

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,
2 held on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Strickland and roll call was taken.

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8 **ROLL CALL**

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10 **PRESENT:** Mayor Harley Strickland; Vice Mayor Jeff Allebach; Council Members; Tom Laputka,
11 Tom Abraham, Don Sherrill, Donald Sandford, Jim Mahoney; City Attorney William
12 Reischmann; City Manager John McCue; City Clerk Deborah Renner

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14 The Invocation was given by Pastor Mark Siers, Volusia County Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge
15 of Allegiance.

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17 **1. PRESENTATIONS:**

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19 Mayor Strickland called forward and distributed certificates to the sponsors of the "Operation We Care"
20 program. Council Member Laputka credited staff members Elaine Hart and James Moltz for bringing
21 the program to Orange City. He remarked that the response was overwhelming noting that 206 boxes
22 were sent overseas. Council Member Laputka advised that his son, who was a recipient of one of the
23 boxes, plans to present the Council with his unit flag and thank you letters from the recipients.

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25 Mayor Strickland stated, "I think you also need to know that Mr. McCue is an active participant in this
26 and has provided some funds for making this happen. It's one of the skills that Mr. McCue has and as
27 we move forward into the next year, we maybe losing Mr. McCue. He has talked to me this past
28 Monday about looking for another job and he and I are going to meet tomorrow to talk about the
29 changes and how we'll do that and have a smooth transition."

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31 **2. CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

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33 Henry Durica, 1310 E. Lansdowne came forward and questioned whether the City could create zones
34 similar to adult entertainment zones that would force out the gambling operations in the City. Mr.
35 Reischmann responded that adult entertainment establishments have negative impacts associated with
36 them that gambling operations do not and there is no established case law with regard to these types of
37 businesses. Mr. Durica expressed concerns that these businesses are stopped and suggested that the City
38 get "creative" in its approach. Regarding the City's Closest Unit Response agreement, Mr. Durica
39 suggested that the two governments meet to resolve the issues.

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41 Next, Mr. Durica addressed Council Member Sherrill. As a point of order, Mr. Reischmann advised
42 Mayor Strickland that according to Subsection 6C of the Council Rules and Procedures, all remarks
43 during public comments shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not individual Council
44 Members. In addition Mr. Reischmann noted that Subsection 6E of the Council Rules and Procedures,
45 provides that no question shall be asked a Council Member except through the presiding officer.

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47 Evelyn Robinson, 311 E. Cherokee Avenue came forward and spoke on behalf of an elderly friend - Ms.
48 Stafford. Ms. Robinson said that the police paid Ms. Stafford another visit today and suggested that

1 their behavior was harassment of an 89 year old senior citizen. Mr. McCue responded that Code
 2 Enforcement had received a code violation complaint and that, upon investigation, it was determined
 3 that the complaint was not justified. He said the City is required to investigate all code violation
 4 complaints. Police Chief Baskoff concurred noting that the complainant was notified that Ms. Stafford
 5 is not in violation. He stated there is no way to stop the complaints and reiterated that the City must
 6 investigate.

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 8 Al Blue, 447 N. Oak Avenue came forward and stated, "Thanks for fixing the clock." He announced
 9 that H. Clark Moore, Jr. passed away a few weeks ago. Mr. Blue questioned whether the City has taken
 10 all of its money out of the State Board of Administration account. Mr. McCue replied that a balance of
 11 \$300,000 is remaining in that account. Mr. Blue commented there are 10 vacant houses in his
 12 neighborhood that are still being assessed a fee for garbage service.

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 14 Michelle Polgar, 585 Montclair Avenue came forward and expressed her displeasure with the 5% pay
 15 increase granted to the City Manager. Ms. Polgar noted that it was alleged that Mr. McCue had violated
 16 the Charter and felt that it should be thoroughly discussed. She suggested that this issue be put on the
 17 agenda for the next City Council meeting under Discussion and Action. Ms. Polgar read the following
 18 statement into the record, "In closing, Council cannot just shrug their shoulders at even the possibility of
 19 unethical practices. Council has the responsibility to the residents of Orange City to follow through
 20 with appropriate actions. Thank you."

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 22 **3. CONSENT AGENDA:** None at this time.

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 24 **4. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:** None at this time.

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 26 **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES – SECOND & FINAL READING:**

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 28 **A. ORDINANCE NO. 358:** An Ordinance Of The City Of Orange City, Florida, Annexing
 29 The Heart Of Christ Christian Church Property Into The Corporate Limits Of The City
 30 Of Orange City, Florida; Said Property Being Generally Located On The North Side Of
 31 West Rhode Island Avenue Approximately 400 Feet East Of South Sparkman Avenue,
 32 Containing Approximately 4.32 Acres; In Accordance With The Voluntary Annexation
 33 Provisions Of Florida Statute 171.044; Redefining The Boundaries Of The City Of
 34 Orange City By Amending The Appropriate Sections Of The Code Of Ordinances;
 35 Containing A Repealer Provision, A Severability Clause And Providing For An Effective
 36 Date.

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 38 **Council Member Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 358 on**
 39 **second and final reading, seconded by Council Member Sherrill.**

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 41 Wendy Hickey, Planning Analyst came forward and advised this is the second reading of this ordinance
 42 and there have been no changes. She said the property is approximately 400 feet east of South
 43 Sparkman on West Rhode Island Avenue and is vacant.

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 45 Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in
 46 opposition to the proposed ordinance. No one appeared. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

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1 **B. ORDINANCE NO. 359:** An Ordinance Of The City Of Orange City, Florida, Annexing
 2 A Certain Portion Of The Right Of Way Of West Rhode Island Avenue Into The
 3 Corporate Limits Of The City Of Orange City, Florida; In Accordance With The
 4 Annexation Provisions Of Florida Statute 171.044; Redefining The Boundaries Of The
 5 City Of Orange City By Amending The Appropriate Sections Of The Code Of
 6 Ordinances; Containing A Repealer Provision, A Severability Clause And Providing For
 7 An Effective Date.

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 9 **Council Member Sandford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 359 on**
 10 **second and final reading, seconded by Council Member Sherrill.**
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12 Mr. Reischmann advised there had been a change to the preamble for this ordinance. He said the fifth
 13 “whereas” was changed to clarify that the City is not taking over the maintenance responsibilities for the
 14 right of way. He read the change into the record.

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 16 Wendy Hickey came forward and stated that this annexation is for the right of way that is adjacent to the
 17 property previously discussed and is being recommended to improve public safety response.

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 19 Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in
 20 opposition to the proposed ordinance. No one appeared. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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 22 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**
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24 **6. RESOLUTIONS:**
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26 **A. RESOLUTION NO. 485-08:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange
 27 City, Florida, adopting a proposed millage rate for the 2008-2009 fiscal year; establishing
 28 the date, time and place for a public hearing on the proposed millage rate and the
 29 tentative budget; directing communication; expressing legislative intent; repealing all
 30 resolutions in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date.

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 32 **Council Member Mahoney moved to approve Resolution No. 485-08,**
 33 **seconded by Council Member Laputka.**
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35 Mr. McCue advised that Resolution No. 485-08 is the first step in the annual budget development
 36 process. He said staff is proposing the State mandated roll back rate of 4.7513 mills. He noted the
 37 proposed rate puts a cap on the maximum rate that could be assessed but the Council can lower the rate
 38 prior to final adoption of budget. Mr. McCue said that the proposed millage rate would provide the City
 39 with a balanced budget without loss of services. In addition, staff is recommending the elimination of
 40 two vacant positions. He advised Council that this resolution requires a supermajority vote of the
 41 Council.

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 43 Council Members Sherrill and Mahoney spoke in favor of the proposed roll back rate noting that it
 44 could be reduced once discussions of the proposed budget begin. Vice Mayor Allebach agreed and
 45 pointed out the average home owner could take advantage of the homestead exemption and the passage
 46 of Amendment One. Council Member Sandford clarified that homeowners would see a reduction in the
 47 Orange City portion of the tax bill. He remarked that the City has no control over what happens with
 48 the taxes collected for other taxing authorities.
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1 Council Member Abraham stated that the majority of citizens in the State of Florida voted against
2 increased taxes. He expressed his opinion that the City may be able to adopt a lower millage rate.
3 Council Member Abraham suggested that staff create examples of what services the different millage
4 rates would provide. He stated, "Self restraint in the government that is the basic idea behind this whole
5 property tax reform and this City needs to learn how to cut back on certain expenses."
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7 Hugh Strickland, 420 May Street came forward and said that the property appraiser had indicated that
8 commercial developments received the most benefit from the reduction in property values. He
9 questioned the rationale that services will be cut with the same tax rate as last year noting that a lower
10 millage rate would be more acceptable to City residents. Mr. McCue commented that the difference
11 between the proposed 4.7 millage rate and last years millage rate of 4.3 would be about \$300,000. He
12 reminded Council that the City's ad valorem revenue is not sufficient to fund the cost of both the Police
13 and Fire Departments and if the City loses \$300,000 there would be cuts in service. Mr. McCue stated
14 that a 4.7 roll back rate will maintain the current level of services and possibly fund service
15 enhancements.
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17 Mayor Strickland stated that people seem to be confused with the purpose of this agenda item. He
18 explained this resolution would apply a cap to the millage rate that could be assessed and that there
19 would be time for citizen input during the budget development. In response to a request from the
20 Mayor, Mr. McCue detailed the budget process. He advised that a budget calendar has been prepared
21 and that five budget workshops have been scheduled. He said citizens could provide input on the budget
22 at that time.
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24 **Motion passed by a 6/1 roll call vote of the Council, with Council**
25 **Member Abraham voting "no."**
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- 27 **B. RESOLUTION NO. 486-08:** A resolution of the City of Orange City, Florida, relating
28 to the collection and disposal of solid waste in the incorporated area of Orange City,
29 Florida; establishing the estimated assessment rate for solid waste service assessments
30 against assessed property located within the incorporated area of Orange City, Florida,
31 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008; directing the preparation of an updated
32 assessment roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice
33 thereof; and providing an effective date.
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35 **Council Member Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 486-08,**
36 **seconded by Council Member Sherrill.**
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38 Christine Davis, Finance Director came forward and stated that the purpose of Resolution No. 486-08 is
39 to set a preliminary rate for the 2008 solid waste service assessment and that it directs the preparation of
40 the non-ad valorem assessment roll. Once adopted statutory notifications would be published in the
41 newspaper and certified mailings would be sent to new residents. Ms. Davis advised Council she is
42 available to answer any questions.
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44 Al Blue, 447 North Oak Avenue came forward. He objected to the fact that the assessment requires
45 vacant houses to pay for garbage when no one lives there. He urged the Council to defeat the
46 assessment and have the citizens pay monthly.
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1 Hugh Strickland, 420 May Street came forward and voiced his objections to the garbage assessment. He
2 suggested renegotiating the billing portion of the solid waste contract noting that Waste Management
3 should be responsible for their billing.
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5 Mayor Strickland questioned if the contract could be modified. Mr. Reischmann explained how the
6 assessment came to be attached to the tax roll. He advised that by defeating this resolution the City
7 would be in breach of the franchise agreement. If the Council wants to change the terms of the franchise
8 agreement, the contract must be renegotiated. Mr. McCue expressed concerns that renegotiating the
9 terms of the contract may not be limited to the method of payment of services provided. The fees are
10 locked in for the term of the contract and Waste Management may want to renegotiate the fees due to
11 the increased cost for fuel. He cautioned that opening up negotiations may be like opening "Pandora's
12 box." A lengthy discussion ensued.
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14 In response to a question from Council Member Mahoney, Mr. Reischmann noted that the timeframe is
15 detailed in the Background Section of the agenda item memorandum. He reiterated that action must be
16 taken tonight or the City could be in breach of the existing contract. He noted that Council could initiate
17 discussions for the next timeframe.
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19 Council Member Abraham stated that Ordinance No. 211 is relevant to this discussion. He read from
20 City Council minutes from July 28, 2004 when the ordinance was adopted. Council Member Abraham
21 said that he agreed with the comments made by former Vice Mayor Yebba, that assessment programs
22 may be abused. Mr. Abraham stated, "I think that we have come to a point where I can perceive that
23 kind of an abuse, in the case of the assessment for Waste Management." He asked for clarification
24 from the City Attorney. Mr. Reischmann responded that any attempt to abuse the assessment program
25 could be challenged. He said there must be fairness between the benefit that is received and the amount
26 of the additional tax burden imposed. Mr. Reischmann advised that Ordinance No. 211 does not impose
27 a special assessment for garbage service it creates the statutory methodology for implementation of a
28 special assessment. He said the City hired consultants who prepared the assessment and must have
29 concluded that the assessment is consistent with Florida Statutes and Ordinance 211.
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31 Mr. McCue commented that a special assessment is attached to property and not the individual, noting
32 that the benefit received is the availability of the service that will benefit the property.
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34 **Motion passed by a 6/1 roll call vote of the Council, with Council Member**
35 **Abraham voting "no".**
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- 37 **C. RESOLUTION NO. 487-08:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
38 Florida, acknowledging and approving a 12-month extension to the preliminary
39 subdivision plat for Shadow Ridge Subdivision Phase 2, thereby dividing a 32.7 acre
40 parcel into 77 residential lots, said parcel located immediately north of Shadow Ridge
41 Subdivision Phase 1, Orange City, Florida; repealing all resolutions in conflict herewith;
42 and providing for an effective date.
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44 **Council Member Sherrill moved to approve Resolution No. 487-08,**
45 **seconded by Vice Mayor Allebach.**
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47 Jim Kerr, City Planner came forward and stated the preliminary subdivision plat and site plan for the
48 Shadow Ridge subdivision was approved by Council on July 24, 2007. Referring to a power point
49 presentation (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes) Mr. Kerr

1 pointed out the location of the Shadow Ridge Subdivision noting that originally this property was
2 planned to be built in two phases. He said Phase 1 has been completed, however, due to the unstable
3 market for single family residential developments, the property owner has requested a 12 month
4 extension for the development of Phase 2.

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6 Council Member Laputka questioned whether there had been recent changes in the Land Development
7 Code that would affect the plat. Mr. Kerr answered in the affirmative noting that an ordinance regarding
8 compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System was previously adopted by the
9 Council. He said that matter is addressed in Condition #3 of this resolution.

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11 In response to a question from Council Member Laputka, Mr. Kerr advised that one extension is
12 allowable for this project. He said staff recommends that the Council approve the extension of Shadow
13 Ridge Phase 2 plat subject to the three conditions detailed in Exhibit B of the resolution.

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

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17 **D. RESOLUTION NO. 488-08:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
18 Florida, acknowledging and approving a 12-month extension to the site plan for Shadow
19 Ridge Subdivision Phase 2, consisting of 77 lots on a 32.7 acre parcel; located
20 immediately north of Shadow Ridge Subdivision Phase 1, Orange City, Florida;
21 repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith; and providing for an
22 effective date.

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24 **Council Member Sandford moved to approve Resolution No. 488-08,**
25 **seconded by Council Member Laputka.**

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

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29 **7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

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31 **A. Review Draft of Charter Referendum Ordinance**

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33 Mr. Reischmann stated that at the last meeting Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance to have the
34 Charter review changes placed on the November ballot. At that time it was thought that in order to meet
35 the deadline for the November election, the first reading of the ordinance would have to be held this
36 evening. However, Ms. Renner communicated with Ann McFall, Supervisor of Elections and
37 determined there is an additional two weeks. He remarked that is why the ordinance is in draft form.
38 Mr. Reischmann said that he and the City Clerk are seeking further direction on the draft ordinance, and
39 whether the Council is desirous of putting the Charter changes on the November ballot or submitting the
40 amendments through a special election. He detailed the statutory requirements for the ballot and stated
41 that the summary section would be prepared for the next Council meeting.

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43 Ms. Renner reported that after discussion with Ms. McFall it was determined that an additional page
44 would be added to the ballot for the charter questions. She discussed the costs associated with a
45 November referendum. Mr. Reischmann said that staff is seeking direction as to the when Council
46 wants to submit these changes to the voters and comments on the how the changes were grouped into
47 questions.

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1 Mr. Reischmann commented that Ms. Renner had worked very hard to accumulate all the minutes and
2 sort through the changes recommended by the Charter Review Committee and the Council into one
3 document. Mayor Strickland agreed with Mr. Reischmann's comments. He stated that numerous
4 individuals have approached him and suggested that Ms. Renner be nominated for City Clerk of the
5 year. Mayor Strickland addressed Ms. Renner and stated, "I think it is a very important recognition and
6 from what I've seen being in the office, it's the kind of yeoman work that is being accomplished there.
7 Again, I want to thank you."

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9 Hugh Strickland, 420 May Street came forward and said that he emailed Section 4.04 of the City
10 Charter, which discusses statutory requirements for ballot issues, to the Council because the draft did
11 not contain that information. Mr. Strickland expressed concerns that the titles were not descriptive and
12 did not capture the "gist" of the changes. He said that the number of ballot questions could be reduced
13 by combing related questions and that the language is confusing because of the underline and strike
14 through. Mr. Strickland said that he emailed Council a sample ballot that was simple and straight
15 forward and that complies with the City's statutory requirements. He urged Council to take that into
16 consideration.

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18 Addressing Mr. Reischmann, Mayor Strickland commented that previously there were two separate
19 votes of the Council about the issue of putting the Charter changes on the November ballot versus mail
20 out ballots. He recalled that the first vote passed 5/1, and the second vote failed 3/4, he questioned who
21 is eligible to make a motion to address the matter at this time. Mr. Reischmann advised since the second
22 vote failed, the first vote would prevail and only the Council Members on the prevailing side of the vote
23 could initiate a reconsideration of the earlier decision.

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25 Vice Mayor Allebach remarked that the presentation of the ballot questions are more simplified and
26 organized then he expected. However, he agreed with Mr. Strickland's comments and suggested that if
27 it is possible to decrease the number of questions, it would improve the presentation.

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29 Mr. Reischmann advised Council that there are three options available for consideration; putting the
30 Charter changes on the general ballot for the November elections; the use of a mail ballot; or holding a
31 special election.

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33 Council Member Mahoney expressed his desire to include the Charter changes with the fall elections.
34 He stated, "I believe you are going to get the largest turnout in the fall elections at the least cost to the
35 City and you have the greatest potential of getting the will of the citizens." Council Member Sandford
36 expressed concerns that if these changes are on the third page of the ballot there is potential that not
37 everyone who votes would complete the ballot. He said that the best way to get the will of the people
38 would be to have a mail ballot, despite the additional expense. Council Member Laputka agreed with
39 Council Member Sandford's comments, he spoke in favor of a mail ballot. Council Member Abraham
40 agreed with Council Member Mahoney's comments. A lengthy discussion ensued.

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42 **Council Member Mahoney moved that the Council present the proposed**
43 **Charter revisions to the Orange City public at the November election,**
44 **seconded by Council Member Sherrill.**

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46 **Motion failed by a 3/4 roll call vote of the Council, with Council Members**
47 **Laputka, Sandford, Abraham and Mayor Strickland voting "no."**
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1 Council Member Mahoney questioned Council Member Abraham's reason for changing his mind.
2 Council Member Abraham stated "Mr. Strickland has been working very hard on the Charter
3 Commission. He has taken a very nice initiative on the whole process and I appreciate him a lot for his
4 organization, abilities and his opinions and he has a very strong feeling and confidence that more people
5 can be involved in this Charter Review by sending it for a mail ballot and I respect that."
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7 Mr. Reischmann advised that the remaining two options are a mail ballot or special election. Ms.
8 Renner commented that the best time for a special election would be next year, once the Presidential
9 election is completed.

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11 **Council Member Sandford moved that the City conduct a mail ballot**
12 **election after the first of the year in 2009, seconded by Council Member**
13 **Laputka.**

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15 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**
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17 Mr. Reischmann asked for Council's input on the organization of the ballot. Mayor Strickland
18 suggested that a workshop be scheduled rather than discussing the matter tonight. He noted that would
19 provide time for an adequate review of the draft document and for comments from the Council. A
20 lengthy discussion ensued.

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22 In response to a question from Council Member Mahoney, Mr. Reischmann stated that the purpose of a
23 workshop is to obtain Council's direction. Staff would make the requested changes and present the final
24 version at a regular Council meeting. He encourage the Council to submit any recommended changes
25 prior to the workshop so that staff could be prepared to respond to Council's suggestions and or
26 criticisms.

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28 **It was the consensus of the Council to put the Charter changes on the**
29 **agenda for the August 26, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.**
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31 **B. Hurricane Debris Removal Contractor Pool**
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33 Paul Johnson, Public Works Director came forward and advised Council that the purpose of this agenda
34 item is to obtain authorization to enter into agreements with Arbor Tree and Land Inc., and Harty
35 Tractor Service, Inc., and to extend the AshBritt Environmental agreement for removal and or disposal
36 of post hurricane debris. He advised Council that having a pool of debris removal companies on
37 contract would assist the City in its debris removal program in the event of a hurricane. He said the
38 recommended contractors have complied with FEMA guidelines noting that a contract must be in place
39 in order for the City to seek reimbursement from FEMA. He said the reliability of the firm and its
40 ability to provide the service was the driving factor in the decision to enter into contracts with the
41 recommended companies. Mr. Johnson stated that staff recommends that the City retain these firms.
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43 Mayor Strickland expressed concerns that local business be included in the pool of contractors for debris
44 removal. He questioned whether it was advisable to do so at this stage of the hurricane season. Mr.
45 Johnson responded that would require a bid package. He noted that during the 2004 season, Harty
46 Tractor was the company that assisted the City with debris removal and that Harty solicited employees
47 from the community to accomplish that task noting that contributed to the local economy. Mr. McCue
48 expressed his concern that timing is critical. He said that under the FEMA guidelines, these contractors
49 must have existing contracts with the City and be certified to do the work.

1 **Council Member Mahoney moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2008**
2 **Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Allebach and passed by a**
3 **unanimous voice vote of the Council.**

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5 **Council Member Mahoney moved to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2008**
6 **Special Meeting – Charter Review Meeting, seconded by Council Member**
7 **Laputka and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.**

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9 **Council Member Mahoney moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2008**
10 **Special Meeting – Charter Review Meeting, seconded by Council Member**
11 **Sandford and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Council.**

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14 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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16 Council Member Mahoney addressed the remarks made by Ms. Polgar. He said that a citizen came up
17 earlier and commented that we shouldn't dismiss Charter violations. Her point was it should be
18 discussed in discussion and action. He stated, "...The point that I'd like to propose to all Council
19 Members is that at any time that we have a serious issue before us, regardless of how we stand on it, we
20 all need to have access to the same information and we can come to the right decision as a Council."

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22 Council Member Mahoney thanked Mayor Strickland for his assistance in getting him Orange City
23 shirts that fits.

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25 Council Member Sandford thanked the Police Department for their assistance with an "interesting
26 experience." He said he found the officers to be service-oriented and that it was a very pleasant
27 experience. He thanked the Chief and his staff.

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29 Council Member Laputka thanked Police Chief Baskoff for his assistance with removing skate boarders
30 who had been maliciously occupying portions of the library.

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32 Council Member Abraham clarified his reasons for changing his mind about the November elections.
33 He said it was to allow the focus to be on the presidential election at that time.

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35 Vice Mayor Allebach noted that there is a lot of activity at the splash pad in Veteran's Memorial Park.
36 He said that he observed city staff at the park making sure that the splash pad is in working order and is
37 safe at 7:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Allebach stated, "There is a staff, contrary to some comments made, with
38 the City that truly cares about providing an extraordinary service to the citizens."

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40 Mayor Strickland noted that the Council Chambers was flooded this weekend and remarked that there is
41 no smell left in the room. He said that staff recognized there was a problem and promptly responded
42 even though there was not much that could be done. He stated, "I just wanted to acknowledge the staff
43 jumping on that and making something happen and now that it's back together, no one would have
44 really known unless you were around here during that time."

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46 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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48 There being no further business, Mayor Strickland adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED ON:

Gloria Williams
Deputy City Clerk
