

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,
2 held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue, Orange
3 City.

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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9 **ROLL CALL**

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

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15 **INVOCATION**

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17 The Invocation was given by Pastor John Gryglewicz, New Life Bible Church of Orange City, followed
18 by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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20 **I. SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING /ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET & MILLAGE RATE FOR**
21 **FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011**

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23 **MAYOR’S OPENING COMMENTS:**

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25 Mayor Strickland read the following statement into the record. “The City of Orange City intends to adopt
26 a budget and millage rate for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. The proposed millage rate is 6.3445 mills which is
27 below the rolled-back rate as provided by the Property Appraiser of Volusia County and does not reflect
28 an increase in ad valorem taxes.”

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30 **SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING/SECOND READING:**

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32 **A. ORDINANCE NO. 429:** An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida, certifying the
33 millage rate for fiscal year 2010-2011 on all taxable property located within the City of
34 Orange City, Volusia County, Florida; containing a repealer provision; a severability clause
35 and providing for an effective date.
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37 **B. ORDINANCE NO. 430:** An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida, adopting the
38 annual budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010, and ending
39 September 30, 2011; authorizing subsequent amendments by resolution; repealing all
40 inconsistent ordinances or parts thereof; and providing for an effective date

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42 Council Member Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 429 and Ordinance No. 430 into the record.

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44 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to adopt Ordinances No. 429 and 430 on**
45 **second and final reading, seconded by Council Member Blair.**

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47 Mayor Strickland opened the public hearing by asking if anyone wanted to speak for or against the
48 proposed ordinances.

1 Ms. Davis advised there have been no changes since the first reading of the ordinances. Council Member
2 Abraham questioned how many employees are in the City today. Ms. Croteau responded that there are 98
3 budgeted positions. Council Member Abraham noted there are currently 92 employees working for the
4 City; he asked whether that affects the budget. Ms. Croteau responded the vacancies are due to the recent
5 staffing reductions and employees resigning, however, the budget funds 98 staff positions.

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7 **CLOSE SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

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9 There being no further requests to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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11 **FINAL ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011**

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13 **(1) Ordinance No. 429 (Millage Ordinance) is voted on**

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15 **Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 429 passed by a 6/1 roll call vote**
16 **of the Council, with Council Member Abraham voting “no.”**

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18 **(2) Ordinance No. 430 (Budget Ordinance) is voted on**

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20 **Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 430 passed by a 6/1 roll call vote**
21 **of the Council, with Council Member Abraham voting “no.”**

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23 **C. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MILLAGE RATE.**

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25 Mayor Strickland read the following statement into the record: “The millage rate for the City of Orange
26 City for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 is 6.3445 mills which is below the rolled-back rate as provided by the
27 Property Appraiser of Volusia County and does not reflect an increase in ad valorem taxes.”

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29 **1. ABSENCES:**

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31 Shall the absence of Council Member Allebach on September 14, 2010 be excused?

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33 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to excuse the absence of Council Member**
34 **Allebach at the September 14, 2010 meeting, seconded by Council**
35 **Member Blair and passed by a 7/0 voice vote of the Council.**

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37 Shall the absence of Council Member Blair on September 14, 2010 be excused?

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39 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to excuse the absence of Council Member**
40 **Allebach at the September 14, 2010 meeting, seconded by Council**
41 **Member Crippen and passed by a 7/0 voice vote of the Council.**

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43 **2. PRESENTATIONS:** None at this time.

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45 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

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47 Tim Huth 32 Meadow Ridge View came forward and announced that he is running for State
48 Representative in District 26. He answered questions from the Council and provided a brief background of
49 his years of service.

1 Al Blue, 447 N. Oak Ave came forward and questioned the City's preparedness in the event of a
2 catastrophic incident. Mayor Strickland asked the City Manager to address the matter. Ms. Croteau noted
3 that a link to the County's Disaster Preparedness Manual is on the City web page. She said she would
4 look into updating the City's Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Blue suggested that information be
5 provided to the citizens.

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7 **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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9 a) **Resolution No. 621-10:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
10 Florida, amending the annual operating budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 by adjusting
11 revenue and expenses; repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict
12 herewith; and providing for an effective date.
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14 b) **Resolution No. 622-10:** *Moved to Section 7 A - Resolutions*
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16 c) **Resolution No. 623-10:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
17 Florida, cancelling the regular City Council meetings scheduled for November 23, 2010
18 and December 28, 2010; repealing all resolutions in conflict herewith and providing for
19 an effective date.
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21 d) **Ordinance No. 433** – Memorandum of Understanding with VIA Orange City
22 Women's Club *Moved to Section 5 – C – Ordinances – First Reading*
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24 e) September 14, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes
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26 f) September 15, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes
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28 Ms. Croteau asked that Consent Agenda Item d) be moved from the Consent Agenda to the section 5 C
29 Ordinances – First Reading. She explained the Charter requires all lease agreements be approved by
30 ordinance. She said an ordinance has been prepared and distributed to Council.

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32 **Council Member Allebach moved to adopt the Consent Agenda,**
33 **seconded by Council Member Blair.**
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35 Council Member Abraham asked that Consent Agenda Item 4 b) be removed from the Consent Agenda
36 to Section 7 A - Resolutions. He said he had a question for the City Manager and Dr. Douglas Beach,
37 Council on Aging, is present this evening.

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39 **Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended passed by a 6/1 roll**
40 **call vote of the Council, with Mayor Strickland voting "no."**
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42 **5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

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44 **A. ORDINANCE NO. 431:** An Ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida,
45 amending sections of Chapter 17.3 Utilities of the Code of Ordinances of the City of
46 Orange City, Florida; providing for conflicts, severability and effective date.
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48 Council Member Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 431 into the record.
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1 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 431 on first**
2 **reading, seconded by Council Member Blair.**

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4 Paul Johnson, Director of Public Works came forward and advised that Ordinance No. 431 revises the
5 Landscape Conservation and Irrigation Rules implemented by the Saint John's River Water
6 Management District (SJRWMD) last year and adopted July 2009. Mr. Johnson said the changes are to
7 Sections 17.3-81 and 17.3-85 and are depicted by underling additions and the ~~strikethrough~~ of deletions.
8 He said the purpose of the ordinance is to be eligible to receive grant funding from the SJRWMD to use
9 for public education and enforcement.

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

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13 **B. ORDINANCE NO. 432:** An Ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida;
14 amending Policy #01-01, Human Resources Policies and Procedures, of the City's
15 "Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual"; containing a severability clause and
16 providing for an effective date.

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18 Council Member Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 432 into the record.

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20 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 432 on first**
21 **reading, seconded by Council Member Allebach.**

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23 Ms. Croteau advised there is no funding for merit, cost-of-living increases and sick bonuses in the FY
24 2010-11 budget. However the language of the Personnel Policy Manual mandates these benefits be paid
25 to employees. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide a blanket statement for the Personnel Policy
26 Manual that will allow Council flexibility in providing benefits based on the budget.

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

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31 *Moved from Consent Agenda 4 d) Memorandum of Understanding with VIA Orange City Women's Club*

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33 **C. ORDINANCE NO. 433:** An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Volusia County,
34 Florida, Approving and Authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding/Lease
35 between the City of Orange City and the Village Improvement Association Orange
36 City Woman's Club, Inc., of the premises located at 200 East Rose Avenue, Orange
37 City, Florida; providing for purpose, description, term and consideration; providing for
38 conflicting provisions; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

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40 Council Member Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 433 into the record.

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42 **Vice Mayor Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 433 on first reading,**
43 **seconded by Council Member Blair.**

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45 Ms. Croteau advised this agenda item would renew the Village Improvement Association's (VIA) lease
46 for Albertus Cottage. It is a 14-month lease with six automatic one-year renewals with minor changes to
47 the language allowing use of the Cottage for City or community events. The expiration of the lease will
48 coincide with the expiration of the City's lease with the VIA for Dickinson Park; at that time both leases
49 could be renewed.

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2 Council Member Blair spoke in support of this action. Vice Mayor Laputka commented on the success
3 of the VIA's annual yard sale noting he asked the City Manager to have the banner and sign ordinance
4 resolved before the yard sale.

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6 Joan LaFleur, 28 Azalea Drive, President, VIA Orange City Woman's Club came forward. She
7 distributed a letter to Council (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these
8 minutes) expressing the VIA's desire to continue to lease the Albertus Cottage and detailing the
9 activities of the VIA this past year. In response to a question from Vice Mayor Laputka, Ms. LaFleur
10 said the VIA plans to hold the yard sale on the lawn of Albertus Cottage and would like to put up
11 banners on the Veteran's Memorial park fence. She said she would discuss the matter with the City
12 Manager.

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14 Council Member Pupello expressed his opinion that a public facility should be open to all citizens. He
15 thanked staff for their efforts in including that language in the lease.

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17 Mayor Strickland said that he has been supportive of the VIA using Albertus Cottage in the past, but that
18 he is voting against it this evening. He provided a brief history of the previous lease and cited ongoing
19 litigation with the VIA and the Orange City Library Association as the reason he will vote against the
20 matter. Mayor Strickland stated, "I think that members of the Council should vote based on your own
21 desire."

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23 As a point of order, Council Member Blair asked the City Attorney if the Mayor's comments were
24 appropriate. He stated, "The Mayor is trying to influence our votes on something that is not a legal
25 matter with the City." Mr. Reischmann advised the Mayor's comments are consistent with the *Council*
26 *Rules and Procedures* and the other members of the Council can either agree or disagree. Mr.
27 Reischmann said the Orange City Library Association is a not-for-profit corporation, and Mayor
28 Strickland is not a paid employee. Under Chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes there would not be a
29 voting conflict of interest.

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31 **Motion passed by a 6/1 roll call vote of the Council, with Mayor**
32 **Strickland voting "no."**

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34 **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None at this time.

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37 **7. RESOLUTIONS:**

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39 *Moved from Consent Agenda 4 b) License Agreement with Volusia Council on Aging*

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41 **A. Resolution No. 622-10:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
42 Florida, authorizing the appropriate City Officials to enter into a license agreement with
43 the Council on Aging of Volusia County, Inc. to utilize the Orange City senior citizens'
44 center known as Wava's Hall for provision of senior citizen activities/programming
45 services; repealing all resolutions in conflict herewith and providing for an effective
46 date.

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48 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 622-10 into the record.

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1 **Council Member Allebach moved to approve Resolution No. 622-10,**
2 **seconded by Vice Mayor Laputka.**
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4 Ms. Croteau advised Resolution No. 622-10 renews the City's license agreement with Council on Aging
5 of Volusia County (COA) for the use of Wava's Hall. The COA operates various programs that are a
6 benefit to senior citizens. The terms of the license agreement remain the same and will renew annually
7 until 2015, unless cancelled with 30 days notice by either party. Ms. Croteau noted the City contributes
8 \$15,000 to pay a portion of the salary for the program coordinator; and provides utilities and janitorial
9 services for the center.

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11 Council Member Abraham said he requested this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda to inform
12 Council about the expenditures the City incurs for the senior center. The City's contribution comes to
13 about \$31,000 in total per year when the salary and the in-kind services provided are considered. He
14 said Dr. Douglas Beech is present this evening.

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16 Douglas Beech, PhD, Executive Director COA came forward and said the COA runs one of the best
17 senior citizen programs in the nation. He said the COA runs five senior centers in the County that
18 municipalities contribute to because they recognize the benefits of providing these types of services to
19 the senior population. The Meals-On-Wheels programs generates \$125,000 per year delivering meals.
20 In addition, the COA has exercise and various other programs. Dr. Beech stated these types of programs
21 help keep senior citizens socially, intellectually and physically active and are imperative in keeping
22 seniors out of nursing homes and hospitals. He thanked Council for their willingness to help fund and
23 support this program.

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25 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**
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27 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**
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29 Mr. Johnson came forward and reported the City's fuel supplier contract expires on September 30th. He
30 said the City issued a bid advertisement for Fuel Suppliers and received responses from Exum Energy, Inc
31 (our current supplier) and Gentry Oil, LLC. The bids were based on the "Rack Rate" (terminal price) as
32 of August 27th with a "mark-up." He explained the significant bid factor is the "Mark-Up" rate as it
33 includes transportation, delivery and other costs. Mr. Johnson said Exum Energy quoted a "Mark-up" rate
34 of \$0.1376 per gallon for all fuel grades and Gentry Oil, LLC quoted \$0.37 per gallon for all fuel grades.
35 He said staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Exum
36 Energy, Inc for its fuel needs. The City will realize a slight reduction in the cost of diesel fuel from its
37 current agreement with Exum.

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39 Vice Mayor Laputka questioned whether the City is still considering collaborating with Votran as a source
40 of the City's fuel needs. He asked how that would work. Ms. Croteau said the City would purchase fuel
41 from Votran at their rate. Mr. Johnson advised Votran would provide larger capacity tanks however, he
42 cautioned against completely doing away with the City's fuel tanks because in the event of a disaster the
43 City is considered a priority customer and would have access to fuel while Votran does not have the same
44 designation.

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46 Council Member Blair asked whether the City was considering using ethanol-free fuel. Mr. Johnson
47 responded in the affirmative.
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1 **Council Member Allebach moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into**
2 **an agreement with Exum Energy Inc. for the supply of unleaded gasoline, diesel**
3 **#2 and off-road diesel #2 fuels as provided in the Bid Request, seconded by**
4 **Council Member Crippen and passed by unanimous 7/0 voice vote of Council.**
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6 **9. NEW BUSINESS:**
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8 Vice Mayor Laputka requested an item regarding maintenance of the right-of-way on repossessed
9 property. Ms. Croteau said the City has an ordinance for maintaining easements, but that is different from
10 code enforcement for the entire property. She said Public Works worked with the Police Department to
11 put together a right of way maintenance package and is sending it out October 1st to homeowners that are
12 in violation so they know they must become compliant or it will become a Code Enforcement action.
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14 Council Member Allebach asked for an agenda item on how to obtain information on the banks that own
15 foreclosed homes. He said if a bank forecloses on a house and does not maintain the property, Code
16 Enforcement action should be taken. He stated, "We are not going after banks to maintain our
17 neighborhoods." Ms. Croteau said the banks have been doing a better job of maintaining the property
18 once it takes possession. She suggested a registry program where anyone with foreclosed property be
19 required to register with the City. Often there are problems finding out who owns the property as banks
20 may foreclose but will not take title to the property so the ownership is in limbo.
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22 Council Member Crippen noted there is an ordinance to get lawns mowed, but that he had concerns about
23 yard debris.
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25 As a point of order, Mayor Strickland advised New Business if not a time for discussion and action, it is
26 an opportunity for Council Members to request an item be placed on a future agenda.
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28 Mayor Strickland requested a review of Code Enforcement procedures. He said many areas of the Code
29 are vague and too restrictive and may need updating. He said he would like Council to look at how the
30 current code is being enforced and where the problems are. Mayor Strickland said he is looking at code
31 enforcement issues and things that could make the Code Enforcement program work better and more
32 efficiently.
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34 Council Member Blair asked for an update on the inventory of right-of-ways and alleys. Ms. Croteau said
35 she would address it during the City Manager's report.
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37 **10. REPORTS:**
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39 **A. City Manager**
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41 **(1) Train Station (discussed at the Special Meeting)**
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43 Ms. Croteau advised staff is working on the inventory of alleys requested by Council Member Blair.
44 Although a preliminary inventory is completed, more research is required to address ownership and legal
45 issues. Mr. Reischmann noted that he has met with the City Manager and the City Planner with regard to
46 the inventory. He explained part of delay is because the information that Mr. Kerr obtains from the
47 Property Appraiser's is not dispositive of ownership. Mr. Kerr will continue to work with the Property
48 Appraiser to obtain clear indications of who owns what. There may be some title work involved. Mr.

1 Reischmann said each alley has its own individual history and each history is unique. Council Member
2 Blair said he understands it is a massive undertaking he just wanted to be sure there is movement on it.

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4 Ms. Croteau reported staff has been working with Votran on the proposed bus depot. She said there are
5 still a few details to work out. No decisions have been made, Votran is getting ready to present the City
6 with a proposal and wishes to come before Council in December to discuss it. She said Votran has asked
7 the City to consider purchasing property next to City owned property on Thorpe Avenue and they will
8 repay the City when the lease is executed.

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10 Ms. Croteau announced that she emailed information to Council about the number of fire calls for
11 2009/2010. She said the Consolidated Fire Services Report issued by the County suggested the larger
12 cities were helping out the smaller cities and that staff does not feel that is true. Ms. Croteau said the email
13 shows the number of times the City received mutual aide and assistance from closest unit response were
14 less than the responses the City provided to the County and surrounding cities.

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16 Ms. Croteau reported the new fire truck arrived last Friday and will be in service in the next four weeks.
17 She recalled Council asked staff to look into allowing business to have banner signs displayed from
18 November 16th through December 31st and noted the matter will be on the next Council agenda. Ms.
19 Croteau said a discussion item for the use of golf carts in the City would be on the agenda of the second
20 meeting in October. Ms. Croteau thanked staff for the work they did on the budget.

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22 Ms. Croteau provided an updated on the upcoming holiday events. She said Parks & Recreation sent
23 letters to potential community partners for the Halloween Block party which is scheduled for October 30th.
24 Petco is hosting a pet contest at the block party. The Christmas parade is scheduled for December 11th at
25 6:00 p.m. Anyone who wants to put an entry in the parade should contact Parks & Recreation
26 Department.

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28 Ms. Croteau announced Orange City won the Volusia County Municipal Challenge for 2010. She said the
29 employees who participated in the YMCA challenge did the best in improving their health and losing
30 weight and were tops out of five other cities in the County. She thanked staff for their efforts and for
31 being number one.

32 33 (2) Seth French House Update

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35 Paul Johnson, Public Works Director reported on the status of the Seth French House. He told Council
36 about a meeting held with local residents and interested citizens from New Smyrna Beach, including an
37 architect and an individual who has worked with the Heritage of Preservation Trust on the restoration of
38 the Pritchett House. The discussion centered on what it would require to restore the Seth French House to
39 its original state and to maintain it. Mr. Johnson displayed a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is
40 attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes). He detailed various factors considered. He said
41 an institutional plan, physical plan including the interior and exterior, and an operational plan are required.
42 He detailed the potential costs and displayed pictures of the work required. Mr. Johnson concluded by
43 stating the estimated cost is \$137,000 to \$150,000 for the first year.

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45 Council Member Crippen suggested using ECHO funds although they are currently unavailable. Mr.
46 Johnson said the City plans to apply for a preservation grant that will be opening up on the October 2nd.
47 He these types of grants are typically matching grants. Mayor Strickland said these grants go by a ranking
48 system and the City is way down the line. Mr. Johnson agreed. He suggested having an institutional and

1 operational plan in place would be helpful because it would fill in many of the blanks that could get extra
2 points on the grants.

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4 Council Member Blair said the bicycle trail from Valentine Park to the bridge (trail head) is very
5 dangerous. He asked the City Manager to look into what could be done. Mayor Strickland said he has
6 spoken with a number of people at the County regarding the bicycle trails. He suggested that everyone on
7 the Council contact Pat Northey to find out who at the County to talk to.

8 9 **B. Mayor/City Council**

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11 Council Member Allebach reported on the TPO meeting. He said the biggest item of discussion was the
12 long-range transportation plan discussed during the Ribbons and Strings meeting the City hosted earlier
13 this year and the 5¢ sales tax required to fund the transportation plan. Council Member Allebach reported
14 the TPO has hired consultants to do a Bicycle/Pedestrian School Safety review study. River Springs
15 Middle school is in the next group of schools to be studied. He explained the study would identify
16 problems and come up with solutions for improved safety. In the spring, the Safe Routes to school
17 funding requests are sought and if the City has issues with the schools, we need to come up with a plan to
18 prove that it is unsafe and apply for federal funding to correct the matter. Council Member Allebach
19 announced the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization has changed its web site to
20 <http://www.volusiatpo.org/>. He said a representative would contact staff asking the City to provide a link
21 to it on the web page.

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23 Council Member Allebach said the Department of Transportation (DOT) is wrapping up the beautification
24 project for U.S. 17-92. He said it cost \$1.9 million dollars and suggested that anyone who is not satisfied
25 with the work done to call the DOT and tell them not to finalize the project. Council Member Allebach
26 said nine stimulus projects were brought to Volusia County. The County is using local contractors to do
27 the work which means local jobs for our citizens. Council Member Allebach said Volusia County has \$8
28 million dollars in grant funding for the design and construction of trails. He suggested everyone keep an
29 eye on what is done with the funding, as Orange City needs its trail done.

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31 Council Member Allebach noted that Senate Bill 360 – The Concurrency Bill that mandated
32 municipalities do traffic studies without providing funding was ruled unconstitutional by a judge. Mr.
33 Reischmann provided an update on Senate Bill 360. He said a Circuit Court judge found that it was
34 unconstitutional because of the unfunded mandate. He suggested an appeal of the ruling was imminent
35 and stated the requirements of the bill cannot be ignored.

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37 Mayor Strickland reported on the Volusia Council of Governments (VCOG) meeting. He said VCOG has
38 a new web site and encouraged everyone to visit <http://www.volusiatpo.org/>. Mayor Strickland said there
39 was another presentation about fire services consolidation, which again talked about Orange City and its
40 contract to provide fire services to DeBary. He said he was happy to see the email with the true figures.

41 42 **C. City Clerk**

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44 Debbie Renner advised Municipal Government Week starts October 17 – October 22. She said she would
45 be contacting the schools to see what activities the City could do to promote government during that week.
46 Ms. Renner asked that anyone who is interested in participating to let her know. Ms. Renner advised that
47 new windows were installed in the Council Chambers a month ago and today new window coverings were
48 applied.

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D. City Attorney

Mr. Reischmann said that he and the City Clerk reviewed Resolution No. 570-09 that formed the Sustainable Water Committee to see if it needed to be modified if the responsibilities of the Committee were to expand. He said based upon the language nothing further was needed.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: See consent agenda

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Abraham remarked he research the County’s Budget, including the County Manager’s budget message. It was about 711 pages. He said the County staff did a good job in the way they approached the budget issues and ad valorem rate. He stated, “It was really impressive.” He asked specific questions and “got very specific answers and transparency from the County.”

Vice Mayor Laputka said University High School is having a homecoming parade on Thursday. He said anyone who wants to be involved should contact Paul Johnson.

Council Member Allebach suggested that the City partner with DeLand to obtain some stimulus money. Council Member Allebach said he was glad to see the news reports about the shutdown of two “pill mill” clinics. He stated, “We still have decent pharmacists reporting that kind of activity” and thanked the Police Department and the various other law enforcement agencies that worked on the case. Council Member Allebach stated, “Let’s keep working for the train station.”

Council Member Pupello said he is proud of the City's budget. It took a lot of work and had many well thought out plans. He stated, “There is always room for improvement but the final product was something to be proud of...I am.” He thanked staff for their efforts on the budget. Council Member Pupello thanked staff for the new phones. He stated, “It is a vital tool for Council to be able to implement the work of the City.”

Council Member Crippen said there is a vacant house at 200 W. University Ave. The City mowed the lawn but the tree branches and debris were left. He asked if staff could look into the matter. Council Member Crippen said that discarded fencing was left at the intersection of Park & French Avenues. Council Member Crippen agreed with Council Member Pupello’s comments about the budget. He said that in addition to the hard work that staff did, the presentation of the budget provided clarity. He stated, “Now I understand anything that is tweaked, has a financial effect on the millage rate. I like the way the City is looking towards the future.” Council Member Crippen thanked staff for their insights.

13. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Mayor Strickland adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

Gloria W. Thomas, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

October 12, 2010
Date