is 8.065 mills*
2 *which is above the rolled-back rate of 7.0466 as provided by the Property Appraiser of*
3 *Volusia County and reflects an increase of 14.45% in ad valorem taxes.*

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5 End special public hearing and resume regular meeting format.

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

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9 **2. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** None at this time

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11 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

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13 Fran Schwartz, 920 King Orange Dr., came forward to thank the Fire Department with their help and
14 efforts in Orange Tree Village after Hurricane Irma.

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16 **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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18 A. Coleman Park Deed
19 B. Minutes August 14, 2017 Budget Workshop
20 C. Minutes September 13, 2017 Regular City Council

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22 **Council Member Allebach moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded**
23 **by Council Member Pupello, motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the City**
24 **Council.**

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

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

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30 **7. RESOLUTIONS:**

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32 **A. Resolution No. 880-17** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,
33 confirming a declaration of a state of emergency, and suspending certain local building
34 regulations under emergency conditions; and providing for an effective date.

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36 Mr. Reischmann read the title of Resolution No. 880-17 into the record.

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38 **Council Member Mahoney moved to approve the Resolution 880-17,**
39 **seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen.**

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41 Becky Mendez, Development Services Director, came forward and explained that Resolution 880-17
42 was the same Resolution that was approved by City Council last year after Hurricane Matthew. It will be
43 effective until December 31, 2017 and retroactive to September 14, 2017.
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1 Mayor Blair opened the public hearing by asking if there were any requests to speak, there being none
2 the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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4 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the City Council.**

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6 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:** None at this time

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8 **9. REPORTS:**

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10 **A. Mayor/City Council**

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12 Mayor Blair reported that he met with members of the Sierra Club who requested to attend a Council
13 meeting and do a presentation promoting sustainable energy use. He visited several areas around the
14 City after Hurricane Irma and noticed a lot of damage. Mayor Blair warned residents of unscrupulous
15 individuals taking advantage of the storm debris and robbing citizens.

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17 Council Member Allebach stated that the City is on the active agenda at the TPO meeting tomorrow to
18 discuss the Big French plans.

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20 Council Member Pupello attended the solar co-op meeting at Stetson University. He also attended the
21 Movie in the Park.

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23 Council Member O'Connor attended the Volusia County Hotel/Motel Association employee award
24 ceremony. He stated most of the awards were based on Hurricane Matthew. Orange City was recognized
25 as having the only city official in attendance.

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27 **B. City Manager**

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29 Ms. Arrington corrected the total amount quoted for the CRA budget from \$300,000 to \$200,000. She
30 stated that the original amount quoted did not include the engineering services appropriated in July. Ms.
31 Arrington announced that Ms. Ashley Gay was hired as the new Parks and Recreation Director.

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33 Ms. Arrington reported the City submitted the SRF documents on time. She advised that mosquito
34 spraying has begun. Debris pick up started last Friday and as of this morning 5,000 cubic yards have
35 been picked up. It is estimated that 30,000 to 50,000 cubic yards of debris will be picked up around the
36 City. The County has opened up a debris dumping site for County citizens on Veterans Memorial
37 Highway and Rhode Island Ave.

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39 **C. City Clerk**

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41 No report at this time

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43 **D. City Attorney**

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45 No report at this time

1 **10. NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time

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

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5 **12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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7 Council Member Pupello stated the CRA meeting and the budget meeting were the two most important
8 tasks for the Council. He complimented all the departments in the City on their efforts during Hurricane
9 Irma.

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11 Council Member Robinson reported that some citizens in District 5 were going to hold a community
12 meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday September 28th at Mt. Barrien Primitive Baptist Church to discuss their
13 concerns about a lift station in their neighborhood.

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15 Ms. Arrington reported that there is a League of Cities dinner the same evening. She stated that she
16 asked Mr. Palenzuela to accompany Council Member Robinson to the meeting to answer any questions
17 from the citizens.

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19 Council Member Allebach had a conversation with a local business owner concerning the improved
20 traffic flow in their location. He also had a conversation with a realtor that has been posting on
21 Facebook about the City's new millage rate. He stated after being able to communicate with other
22 realtors he was able to explain the improvements needed in the City and the reason why an increased
23 millage rate was needed. Council Member Allebach commented that due to Hurricane Maria Puerto
24 Rico may not have electric for a whole year.

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26 Vice Mayor Crippen stated two important meetings were held tonight. He thanked staff for all of their
27 efforts.

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29 Council Member O'Connor clarified the millage percentage with actual amounts. He stated that for a
30 \$3.00 a month tax increase citizens will receive the 10 items agreed upon. Four items related to first
31 responders and the remaining six items related to being able to serve the community more effectively.

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33 Council Member Mahoney praised the Fire Department for the assistance they provided the residents of
34 Orange Tree Village after the hurricane. He also praised the Police Chief regarding a news story he
35 recently read addressing a public safety issue. Council Member Mahoney stated that although the
36 budget represents a large percentage increase, it focuses on services to the citizens and that is what
37 matters the most.

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39 Mayor Blair thanked all City staff for their efforts with the clean up after the storm.

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41 **13. ADJOURN:**

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43 There being no further business, Mayor Blair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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1 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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4 Melani Brown

5 Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED ON:

October 10, 2017

Date