

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,
2 held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue, Orange City.

3
4 **CALL TO ORDER**

5
6 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Strickland and roll call was taken.

7
8 **PRESENT:** Mayor Harley Strickland; Vice Mayor Tom Laputka; Council Members Jeff Allebach, Tom
9 Abraham, Anthony J. Pupello, Gary A. Blair, O. William (Bill) Crippen; City Attorney William
10 Reischmann; City Manager Jamie Croteau; City Clerk Deborah Renner

11
12 The Invocation was given by Chaplain Judy Fontanez, Halifax Health, Hospice of Flagler, followed by
13 the Pledge of Allegiance.

14
15 1. **ABSENCES:** None at this time

16
17 2. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** None at this time

18
19 3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

20
21 Al Blue, 447 N. Oak came forward and questioned what the old Chamber of Commerce building will be
22 used for. Ms. Croteau responded staff is considering using the building for the Parks Department, an
23 agenda item will be brought forward in August. Mr. Blue provided a brief history about life of Harriet
24 French Hayman Boyd.

25
26 4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** None at this time

27
28 5. **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

- 29
30 **A. ORDINANCE NO. 426:** An Ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida,
31 annexing the Laderman property into the corporate limits of the City of Orange
32 City, Florida; said property being generally located on the north side of West Fern
33 Drive, approximately 250 feet west of South Volusia Avenue, containing
34 approximately 0.50 acres; in accordance with the voluntary annexation provisions
35 of Florida Statute 171.044; redefining the boundaries of the City of Orange City by
36 amending the appropriate sections of the Code of Ordinances; containing a repealer
37 provision, a severability clause and providing for an effective date.

38
39 Council Member Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 426 into the record.

40
41 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 426 on first reading,**
42 **seconded by Council Member Crippen.**

43
44 Jim Kerr, City Planner, came forward to discuss the voluntary annexation of 111 W. Fern Drive.
45 Referring to a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of
46 these minutes) Mr. Kerr displayed aerial views of the property noting that it is 0.50 acres and consists of
47 two lots, one with a single family dwelling and the other vacant. He stated this annexation meets the
48 State regulatory criteria and staff recommends that Council adopt Ordinance No. 426.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48

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

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. ORDINANCE NO. 421: An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida, amending Orange City Code Appendix A, the City’s Land Development Code, as adopted by Ordinance No. 157; amending Chapter 8, Section 8.6.1 Schedule of Zoning District Permitted and Conditional Uses; modifying compliance requirements for recycling activities; providing for conflicting provisions; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

Council Member Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 421 into the record.

Vice Mayor Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 421 on first reading, seconded by Council Member Pupello.

Jim Kerr City Planner came forward and commented this is the second reading of Ordinance No. 421 amending the Land Development Code adding “recycling” activities to the Zoning Matrix. He reminded Council it is a text amendment to the footnotes of the code section to provide clarity.

City Attorney Bill Reischmann advised the next three agenda items are related to the GEL Corp. settlement. This item amends the Land Development Code and is classified as a legislative matter and the next two items are quasi-judicial in nature. He reminded Council of ex-parte communication requirements and detailed the process.

Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wanted to speak for or against the proposed ordinance, no one appeared. The mayor closed the public hearing.

Motion passed by a 6/1 roll call vote of the Council, with Council Member Blair voting “no.”

B. ORDINANCE NO. 422: An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida, amending Section 8.3 of the City’s Land Development Code, said Section being the Official Zoning Map of the City of Orange City, Florida; said amendment changing the zoning classification of the GEL property, consisting of approximately 33.8 acres of property generally located within the northeast quadrant of Rhode Island Avenue and Leavitt Avenue; from its present zoning classification of (I-2) Heavy Industrial to (I-PUD) Industrial Planned Unit Development; containing a repealer provision, a severability clause and providing for an effective date.

Council Member Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 422 into the record.

Vice Mayor Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 422 on second and final reading, seconded by Council Member Allebach.

Mr. Kerr advised this is the second reading of this ordinance and if approved will rezone the GEL Corp. property to an I-PUD. He noted the next agenda item Council will consider is the GEL site plan.

1 Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wanted to speak for or against the
2 proposed ordinance.

3
4 Mr. Reischmann questioned whether there had been any ex-parte communication since the first reading
5 of this ordinance. He noted for the record that no ex-parte communications were disclosed. Mr.
6 Reischmann stated that a fully executed developer's agreement will be recorded.

7
8 There being no further requests to speak, the mayor closed the public hearing.

9
10 **Motion passed by a 6/1 roll call vote of the Council, with Council**
11 **Member Blair voting "no."**

12
13 **7. RESOLUTIONS:**

- 14
15 **A. RESOLUTION NO 613-10:** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of
16 Orange City, Florida, acknowledging and approving the site plan for the GEL
17 Recycling facility (I-PUD) Industrial Planned Unit Development, to be constructed
18 on a 12.5 acre parcel, located in the northeast quadrant of East Rhode Island Avenue
19 and South Leavitt Avenue, Orange City, Florida; repealing all resolutions in conflict
20 herewith; and providing for an effective date.

21
22 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 613-10 into the record.

23
24 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 613-10, seconded by**
25 **Council Member Crippen.**

26
27 Mr. Kerr displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the site plan for the GEL Recycling Facility (a copy of
28 which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes). He pointed out the location of the
29 office/scale building that is located on the north end of the property. He detailed the various other
30 elements of the site plan noting a security wall will be installed on the north side of the site, similar to
31 the one on the west and south side of the property. In addition, the existing sidewalk will be extended
32 down to Rhode Island Avenue. Mr. Kerr stated staff is recommending approval of this site plan subject
33 to 5 conditions and the 4 departures as stipulated in the agenda packet.

34
35 Council Member Blair said that many of the residents in the neighboring communities have complained
36 about "dust" in the air. He questioned where the dust is coming from.

37
38 Geno Evans, GEL Corp., 1200 S Leavitt Avenue, came forward and said he was not aware there were
39 complaints about dust. He said all the recycling equipment is connected to a water truck and has an
40 internal dust control system. Council Member Blair said that residents have told him they still get dust
41 particles from concrete and wood. Mr. Evans said he does not know where the dust is coming from. He
42 suggested the residents call his office if there is excessive dust so he can take care of it. He invited
43 residents to tour the plant to see the process. Council Member Blair felt that was a good idea and said
44 that he would like to tour the plant as well. Mr. Evans briefly detailed the recycling process and the dust
45 control system. In response to a question from Council Member Blair, Mr. Evans said that due to the
46 heat emanating from the closed C&D landfill, live oak trees cannot be planted as the roots dry out.

47

1 Council Member Blair said that he cannot support this action at this time, due to the complaints that he
2 has received. He expressed his opinion that Mr. Evans is working towards making things better and that
3 he looks forward to touring the facility.

4
5 **Motion passed by a 6/1 roll call vote of the Council, with Council**
6 **Member Blair voting “no.”**
7

8 Mr. Reischmann advised this action finalizes the terms of the settlement agreement with GEL. The
9 developer’s agreement will be recorded and all of the pending litigation will be dismissed with
10 prejudice. Both parties are responsible for their own legal fees.

11
12 **B. RESOLUTION NO. 614-10:** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of
13 Orange City, Florida, declaring certain property surplus; authorizing disposal of the
14 property; and providing for an effective date.
15

16 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 614-10 into the record.

17
18 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 614-10,**
19 **seconded by Council Member Pupello.**
20

21 Commander Pete Thomas came forward and noted the purpose of this resolution is to retire the Police
22 Department’s canine Officer Cero. He cited Officer Cero’s drug seizure rate noting that he has routinely
23 worked with various law enforcement agencies throughout Volusia County, and has worked with the
24 Drug Enforcement Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Unfortunately, Cero has developed
25 serious medical conditions which prevent him from continuing in active duty. It is staff’s
26 recommendation that Officer Cero be retired from active duty with full honors and his ownership be
27 transferred to his handler, Sergeant William Combs.
28

29 In response to a question from Mayor Strickland, Ms. Croteau explained that Officer Cero is classified
30 as a property asset and all assets are tracked. Once service/use is completed, the property is declared as
31 surplus which allows it to be given away or sold. Ms. Croteau said Officer Cero has been a great asset
32 and the City is sorry to see him go.
33

34 **Motion passed by a 6/1 roll call vote of the Council, with Mayor**
35 **Strickland voting “no.”**
36

37 Vice Mayor Laputka presented Officer Cero with parting gift, thanking him for his years of dedicated
38 service.
39

40 Vice Mayor Laputka questioned whether the City will replace Officer Cero. Ms. Croteau advised the
41 City will use the Sheriff’s department canine officer when necessary.
42

43 Don Sherrill, 2223 Hollowridge Dr. suggested that the City consider replacing Officer Cero as he has
44 been an asset to the City.
45

46 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**
47

48 **A. Update on Seth French House**

1 Mr. Reischmann reported that as directed at the last meeting, staff met with Jim Barks, Attorney for the
2 estate of Harriett Boyd, and her executor Al Blue to discuss Council's concerns with accepting the
3 bequest of the Seth French House. He said a number of options were discussed and were presented to
4 the heirs, however, they want to abide by the terms of the will. Mr. Reischmann said the City is still
5 subject to the conditions stipulated in the will and a decision must be made by August 15th.

6
7 Al Blue, 447 N. Oak came forward and provided a brief history of the Seth French House. He said Ms.
8 Boyd bought the house 20 years ago from Mr. Straight. She made a number of improvements and
9 registered the home on the National Historic Registry. Mr. Blue said Ms. Boyd passed away at age 86
10 as a result of a car accident. He recommended that the City accept the property and review it for 18
11 months to determine if it is worthwhile.

12
13 Mayor Strickland said that he has mixed feeling about the matter and asked Council whether they
14 wished to schedule a workshop to discuss it further. Council Members Blair and Crippen, and Vice
15 Mayor Laputka spoke in support of a workshop. Council Member Blair said that he is interested in
16 obtaining cost estimates to repair the house. Council Member Crippen said he would like more
17 information regarding how much liberty the City has.

18
19 Mayor Strickland asked staff if the consequences of taking and then returning the House were discussed
20 at the meeting. Mr. Reischmann responded "yes." He said timeframes for the implementation of the
21 will were also discussed. If Council accepts the gift, the will would still have to go through the normal
22 probate process. The title may not be transferred until late fall or early winter of 2010 and the City
23 would not be obligated until the deed has been executed and recorded. Mr. Reichmann said he does not
24 know how long it would take to bring the property into compliance as stipulated in the will. Mr. Blue
25 suggested that the estate would provide a reasonable timeframe for the City to become compliant.

26
27 Ms. Croteau advised it would be difficult to provide cost estimates for the restoration of a historical
28 house until it is known exactly what is required to bring it into compliance. She noted that Lamphier &
29 Co. has expertise in restoring historical buildings, noting that they renovated City Hall. If Council
30 decides to accept the house, Lamphier & Co could provide a cost estimate. Council Member Blair
31 requested that staff contact the National Historic Register to ascertain the requirements for restoring a
32 home on the Register.

33
34 Council Member Crippen suggested inviting the West Volusia Historical Society (WVHS) to the
35 workshop. Mayor Strickland noted that Ms. Boyd offered the Seth House to the WVHS and they
36 declined. Council Member Blair suggested inviting the Historic Preservation Board members.

37
38 Council Member Allebach said he was concerned about the City's options if one of the heirs were to
39 challenge the City's ownership after the renovations are made. Mr. Reischmann noted it would be
40 discussed at the workshop.

41
42 **It was the consensus of the Council to hold a Joint Workshop with the**
43 **Historic Preservation Board on Monday, August 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to**
44 **discuss the acceptance of the Seth French House.**

45
46 **B. Update on Garbage Rates**
47

1 Christine Davis, Finance Director, came forward and noted that Pedro Pratt, EWS Site Manager and
2 Brian Hughes, Central Florida Area Manager were present in the audience. Ms. Davis advised that
3 staff is requesting an amendment to the "Rate" and "Terms" sections of the current EWS franchise
4 agreement.

5
6 Ms. Davis noted that an RFP for residential garbage service was issued in 2006 which resulted in an
7 exclusive franchise granted to Waste Management at a rate of \$366 per year. The contract was amended
8 in 2007 to a rate of \$259 annually with a provision that it be added to the tax roll. The rate remained the
9 same for 2008 and 2009. In 2008, Waste Management sold the company to EWS and the franchise was
10 amended to reflect this change.

11
12 Staff recently met with representatives from EWS and negotiated a reduction in the fee to \$15.85 per
13 month, a 36% reduction. Ms. Davis noted that this reduction moved Orange City from the third highest
14 rates in the area to the fourth from the bottom.

15
16 Ms. Davis advised that staff believes combining the exclusive residential contract with an exclusive
17 commercial contract would result in an even lower rate for City residents. State Statute requires that the
18 City provide a three year notice of its intent to issue an exclusive contract to the commercial haulers
19 currently operating in the City. Once the contract is up in 2014, the City will consider a combined
20 exclusive contract. A three-year extension to the contract would give the City the opportunity to fulfill
21 this statutory notice requirement.

22
23 Vice Mayor Laputka referred to the chart provided by staff which shows where Orange City falls in
24 terms of the rates charged. He questioned the legitimacy of the chart, noting that rates are always in flux
25 among the various cities. The Vice Mayor suggested that the City could "zero out the cost" for
26 residential service by shifting it to the commercial businesses in town. Ms. Croteau responded that the
27 proposed plan was designed to be as fair as possible.

28
29 Council Member Allebach recalled that in 1998, garbage service cost about \$13 per month and stayed
30 that way until 2005. He noted that this is an opportunity to correct that and to lower the tax bills. He
31 advised that Deltona residents pay a stormwater fee on their tax bills.

32
33 Ms. Davis advised that the proposed rate would go into effect January 1, 2011. This would result in a
34 rate of \$21.58 being charged for October through December and the \$15.85 rate taking effect January 1,
35 2011 for a blended monthly rate of \$17.28. She encouraged residents to pay their taxes in November in
36 order to get the statutory discount which applies to the garbage assessment as well as taxes. The
37 discount would lower the blended rate to \$16.59 for the first year and \$15.22 in following years.

38
39 Council Member Blair asked if there are plans to lower the rate for the period from October through
40 December. Mr. Hughes, EWS, came forward and stated that EWS' budget year coincides with the
41 calendar year, therefore, their budget would not accommodate the lower rates until January. Council
42 Member Blair suggested that perhaps their budget might have some "wobble room." Mr. Hughes noted
43 that they could have requested an increase, but declined to do so.

44
45 Council Member Allebach asked how many of EWS' employees live in the 32763 zip code. Mr. Pratt
46 estimated that it is approximately 50-60%.

47

1 Al Blue, 447 N. Oak, came forward and asked whether the motion included direction for the City
2 Manager to execute the contract with EWS. Mr. Reischmann responded that the process must be done
3 through an ordinance as required by City Charter. Mr. Blue suggested that Orange City has been paying
4 in excess of \$200,000 per year more than adjacent cities. Mr. Blue noted that nearly 10% of the
5 dwellings in his neighborhood have been vacant. He further noted that in some neighborhoods, that
6 number is 50%. Mr. Blue observed that homeowners are still required to pay the garbage bill even
7 though no service is performed. He advised that Daytona Beach, Sanford, and Lake Mary all bill for
8 garbage service on the water bills. Mr. Blue maintained that the garbage customers who are not on City
9 water can be identified.

10
11 Henry Durica, 1310 E. Lansdowne, came forward and distributed a publication to Council (a copy of
12 which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes). Mr. Durica noted that DeLand's
13 new garbage contract reduces their cost to \$9.86 per month. He noted that the new rate proposed by
14 Orange City is \$190.20 annually while DeLand pays \$118.32. Mr. Durica maintained that Orange
15 City's bills should be even lower because of the ad valorem billing. He noted that EWS is one of the
16 fastest growing companies in the Country. Ms. Croteau noted that DeLand recently combined their
17 commercial and residential contracts and the commercial rates increased about 25% while the residential
18 rates decreased. She reiterated that Orange City is moving in this direction as well, but that it requires a
19 three-year notice period. Ms. Croteau noted that if the new proposed rate is not accepted by Council, the
20 contract will move forward for an additional five years at the current rate.

21
22 Council Member Crippen noted that when he ran for Council, the citizens made it "quite clear" that they
23 did not want their garbage fees billed on their tax bill. He said that he promised to "do his best" to
24 remove it. He noted that DeLand does its own billing and offered garbage customers "vacation
25 credits" when they would be away for several month, however, that service has been discontinued as it
26 proved too costly. Ms. Croteau noted that the City pays a "very minimal amount" to have the service
27 billed on the tax bills. Ms. Davis noted that the maximum amount the County can charge is 2%,
28 however, for the past three years they have billed the City under \$1,500 which amounts to the cost for
29 mailing. Ms. Davis said that in cases where the bills are on the tax roll, bad debt runs about 1-2% which
30 amounts to about \$11,500 for Orange City. When the bill is collected directly, that number goes to
31 about 20% which equates to \$110,000 to \$120,000. When bad debt increases, it drives up the cost for
32 those who are paying. Ms. Davis said that tax roll billing is a cost containment method.

33
34 Council Member Blair spoke in support of tax roll billing and noted that even when the home is vacant
35 trash is generated.

36
37 Amy DiVittorio, owner of the Heritage Inn, came forward. She discussed the impact increased cost for
38 this service will have on local businesses. She said that during these hard times, "every little bit helps."
39 She suggested that residents need to "pay their own fair share" and leave the businesses out of it.

40
41 Ms. Croteau summarized that staff is asking for Council's approval to adopt the lower rate and to extend
42 the contract for three years through 2014.

43
44 **Council Member Allebach moved to authorize the preparation of an**
45 **ordinance to amend the EWS contract to a rate no higher than \$15.85 per**
46 **month as stated and to extend the contract through December 31, 2014,**
47 **seconded by Council Member Blair. Motion passed by 6/1 voice vote with**
48 **Council Member Pupello voting "no."**

1 C. Approval of Employee Severance Package

2
3 Ms. Croteau noted the challenges in balancing the budget this year. She advised that she must do a
4 “reduction in force” this year. She said that staff desires to extend a severance package to the affected
5 employees. Ms. Croteau said that Council approval of the severance package is required. She outlined
6 the details of the proposal as follows: (1) accrued vacation will be paid in accordance with the personnel
7 policies, (2) sick time will be converted as per the personnel policies except that sick time will be paid
8 up to 80 hours on top of 240 hours of vacation, (3) severance pay for employees with more than two
9 years of service will be equal to one week’s salary for every two years of service subject to a minimum
10 of four weeks and a maximum of ten weeks. Employees with less than two years of service will be paid
11 two weeks salary, (4) single employee health insurance will be continued for three months, (5)
12 assistance from the one-stop career center in filing for unemployment benefits and job training/job-
13 seeking skills classes. Employees will be required to sign a release to be eligible for the severance
14 benefits. She said staff is requesting Council approval of the proposed severance package.

15
16 **Council Member Allebach moved that the City Council approve the**
17 **severance package that will be presented to staff affected by the budget**
18 **cuts, seconded by Vice Mayor Laputka.**
19

20 Council Member Blair asked whether the employees to be laid off were selected because of
21 performance. Ms. Croteau responded “no”. She recalled the Interim City Manager brought forward a
22 similar plan in April. Staff reviewed the budget for positions that could be reduced or eliminated
23 without affecting the services provided by the City.
24

25 Council Member Blair noted that during his discussion with Ms. Croteau, she indicated she would prefer
26 a more professional type person in a particular position. He questioned if every department would be
27 scrutinized in the same manner. Ms. Croteau responded that the position Council Member Blair is
28 referring to has an interim employee in place and interim positions are considered vacant positions. It is
29 a key position for the City, and needs to be filled with the “absolute” best possible person that the City
30 can get. Council Member Blair stated he still does not understand why the interim has to be displaced.
31 He asked whether the displaced employees would be offered alternate positions or furloughs. Ms.
32 Croteau said part-time positions were considered but the workload is not there to support that. She
33 expressed her concerns about discussing specific positions because it has not been discussed with the
34 employees. If a reduction in staff is required for next year’s budget, furloughs and part time positions
35 would be considered. Council Member Blair said he does not like the idea of layoffs, noting that many
36 of the employees being considered for termination have been with the City for some time and have been
37 dedicated in their service to the City.
38

39 Council Member Crippen asked if the severance package under consideration was comparable to what
40 other cities are offering. Ms. Croteau responded that staff looked at what other cities were offering and
41 found that it varied from place to place. The proposed package is very similar to DeLand.
42

43 Council Member Pupello said he is comfortable with the proposed severance package. He said he
44 appreciates that staff is anticipating the City’s employment needs for this year and looking ahead to next
45 year. Council Member Pupello suggested that it is not easy to let people go, as the City should be
46 appreciative of the hard work that they had done, but he stated, “It’s not the City’s priority to keep
47 people employed if their services are not necessary.” He expressed his opinion that staff is moving the
48 City towards becoming the most efficient, professionally run city in Central Florida.

1 Council Member Allebach agreed with Council Member Pupello's comments that it is not easy to
2 terminate employees. He recalled that three months ago he was opposed to this action because the
3 interim city manager who was making the recommendations did not live in the City. However, Council
4 Member Allebach said he can support this action at this time.

5
6 Council Member Abraham recalled he lost his job sometime ago at a time when he planned to bring his
7 family to America from India and that delayed his plans for another nine years. He spoke in support of
8 this action noting it is not easy to lay off employees, but it is necessary when budget cuts are eminent.
9 Council Member Abraham said that he was recently laid off, without a severance package. The impact
10 of the current recession has impacted everyone and the City has no choice but to take this action at this
11 time.

12
13 Vice Mayor Laputka commended Ms. Croteau for the proposed severance package provided. He said
14 that he also has experienced termination from one job several times, but he came back each time making
15 more money. He stated, "It hurts...these are the things that we have to do, but there is always
16 tomorrow."

17
18 Mayor Strickland acknowledged the difficulty of making these types of decisions. He said that he will
19 support this action, but it is with a "very heavy heart."

20
21 **Motion passed by 7/0 voice vote of the Council.**

22
23 **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

24
25 Council Member Blair asked if there was an inventory of the City's alleys. Ms. Croteau said she would
26 look into the matter and report back.

27
28 **10. REPORTS:**

29
30 A. City Manager

31
32 Ms. Croteau announced the City is hosting a "National Night Out" at Veteran's Memorial Park on
33 Tuesday, August 3rd from 6-9 p.m. She invited everyone to attend.

34
35 Ms. Croteau noted that the Charter requires that the proposed budget be delivered to Council on August
36 1st, which is a Sunday. She asked for authorization to provide the budget on Monday August 2nd at the
37 workshop.

38
39 **There was unanimous consent by the Council to accept**
40 **delivery of the budget on Monday, August 2, 2010.**

41
42 Ms. Croteau noted that previously Council Members asked about the emergency shelters in the City.
43 She said the disaster preparedness plan on the City's web site lists the emergency shelters as well as the
44 emergency shelters that accommodate special needs. The new high school is not a shelter this year.

45
46 Vice Mayor Laputka said he received correspondence about the historical overlay consulting. He asked
47 about the status of the project. Ms. Croteau said the letter asked that the historic overlay district be
48 considered during the budget process. An economic development line item was added to the budget and

1 would be used for these types of items. She said Team Volusia is also accounted for in the budget line
2 item.

3
4 Council Member Blair questioned where the City is with the West Volusia Traffic Study. Elaine
5 Wilson, Interim Development Service Director, advised the study has been completed, and presented to
6 the County. When the County accepts it, it will be distributed to the local communities. In response to a
7 question from Council Member Blair, Ms. Wilson said the city has paid their portion for the study.

8
9 Council Member Abraham said the Charter requires the proposed budget to be distributed to Council on
10 or before August 1st. Staff just asked for an extension in order to provide the budget on August 2nd.
11 Council Member Abraham said he wanted the record to show that Ms. Croteau has promised that staff
12 will provide the proposed budget on time or earlier next year. Ms. Croteau said it was a difficult budget
13 to prepare this year. Staff wanted to make sure the millage is set at a rate that could cover the next two
14 years and not have the same difficulties as this year. Ms. Croteau said that Orange City is not the only
15 City that is trying to project out at least two years. Most people anticipate another property value
16 reduction next year.

17
18 Council Member Allebach noted that he was aware bus shelters have installed at various locations in the
19 City, however, there are still a number of locations that need shelter. He questioned when more would
20 be installed. Ms. Croteau said the Votran will deliver nine more shelters at the end of August. In
21 response to a question from Council Member Pupello, Ms. Croteau said that “attractive” garbage cans
22 could be installed at the bus stops

23
24 **C. Mayor/City Council**

25
26 Council Member Crippen said that after the discussion at last Council meeting about the disposal of
27 medications, he spoke to Roger Accardi, owner of Accardi Pharmacy. Mr. Accardi’s wife is in the
28 process of preparing a proposal that she plans to present to the Council. Council Member Crippen said
29 he invited Dr. Accardi to attend the next meeting of the South West Health Alliance. He said he also
30 spoke with Dr. Accardi about pain management clinics opening in Central Florida.

31
32 Mayor Strickland reported the City was presented with an award for a partnering with several of
33 Manatee Cove’s Elementary School programs.

34
35 **D. City Clerk**

36
37 No further report.

38
39 **E. City Attorney**

40
41 No further report.

42
43 **11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 13, 2010 Regular Meeting**

44
45 **Council Member Allebach moved to approve the minutes of the July 13,**
46 **2010 seconded by Council Member Crippen and passed by a unanimous**
47 **7/0 voice vote of the Council.**
48

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Laputka said he went to Fayetteville, NC to spend some time with his son. He said his son is in the Army and was to be deployed the next day. The Vice Mayor said that as he drove home, he reflected on the liberties that we all have. He expressed his concerns about the sacrifices that young men and women take to serve in the armed forces. He stated, "It's difficult, these young people were all pulled from their families and they are into a deployment. Until you see it first hand, you don't really understand."

Council Member Allebach said the house across from his is in foreclosure and needs to be maintained. He said he submitted a complaint on the City's web page and Code Enforcement responded almost immediately. Council Member Allebach stated, "Our services provided by this City are outstanding."

Council Member Pupello stated that he is looking forward to Monday's workshop.

Council Member Crippen thanked staff for their hard work in preparing the proposed budget. He said he looks forward to the workshop as his list of questions continues to grow.

Mayor Strickland said he read about the community policing program in the Friday letter and he is pleased with the program. It is important for the Police Department to have a good relationship with business owners in the City. Mayor Strickland spoke about the affect deployment has on military family members. He said it is different than years past because the military force is voluntary this time. Mayor Strickland urged people to be aware of the military families and to provide support and to be there for them, even if we don't understand what is like to a have child go off to war.

13. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Strickland adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

Gloria W. Thomas, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

August 10, 2010
Date