

1 **MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
2 Florida, held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue,
3 Orange City.

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5 **1. 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 **2. 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, Evelyn Robinson; City Attorney Bill Reischmann; City Manager Dale
13 Arrington; City Clerk Gloria Thomas.

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15 ABSENT: Council Members Anthony Pupello, Council Members Jim Mahoney

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17 **3. Course Regarding Sunshine Law, William E. Reischmann, Esquire**

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19 City Attorney William E. Reischmann provided a syllabus of the Sunshine Law Course (a copy of
20 which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes). He briefed Council and Planning
21 Commission members regarding the requirements and policies of the Sunshine Law. He discussed
22 the application of the "Government in the Sunshine" law advising council members that they could
23 not discuss issues that may come up on the agenda among themselves, except at a public meeting. It
24 is also a violation of the law to use an intermediary to pass information back and forth.

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26 Mr. Reischmann advised the Council and Commissioners that any papers or correspondence they
27 send, receive or generate in regard to their role on the Council or Commission, regardless of the
28 method of transmission, is a public record. This includes any notes taken at a meeting. He talked
29 about the dangers of using emails and social media websites, where you cannot control what others
30 post to your page.

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32 Mr. Reischmann talked about the consequences of violating the Sunshine Law. He noted that it is a
33 misdemeanor charge that can result in removal from office. Council Members asked several
34 questions with regard to possible Sunshine Law violations. Mr. Reischmann answered the Council's
35 questions reiterating that two members of the same elected body or committee may not communicate
36 about city matters outside of public meetings.

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38 **4. Comments**

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40 Council Member Allebach requested the next stage of the Ethics training be added as a discussion
41 item on the next Council meeting agenda.

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43 Ms. Arrington suggested that Council Member Allebach bring this matter up under New Business at
44 the next regular city council meeting. Mayor Blair agreed.

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1 **5. ADJOURN:**

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3 There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Blair adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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6 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED ON:

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11 Melani Brown, Deputy City Clerk

Date

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