

1 **MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
2 Florida, held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue,
3 Orange City.

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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 Laputka and roll call was taken.
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9 **ROLL CALL**

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11 PRESENT: Mayor Tom Laputka; Vice Mayor Gary A. Blair; Council Members Michael G.
12 Wright, Tom Abraham, O. William (Bill) Crippen, Ron Saylor, Anthony J. Pupello; City Attorney
13 William Reischmann, City Manager Dale Arrington; City Clerk Gloria Thomas.
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15 **1. Introduction**

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17 Ani Yeargain, City Engineer came forward and provided a summary plan for the Mill Lake Park
18 Phase 3A project. She stated that the project will include excavating and deepening of the lake.
19 The primary objective for this project is to provide water quality improvements to Mill Lake
20 thereby increasing the water quality to Blue Spring State Park, and to expand Mill Lake Park.
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22 **2. Team Presentation**

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24 **A. Mill Lake – Phase 3A Project Elements**

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26 Mr. Hamstra came forward to explain the main elements of the Mill Lake Park Phase 3A Project.
27 He noted that it would include dredging and excavation of the lake, mechanisms to control the
28 pollutants, Alum treatment which will bind the pollutants at the bottom of the lake and planting
29 desirable plants in the northern half of the lake. Other elements include aeration by injecting
30 oxygen into the water to keep the “water column” healthy, installation of baffle boxes to capture
31 the sediment before it settles in Mill Lake and the installation of drainage pipes.
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33 **B. Schedule**

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35 Mr. Hamstra advised that a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled with Jones Edmunds &
36 Associates. The work will commence on August 1st and weather permitting will take about 6
37 months to complete. This project must be completed before March 2017 to meet the grant
38 deadline.
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40 **C. Contact Information**

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42 Ms. Yeargain introduced Orange City staff that were present and the contractors for this project as
43 Wharton-Smith, Inc. – Contractor; Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Inspectors; and Pegasus
44 Engineering, LLC – Project Engineer. She provided contact information for anyone who may be
45 affected by this project.
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1 **3. Questions, Discussion, Comments**

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3 Ken Allen, 334 East Graves Ave., came forward and asked about plans to prevent the sediment in
4 Mill Lake from getting into the aquifer. Mr. Hamstra advised there is no hydraulic connection
5 between the aquifer and Mill Lake. However, Alum will be introduced to the lake to make the
6 sediment stable and to keep it at the bottom of the lake.
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8 Vice Mayor Blair inquired if there was a spring in Mill Lake and if there were endangered
9 wildlife that needs to be relocated. Mr. Hamstra replied he was not aware of a spring in Mill
10 Lake. He noted that if endangered wildlife were found they would be relocated. City Attorney
11 William Reichmann noted there is no threatened wildlife in the lake.
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13 Sharon Stafford, 461 S. Orange Ave., questioned if the chemicals used would affect wildlife and
14 mosquitoes entering the neighborhoods. Mr. Hamstra responded that no chemicals will be used
15 and only invasive plants will be removed. Mrs. Stafford voiced her concerns about the digging
16 causing mosquitoes to move around her community. Mr. Hamstra replied that mosquito traps will
17 be used.
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19 A conversation ensued between Council Member Wright and Mr. Hamstra concerning the
20 removal and relocation of the vegetation and the ongoing maintenance of the lake.
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22 Betty Durant, 240 S. Orange Ave., asked if there was a plan to remove the fence that faces Orange
23 Ave on the north side of the lake. Mr. Hamstra replied that the fence may be removed and
24 reinstalled as needed. Ms. Yeargain commented that there would not be a need for a fence once
25 Phase 2 is completed due to the trails and other park elements planned from the park.
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27 Sharon Stafford inquired about the plans for removal of a large pump behind the church. Mr.
28 Hamstra replied that the pump will be removed and a concrete pipe will be installed below the
29 water level.
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31 In response to a question from Council Member Saylor, Mr. Hamstra advised that trucks will be
32 hauling the debris away Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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34 Alisha Stafford, 461 Clark Street, asked Mr. Hamstra to research the removal of a fence installed
35 on private property next to her father's home. Mr. Hamstra stated that if the fence is on private
36 property it would be relocated.
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38 Vernon Stafford, 357 S. Orange Ave., asked what would happen if the St. Johns River Water
39 Management District mandates that the pumping is stopped. Mr. Hamstra replied that the permit
40 has been renewed for five (5) years.
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42 Evelyn Robinson, 350 Cherokee Ave., voiced her concern about traffic and parking at Mill Lake
43 Park. Ms. Yeargain replied that additional parking will be installed during Phase 2 of the project.
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45 Alisa Stafford asked if water would be receding into the retention pond, Ms. Yeargain replied, no
46 that the City will maintain it.
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1 Kimberly Reading, City Planner, asked if the sediment was going to be relocated to Coleman
2 Park. Mayor Laputka and Ms. Yeargain both replied, "No."
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4 **4. Adjourn**

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6 There being no further business, Mayor Laputka adjourned the workshop at 5:45 p.m.
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8 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

APPROVED ON:

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11 Gloria J. Thomas, CMC
12 City Clerk

Date

