

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,  
2 held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Blair and roll call was taken.  
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8 **ROLL CALL**

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10 **PRESENT:** Mayor Gary A. Blair; Vice Mayor Bill O'Connor; Council Members: O. William (Bill)  
11 Crippen, Jeff Allebach, Jim Mahoney, Kellianne Marks, Martin E. Harper; City Attorney William  
12 Reischmann; City Manager Dale Arrington; City Clerk Gloria Thomas.

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14 **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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16 The Invocation was given by Pastor Mike Carroll-First Assembly of Deland.  
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18 **1. ABSENCES:** None at this time

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20 **2. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

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22 A. Presentation - State of the City

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24 Dale Arrington, City Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached and  
25 becomes a permanent part of these minutes) that discussed the State of the City report. Ms. Arrington  
26 discussed the City's accomplishments for 2018 and upcoming projects for 2019.  
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28 Ms. Arrington began the presentation by discussing the strategic plan and goal setting document. She  
29 noted that the current plan was developed in 2017 and contains the City's positioning statement along  
30 with a number of priorities and goals. She noted that the City is able to accomplish its goals due to the  
31 funding appropriated in the budget.  
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33 Ms. Arrington provided a snapshot of the 2018/2019 budget and noted that it is similar to the 2017/2018  
34 budget. She reported that the City has a strong Fund balance, no debt in the General Fund, and a healthy  
35 reserve.  
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37 Ms. Arrington reported that the Finance Department won the Government Finance Officers Association  
38 (GFOA), Comprehensive Annual Financial Award every year for the last 17 years as well as the  
39 Distinguished Budget Award for the last 11 years.  
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41 Ms. Arrington reported on each department's progress during the past year. She noted that the City  
42 successfully uses social media to communicate with citizens. She discussed capital improvements and  
43 grants awarded in 2017/2018, and the upcoming and continuing projects throughout the City.  
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1 Ms. Arrington concluded her presentation by stating that the City has a great deal to celebrate. All the  
2 accomplishments thus far will benefit current and future citizens. She expressed gratitude for City  
3 employees stating they are all excellent and do an amazing job.

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5 Ms. Arrington opened the floor for questions.

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7 Council Member Harper asked if the Federal government shutdown has affected the City. Ms. Arrington  
8 replied there have been issues utilizing Federal databases for human resources purposes. She noted that  
9 in response to the government shutdown the City has extended water payment due dates for those affected.  
10 Vice Mayor O'Connor questioned the number of annexations Ms. Arrington quoted in the presentation.  
11 He stated the number should be higher due to the recent enclave annexations in December.

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13 Ms. Mendez replied that the annexations from December, 2018 will be reported in next year's State of the  
14 City report.

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16 Council Member Allebach commented about the large number of the new businesses within the City. He  
17 asked about the new fuel tracking process. Ms. Arrington responded with a description of the new fuel  
18 disbursement process.

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20 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

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22 Sharon Stafford, Coordinator for the African American Festival, announced the festival will be held on  
23 February 22-23, 2019. Ms. Stafford stated that this year the festival will be dedicated to the late Evelyn  
24 Robinson. She requested that the Council name the trail around Mill Lake Park "Evelyn Robinson Trail".

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26 Ms. Arrington stated that at the last meeting Council requested a Resolution that would dedicate the  
27 Coleman Park Playground to Evelyn Robinson. The Resolution will be presented at the next Council  
28 meeting.

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30 Shari Simmons, Executive Director, West Regional Chamber of Commerce, came forward and  
31 commented that public safety is critical to the community in sharing a good quality of life. She noted that  
32 Interim County Manager George Recktenwald will be speaking at the Chamber Meeting AM Connection,  
33 April 9, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. at the Gateway Center for the Arts in Debary.

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35 **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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37 A. Contract Award–Purchase and Installation of a Pole Barn for Orange City Public  
38 Works (ITB B071-0-2018/DRS)  
39 B. Resolution No. 937-19 Renewal of FDOT Memorandum of Agreement – Highway  
40 Maintenance  
41 C. Approve January 08, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

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43 **Council Member Crippen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice**  
44 **Mayor O'Connor, the motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the City Council.**  
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1 **5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:** None at this time

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3 **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES-SECOND READING:** None at this time

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5 **7. RESOLUTIONS:** None at this time

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7 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

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9 A. Consideration of Projects for the Half Cent Sales Tax

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11 Ms. Arrington recalled that Council requested the City's priority list of projects regarding the possible  
12 half cent sales tax be presented again. She provided a brief history of how the half cent sales tax was  
13 conceived stating it was due to the concerns of all the cities in Volusia County about funding for  
14 infrastructure projects.

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16 Ms. Arrington advised that Volusia County has decided on a special election through mail ballots. She  
17 noted that action was needed regarding appropriating money for the ballot referendum. All cities within  
18 the County will share the cost. Orange City's proportionate fair share amount totals \$7,457.00. Ms.  
19 Arrington stated that she hopes Council will agree to contribute along with seven other cities within the  
20 County.

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22 Ms. Arrington reviewed the priority list with Council. A discussion ensued between Council and Ms.  
23 Arrington that included opinions about the order of the priority list.

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25 Council decided on the following changes to the proposed priority list:

- 26 • Delete number 3 under Road Projects that Require Partnerships with the County and/or State
- 27 • Rehabilitate Blue Springs Road from Sparkman Ave. to Leavitt Ave.

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29 **Vice Mayor O'Connor motioned to support the proportionate share amount of**  
30 **\$7,457.00 towards funding a special ballot for the half-cent sales tax referendum,**  
31 **as well as approval of the priority list as discussed, seconded by Council Member**  
32 **Crippen, the motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the City Council.**

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34 **9. REPORTS:**

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36 A. City Manager

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38 No report at this time.

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40 B. City Clerk

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42 Ms. Thomas reported that the late Council Member Robinson was the past appointment for the Oversight  
43 Committee for Public Schools and Facility Planning. The City Council must select another appointee at  
44 this time. The meetings are held quarterly. The next meeting is January 30, 2019.

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1 Mayor Blair volunteered to be attend these meetings. Council Members Crippen and Allebach  
2 volunteered as alternates.

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4 **Council agreed by a unanimous voice vote.**

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6 Ms. Thomas thanked the council members who volunteered for the Manatee Festival. She noted that more  
7 volunteers were still needed for Sunday afternoon.

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9 C. City Attorney

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11 No report at this time.

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13 **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

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15 Council Member Mahoney requested that a discussion and action agenda item about a potential charter  
16 review be brought forward on a future agenda. He suggested there would be better representation for  
17 citizens if everyone were able to vote for candidates from all the districts in the City.

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19 A discussion about the best way to proceed ensued. Mr. Reischmann advised that Council can adopt an  
20 ordinance initiating a charter amendment however the proposed amendment must be submitted to the  
21 voters at an election or referendum.

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23 Ms. Arrington advised that the Council can make a decision that they want to place something before the  
24 voters or the Council can establish a charter review committee who will make recommendations to  
25 Council about what to put in front of the voters. She asked which way Council would like to proceed.

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27 Council Member Mahoney clarified that he was only interested in the matter of districts and voting. He  
28 stated he wanted to make sure this potential charter change was considered in enough time to get it on a  
29 ballot.

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31 **It was the consensus of the City Council for staff to bring this matter back on a future agenda.**

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33 Ms. Arrington stated that she will prepare an agenda item for Council’s consideration.

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

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37 **12. COUNCIL & MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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39 Council Member Marks reported that she attended the Manatee Festival fund raiser at Texas Roadhouse  
40 along with her family. She thanked the West Volusia Chamber for attending the Council meeting. Council  
41 Member Marks stated that she attended the Chamber meeting and will be attending the IEMO conference  
42 during the Manatee Festival. She announced that she will be joining the Mayors Fitness Challenge.  
43 Council Member Marks announced that February 6 the Deland Hotel is hosting a Network at Night event  
44 at 5:30 p.m.

1 Council Member Harper thanked Ms. Arrington for the excellent presentation of the State of the City. He  
2 stated that staff is excellent, he is appreciative of the City and to be a part of the Council.

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4 Council Member Allebach announced the Manatee Festival this weekend. He noted that \$178.00 was  
5 raised at the Texas Roadhouse fund raiser. He stated that Blood One will be at the festival providing free  
6 entry tickets to those that donate. Council Member Allebach stated that he too appreciated the State of the  
7 City presentation.

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9 Council Member Crippen thanked Ms. Arrington and staff for the State of the City presentation. He  
10 announced that it was nice to see the Ollie's Bargain Outlet in the old K-mart building. He reported that  
11 he attended the 2019 Annual Meeting and Installation Reception of the Deland/Orange City Alliance. He  
12 reported that the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Group met in De Leon Springs and that the bike trail  
13 is almost completed. He stated that he delivered a compliment to an Orange City business that he received  
14 from a friend in DeLand. Council Member Crippen stated he is looking forward to the Manatee Festival  
15 this weekend.

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17 Vice Mayor O'Connor stated that the manatee count this morning was 324 at Blue Spring. He reported  
18 that he attended the Light the Way With Me walk in Daytona last Friday. He thanked the staff for the Pole  
19 Barn item on the Consent agenda. The Vice Mayor stated that the former Buffet City restaurant location  
20 was painted this week and looks great. He stated that he attended the Deland Chamber Orange City  
21 Alliance meeting.

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23 Council Member Mahoney stated that he also enjoyed the State of the City presentation. He recalled Ms.  
24 Arrington's comment about Utility workers working Christmas Eve and Christmas morning to handle an  
25 emergency. He expressed his hope that if there is equipment or something that could help with these  
26 situations that it is factored into the rate study, once it comes back to Council.

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28 Mayor Blair reported that he attended the ribbon cutting for the bike trail, that he too attended insulation  
29 of the directors and officers of the Deland/Orange City Alliance Chamber. The Mayor advised that he  
30 attended the State of the County, the West Volusia Chamber networking event at Firehouse Subs with the  
31 Fire Department and the Movie in the Park.

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33 Mayor Blair stated that he received a letter from the Arbor Day Committee recognizing the City as Tree  
34 City for last year. He announced that the Mayors Fitness Challenge begins on Monday in the Council  
35 Chambers and that he will be leading the Monday Night Mayor Walk at Mill Lake Park at 5:00 p.m. He  
36 complimented Ms. Arrington and staff on the State of the City. He announced that the 12<sup>th</sup> annual  
37 EMS/Military Expo will be held on Friday at 8:00 a.m. at University High School.

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39 Mayor Blair announced that he received a compliment from a friend, praising the Police Department for  
40 an excellent job finding a missing elderly woman with dementia.

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42 Mayor Blair entertained a motion to adjourn.

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44 **Council Member Crippen moved to adjourn the City Council meeting, the motion**  
45 **passed by a unanimous voice vote of the City Council.**

1 **13. ADJOURN:**

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3 There being no further business, Mayor Blair adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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5 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Melani Beringer

9 Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVED ON:**

**02-12-2019**

Date