

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,
2 held on Tuesday, March 12, 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, Kelli Marks, Martin E. Harper; City Attorney William Reischmann;
12 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 Peter Migner, Deland Church of the Nazarene, followed by the Pledge
17 of Allegiance.

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

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21 **2. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

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23 A. Presentation - Police Department Annual Report

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25 Wayne Miller, Deputy Police Chief, discussed a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached and
26 becomes a permanent part of these minutes) that described an overview of the Orange City Police
27 Department Annual Report for 2018. Deputy Chief Miller noted that this was the fourth consecutive year
28 the Police Department has published this comprehensive report which outlines every facet of police
29 operations and criminal activity in the City of Orange City.

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31 Deputy Chief Miller reported on the three divisions within the Police Department, officer population per
32 capita ratio and staffing. He noted that the Police Department experienced staffing challenges in the first
33 half of 2018.

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35 Deputy Chief Miller reviewed the 2018 statistics, serious person crimes vs. property crimes, crime rates
36 by city, 2018 traffic statistics, subject resistance/de-escalation, code enforcement division duties, police
37 staffing for City events, and 2018 detective statistics. He reviewed the policies, planning and research and
38 noted that an organizational proficiency team was instituted four years ago to create an efficient and
39 successful department.

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41 Deputy Chief Miller reported the two new programs created last year. The Women's Personal Safety self-
42 defense class S.E.L.F. that meets once a month in Council Chambers and the Sexual Offender
43 Accountability Program S.O.A.P.
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1 In closing, the Deputy Chief thanked the City Manager and Council for their assistance in making the City
2 safe.

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4 B. Department Presentation – Police

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6 Police Chief, Peter Thomas, referred to a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached and
7 becomes a permanent part of these minutes). Chief Thomas explained the operating details, functions and
8 capital budget of the Police Department. He noted that the primary challenge the Police Department faces
9 is manpower and recruitment of quality applicants. Chief Thomas reported that the department's key
10 projects were the construction of a new building and updating standard operating policies and procedures.

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12 Vice Mayor O'Connor asked the difference in hiring a detective versus a patrolman. Chief Thomas replied
13 there is no difference in hiring; the difference lies within rank.

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15 C. Department Presentation – Fire

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17 Fire Chief Ronnie Long referred to a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached and becomes
18 a permanent part of these minutes) that described the duties and responsibilities of the Fire Department.
19 He noted that fire services to the City of DeBary and the unincorporated county were included. Chief
20 Long reported the organizational chart of the Fire Department. He discussed the response time,
21 responsibilities, performance measures, statistical data, community outreach, 2018/2019 annual budget,
22 accomplishments, and challenges of the Fire Dept.

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24 Chief Long discussed the fire safety programs, statistical information, accomplishments and focused
25 programs for the Fire Department.

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27 A question and answer forum ensued between Chief Long and Council that included reimbursement for
28 out of the area coverage and operating expenses.

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30 Ms. Arrington advised that Agenda 2 D. was removed from the agenda

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32 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

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34 Lori M. Gillooly and Seletha Bradley-Morris, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Volusia County,
35 distributed literature to Council (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these
36 minutes) that discussed the activities for Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Gillooly introduced Ms. Bradley-
37 Morris to Council.

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39 Daniel Arboreda, 944 Regatta Bay Dr., came forward to thank Council for supporting the School of
40 Government program and the lessons that he has learned from the student government program.

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42 Michael Perez Jr., 1230 E. Fowler Dr. Deltona, came forward to thank Council for the time and effort put
43 into teaching about local government. He voiced appreciation for providing the students with the Youth
44 Advisory Council.

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1 **4. CONSENT AGENDA:** None at this time

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

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

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7 **7. RESOLUTIONS:**

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9 A. **Resolution No. 939-19** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
10 Florida naming “The Evelyn Durant Robinson Playground”; repealing all resolutions or
11 parts of resolutions in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

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13 Mr. Reischmann read the title of Resolution 939-19 into the record.

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15 Ms. Arrington stated that this resolution is requesting two actions from Council; Approval of the resolution
16 as titled and appropriation of \$2,000 from the contingency fund towards the purchase of a plaque and the
17 playground dedication ceremony.

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19 **Council Member Crippen moved to approved Resolution No. 939-19, seconded by**
20 **Council Member Harper.**

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22 Mr. Reischmann advised that an amended motion is needed to include the requested funding amount.

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24 **Council Member Crippen amended his motion to include the acquisition of \$2,000**
25 **from the Contingency fund to purchase a plaque and to fund a dedication ceremony,**
26 **seconded by Council Member Harper, the motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of**
27 **the City Council.**

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29 B. **Resolution No. 943-19** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
30 Florida, amending Section 2 of Resolution No. 941-19 by amending the composition of
31 the Youth Advisory Council; repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict
32 herewith; and providing for an effective date.

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34 Mr. Reischmann read the title of Resolution No. 943-19 into the record.

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36 **Council Member Mahoney moved to approve Resolution No. 943-19, seconded by**
37 **Council Member Crippen**

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39 Ms. Arrington reminded Council that Resolution No. 941-19 was adopted in February 2019 to create the
40 Youth Advisory Board. The adopted Resolution provided the procedures and regulations for the Youth
41 Advisory Board. She noted that school administration felt the resolution was too restrictive on the
42 composition of the board due to some of the students living in surrounding cities. Ms. Arrington pointed
43 out that initially the establishment of the Youth Advisory Board was to be in March, however, this change
44 delays the appointments until April.

1 Ms. Arrington noted the changes outlined in Resolution 943-19. She stated that staff is recommending
2 Council's approval of the Resolution.

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4 Council Member Allebach stated that he is in favor of a Youth Advisory Council. However, he is not in
5 favor of allowing students who live in the surrounding cities to become members of the advisory board.
6 He stated that jurisdiction is a large part of local government.

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8 Council Member Crippen stated that the importance that all University High School students act as a
9 whole body. It shouldn't depend on where they live to be involved in the advisory council.

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11 Vice Mayor O'Connor referred to the requirements to be involved in the student council. He stated that
12 students who are homeschooled should have the opportunity to join as well.

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14 Ms. Arrington clarified the requirements for a student to qualify. She noted that four members must be
15 City residents, they may either be University High School Students, homeschooled or attend another
16 school. Three members may reside outside of the City cooperate limits but must be enrolled at the high
17 school.

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19 Ms. Arrington clarified that a student who resides in DeBary qualified, as long as they are enrolled at the
20 school, be appointed to this body.

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22 Council Member Harper noted that a student from DeBary might have contributions to add.

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24 Council Member Marks stated that she agrees to allow those students that live outside of the City and
25 attend the high school to be a part of the advisory board.

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27 Don Sarro, Teacher, University High School, stated that he is required to offer the advisory board to all
28 students at the high school regardless of the town in which they live.

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30 Gail Parver, 654 Copper Beach Blvd Deltona, University High School student came forward. Ms. Parver
31 said that she attends school in the City and lives in Deltona. She stated that she can provide insight due to
32 the time she spends in the City.

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34 Council Member Mahoney commented that a more expansive view is needed because the purpose of the
35 advisory board is to succeed.

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37 **Motion passed by 6/1 roll call vote of the City Council, with Council Member Allebach**
38 **voting "no."**

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

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42 A. Consideration of Sponsorship: Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 84 Van Fund

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1 Danielle Fitzpatrick, Public Information Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of
2 which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes) regarding a donation to the Disabled
3 American Veterans, Chapter 84 Van Fund.

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5 Ms. Fitzpatrick advised that Frank Bruno is requesting that all cities in Volusia County donate \$1,000.00.
6 The funds will be used to purchase two vans to transport veterans to and from VA hospitals around the
7 state.

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9 Ms. Fitzpatrick provided a list of funds already donated from other municipalities. She noted that currently
10 \$3,500 remains in the non-recurring Sponsorship fund. She stated that staff recommends Council decide
11 if they would like to donate and if so how much.

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13 Mayor Blair noted that the proper procedure for requesting donations from the City was not followed.

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15 **Council Member O'Connor moved to approve \$1,000 of non-recurring**
16 **Sponsorship funding for the Disable American Veterans van, seconded by Council**
17 **Member Crippen.**

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19 Council Member Allebach indicated that he could not approve the sponsorship fund since the proper
20 procedure was not followed.

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22 Council Member Marks stated she could not support this effort because proper procedure was not
23 followed.

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25 Ms. Arrington commented that Mr. Bruno has requested funds at two separate Mayor's Round Table
26 meetings and was directed to request funds from the cities.

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28 **Motion passed by a 6/1 roll call vote of the City Council with Council Member**
29 **Allebach voting 'no.'**

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31 Mr. Reischmann recalled that Council adopted a sponsorship policy in 2016 for non-recurring requests
32 that stated non-recurring funds are set aside for unexpected non-recurring events or programs that may
33 occur throughout the year. Generally, the applicant submits a written sponsorship request to the public
34 information coordinator a minimum of three weeks prior to the date that it is to be considered by the
35 Council. He noted the differences between recurring versus non-recurring funding.

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37 **B. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant**

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39 Fire Chief Ronnie Long reported that Council requested information regarding the SAFER Grant at a
40 Council meeting in December of 2018. He noted that Council authorized staff to develop and submit an
41 application. Staff has learned that the City is eligible to apply for the section of the grant program titled
42 "Hiring of Firefighter Grants" and is ineligible to apply for the section related to Volunteer Firefighters.

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44 Chief Long noted that the staffing requirements for the grant are beyond what the City can provide at this
45 time. Fire Chief Long stated that staff is requesting the Council's guidance.

1 Ms. Arrington clarified Chief Long's discussion and recommended that staff stay on course as the funds
2 were expended and staff is prepared to submit the grant. She advised that when time comes to move
3 forward during budget development, Council will need a backup plan. She provided an alternative method
4 to staff the main fire station with three fire fighters.

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6 Ms. Arrington recommended not replying for the six positions and not obligating the City into something
7 that is unaffordable. She suggested that Council allow staff to apply for the three positions and work on a
8 budget proposal for fiscal next year.

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10 Vice Mayor O'Connor stated that he was a little disappointed but understands Chief Long's position and
11 the City the City Manager are in. He stated it is worth the try to continue to apply for the grant.

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13 Council Member Mahoney stated that the Fire Department has been in need of new positions for some
14 time. He stated that he hopes the City is successful with the grant however, if not the need still exists. The
15 objective is to fund the positions needed.

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17 Council Member Crippen commented the City should still make the effort to apply for the grant since
18 staffing is needed in the Fire Department.

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20 Council Member Harper stated that he supports the decision to continue with the grant application.

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22 Council Member Marks supports the decision to move forward with the grant.

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24 Council Member Allebach commented that more is involved than just hiring three new firefighters.

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26 **It was the consensus of the City Council to authorize the City Manager to move**
27 **forward and submit the SAFER grant.**

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29 **9. REPORTS:**

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31 A. City Manager

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33 Ms. Arrington provided Council with educational material pertaining to the half-cent sales tax. A
34 prioritizing list was included in the handout. (A copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part
35 of these minutes.)

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37 A discussion ensued between Council and Ms. Arrington pertaining to the half-cent sales tax.

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39 B. City Clerk

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41 No report.

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43 C. City Attorney

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45 No report.

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

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3 **11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

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5 **Council Member Crippen moved to approve the February 26, 2019 City Council**
6 **minutes, seconded by Vice Mayor O'Connor, motion passed by a unanimous**
7 **voice vote of the City Council.**

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9 **12. COUNCIL & MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

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11 Council Member Mahoney stated that he appreciates adherence to policies. He recalled that Council
12 reviewed a non-recurring request from the school board for a school resource officer. One could argue
13 that the school board is a taxing authority and the Council supported the measure. Council Member
14 Mahoney stated that he views something like contributing funding for the veterans along those lines.

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16 Vice Mayor O'Connor thanked the Police and Fire Departments for all their efforts. He praised the
17 veterans that assist in the van transport for the veterans.

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19 Council Member Crippen reported that the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Group met yesterday and
20 presented the Florida aquatic preserves. He stated there is a petition to formally name the body of water
21 between the Wekiva River and the St. Johns River, Wekiva Mid St. Johns. He noted that the discussion
22 including efforts to save the preserves. Council Member Crippen stated that it is very important to protect
23 our water resource. He thanked the Police Department for their efforts.

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25 Council Member Allebach reported the subject of the TPO meeting included quantifying improvements
26 to roads and lowering fatalities. He noted that the FDOT hopes for improvement on the roads. He provided
27 traffic statistics throughout the County. He reported that funds were allocated to design the intersection of
28 Kepler Rd and State Road 44 in DeLand. He reported that the Votran bus stop will be moving out of the
29 Saxon Crossing Mall Parking lot and onto Enterprise Rd.

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31 Council Member Harper stated that he will not be attending the next meeting; he will be on vacation. He
32 reported that he had received positive feedback concerning the half-cent sales tax. Council Member Harper
33 was proud to have seconded the motion that approved naming the Evelyn Durant Robinson Playground.

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35 Council Member Marks stated she was proud to be part of the groundbreaking for Colin's Dream Park.
36 She thanked Council for attending the VIA Women Club luncheon and announced the Pin Wheels for
37 Prevention event at 4:30 p.m. on Friday April 4th at Dickinson Park. Council Member Marks reported that
38 she attended the Halifax Health Public relations meeting at DeBary Golf and Country Club. She thanked
39 the Police and Fire Departments for their efforts and presentation.

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41 Mayor Blair reported that he attended the Mayor's Round Table Meeting and the subject matter was the
42 half-cent sales tax. The Mayor mentioned other events he attended, such as the groundbreaking for Colin's
43 Dream Park. Mayor Blair recognized James Moltz, Parks Department for his good call in canceling
44 Movies in the Park due to inclement weather. Mayor Blair thanked the Police and Fire Department for
45 their excellent reports. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

1 Mayor Blair advised that he will entertain a motion to adjourn.

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3 **Council Member Crippen moved to adjourn the City Council meeting,**
4 **seconded by Vice Mayor O'Connor the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous**
5 **voice vote of the City Council.**

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7 **13. ADJOURN:**

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9 There being no further business, Mayor Blair adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

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11 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

APPROVED ON:

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03-26-2019

14 Melani Beringer

Date

15 CMC, Deputy City Clerk