

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,  
2 held on Tuesday, March 08, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue, Orange  
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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 O. William (Bill) Crippen; Council Members Jeff  
12 Allebach, Anthony J. Pupello, Gary A. Blair, Tom Laputka; City Attorney William Reischmann; City  
13 Manager Jamie Croteau; City Clerk Deborah Renner

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15 **ABSENT:** Council Member Tom Abraham

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17 **INVOCATION**

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19 The Invocation was given by Chaplain Rafael Toledo, John 3:16 Ministries, Inc. followed by the Pledge  
20 of Allegiance.

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

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24 **2. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** Miller Lake Status

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26 Judy Sloane, Director, Volusia County Road and Bridge can forward to provide an update on the status  
27 of Miller Lake. Ms. Sloane recalled the problems of flooding that occurred during Tropical Storm Faye  
28 in the Miller Lake area. She said the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) was awarded a \$2.5  
29 million disaster recovery grant to correct the problems which involves buying and demolishing several  
30 structures, excavating Miller Lake to create additional capacity and elevation of a portion of Miller  
31 Road. Ms. Sloane said it has it has been a long process. The DCA is required to review each of the  
32 procurement processes and that has caused an unanticipated delay. The project is eight months behind  
33 schedule. The property appraiser has contacted the property owners and is waiting for the boundary  
34 surveys to complete the appraisals. Ms. Sloane said she anticipates the appraisals will be completed  
35 within the next two weeks and the project could move forward. Pegasus Engineering will be doing the  
36 design work.

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38 In response to a question from Mayor Strickland, Ms. Sloane said she does not anticipate the Governor  
39 will cancel this project as the State has already signed the agreement. Council Member Laputka asked  
40 how much excavation there will be. A representative from Pegasus Engineering explained the process  
41 noting the properties purchased will be excavated and made part of the lake bed which will widen the  
42 lake and increase the capacity an additional 11 ft.

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44 Council Member Allebach stated the property values have decreased significantly since the flooding  
45 problems occurred. He expressed his belief the property owners should get a fair market value for their  
46 properties. Ms. Sloane agreed. She said the property owners will get the best possible value for their  
47 property, including paid relocation expenses. If the appraisal value is not high enough to make them  
48 whole, the County may consider partners to provide additional funding to move the project forward.

1 Council Member Allebach questioned where the water will be discharging. Ms. Sloane responded into  
2 the pond behind Big Lots and then it will be piped directly into Miller Lake. In response to a question  
3 from Council Member Allebach, Ms. Sloane advised the project is eight months behind schedule.  
4 Originally the deadline was 2 years, however due to the delays DCA anticipates applying for an  
5 extension once the appraisals are completed.  
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7 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**  
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9 Ron Saylor, 361 Dixson Dr. came forward and brought in some used water filters, depicting the  
10 difference between the water pipes on Carpenter and Dixson Avenues. Mr. Saylor said that he wanted  
11 to give the Council an update on the water problems in his neighborhood and to make sure the plans to  
12 correct the problems are still being considered. Mr. Saylor also relayed a story about a house alarm  
13 going off, and that the Police Department responded in 3 minutes and 10 seconds. Mr. Saylor stated that  
14 on the last five calls EMS went to the dead end part of Dixson and then turned around. He said he spoke  
15 with the Police Chief regarding the matter. Mayor Strickland thanked Mr. Saylor for keeping the  
16 Council informed.  
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18 Bill O'Conner, 2854 Doe Run Trail came forward and said there is a pothole next to the Texas  
19 Roadhouse which is a hazard. He said he understands that the road is not in the City's jurisdiction but  
20 he requested that the City put pressure on the County to fix the problem as it is becoming dangerous.  
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22 Alisa Stafford, African American Heritage Festival, came forward and thanked the Council for their  
23 support on the Festival. Ms. Stafford said the staff support was "excellent." She recognized John Davis,  
24 Parks & Recreation Superintendent and Danielle Lung, Public Information Officer Intern for their  
25 assistance. Ms. Stafford also thanked James Moltz, Parks & Recreation and his son for volunteering to  
26 help and for being available the entire day. She stated next year will be bigger and better.  
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28 **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**  
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- 30 a) Use of forfeiture funds  
31 b) February 22, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
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33 **Council Member Allebach moved to approve the Consent Agenda,**  
34 **seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen.**  
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36 Council Member Laputka asked that agenda item 4 a) Use of forfeiture funds be removed from the  
37 Consent Agenda.  
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39 **Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 4 b) passed by a 6/0 voice vote**  
40 **of the Council.**  
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42 Mayor Strickland noted an additional citizen request to speak.  
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44 Henry Durica, 1310 E. Lansdowne came forward and said he wished to talk about the installation of red  
45 light cameras Council authorized at the last meeting. He said Council was told the cameras are for  
46 safety purposes and not to generate revenue but he does not believe that is true. Mr. Durica distributed  
47 copies of a newspaper article to Council regarding red light cameras (a copy of which is attached and  
48 becomes a permanent part of these minutes) noting there is no mention of safety but several references  
49 to lobbyists and money in the article. Mr. Durica said he is opposed to installing red light cameras.

1 Use of forfeiture funds (*Removed from Consent Agenda*)

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3 Council Member Laputka said he supports this agenda item however he noted that at times bids are  
4 taken from companies outside the City. He asked what the requirements of the Purchasing Code were  
5 and whether there was any kind of preference for Orange City vendors. Mr. Reischmann responded that  
6 such consideration is legal however price cannot be ignored in order to provide a contract to a local  
7 vendor. It is possible to set margins for the price difference. Ms. Croteau advised that in many places,  
8 the threshold for the preference is 5%. It would not affect this bid because the cost is below the  
9 threshold that would require written quotes. She described the steps taken to obtain the quotes noting  
10 staff looked at several vendors including a local vendor and chose the lowest bidder. Council Member  
11 Laputka stressed that he would like to see a preference for local vendors.

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13 **Council Member Laputka moved to approve the use of \$14,650 of**  
14 **Forfeiture funds to re-paint and apply graphics to police department**  
15 **vehicles, seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen.**

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17 Council Member Allebach commented the design and presentation was good choice. Several people  
18 have said it is the best the police cars have ever looked.

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20 **Motion passed by a 6/0 roll call vote of the Council.**

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

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24 **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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26 **A. ORDINANCE NO. 451:** An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida,  
27 amending Orange City Code Appendix A, the City's Land Development Code,  
28 as adopted by Ordinance No. 157; amending Chapter 8, Section 8.6.1 schedule  
29 of zoning districts permitted and conditional uses; providing for an additional  
30 permitted principal use in the I-2 Industrial Zoning District; providing for  
31 conflicting provisions; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

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33 Council Member Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 451 into the record.

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35 **Council Member Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 451 on second**  
36 **and final reading, seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen.**

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38 Wendy Hickey, Planning & Zoning Analyst came forward and stated the purpose of this ordinance is to  
39 add game rooms, arcades, internet cafes, sweepstake redemption centers and internet computer access  
40 phone card sales businesses to the I-2 zoning district. She stated there have been no changes since the  
41 first reading.

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43 Mayor Strickland asked for clarification. He asked if there were other I-2 zoning districts in the City  
44 besides the Gel property and whether an I-1 zone could convert to I-2. Ms. Hickey responded in the  
45 affirmative indicating Council would review the request. Mr. Reischmann discussed the rezoning  
46 process noting applicants would still go before the Planning Commission and that the Planning  
47 Commission would make recommendations to the Council. He explained there are only two properties  
48 currently zoned for I-2. Several other properties may become eligible for rezoning from an I-1 to an I-2

1 zoning designation in the future. Ms. Hickey pointed out the I-1 and I-2 industrial zones on the Future  
2 Land Use map.

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

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7 Council Member Allebach agreed the newspapers have misled people to sell papers. He expressed his  
8 opinion this is a very strategic move that would protect the City.

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10 Council Member Pupello said Council received an email from the Blue Springs Villas regarding this  
11 issue and their concerns. It was based on the newspaper reports, which were misleading. He said he  
12 explained the City’s position on the matter. Council Member Pupello remarked that in the beginning  
13 citizens were citing what surrounding cities were doing with regard to these types businesses. He said  
14 he read a quote from a Deltona Commissioner who said they would like to consider what Orange City is  
15 doing, but the only industrial zoning in their City is across the street from a middle school.

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17 **Motion passed by a 6/0 roll call vote of the Council.**

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19 **B. ORDINANCE NO. 452:** An ordinance of the City of Orange City, Florida,  
20 annexing the Whitlock property into the corporate limits of the city of Orange  
21 City, Florida; said property being generally located on the west side of North  
22 Volusia Avenue, approximately 300 feet south of West Minnesota Avenue,  
23 containing approximately 1.34 acres; in accordance with the voluntary  
24 annexation provisions of Florida Statute 171.044; redefining the boundaries of  
25 the City of Orange City by amending the appropriate sections of the code of  
26 ordinances; containing a repealer provision, a severability clause and providing  
27 for an effective date.

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29 Council Member Allebach read the title of Ordinance No. 452 into the record.

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31 **Council Member Laputka moved to adopt Ordinance No. 452 on second**  
32 **and final reading, seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen.**

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34 Jim Kerr, City Planner came forward and said there have been no changes since the first reading.

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

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39 **Motion passed by a 6/0 roll call vote of the Council.**

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

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43 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

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45 **A. Sun Rail Update**

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47 Alison Stettner, Development Services Director came forward to provide an overview of the SunRail  
48 Transit system. She distributed copies of a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached and  
49 becomes a permanent part of these minutes). Ms. Stettner began by stating Interstate 4 has become so

1 congested it was necessary to look at alternate transportation methods. SunRail began as a light rail  
2 project and when that failed a commuter rail system using established rail road infrastructure emerged.  
3 The SunRail transit system is an environmentally sound land use that will promote economic  
4 development. The ridership will be low in the beginning and will increase over time as the project  
5 moves forward. One quarter of the workforce in Orange City, DeBary and DeLand commutes out of  
6 county.

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8 Mayor Strickland said he attended a meeting in which Congressman Mica said the cost to widen one  
9 lane on I-4 could pay for the entire SunRail project. Building more and more roads is so expensive that  
10 alternative ways of moving people is going to be a greater problem in the future. The SunRail is the  
11 “best bang for our buck” in the long term.

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13 Council Member Blair observed that the workforce in Deltona was not mentioned in the study and  
14 questioned if that would increase the statistics. Ms. Stettner responded in the affirmative. However, she  
15 said due to the proximity of travelers in Deltona to I-4 Deltona travelers are not included in DOT’s  
16 study. Council Member Blair questioned if there are any statistics about how many people from Deltona  
17 would use a station at the S.R. 472 and I-4 entrance. Ms. Stettner said a more detailed analysis would be  
18 required to capture that data, the DOT study was done four years ago.

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20 Ms. Stettner detailed the various phases of the project noting that Phase I has already been approved by  
21 the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The plan route for this phase of the project encompasses 31  
22 miles and 10 stations. It is scheduled to be operational in 2013. Phase II is still going through the  
23 environmental approval process and is planned to be approved once Phase I is operational.

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25 Ms. Stettner discussed the capital costs of the project noting the costs are divided among the various  
26 entities with the federal government contributing 50% and the state and local governments contributing  
27 25% each. The State has agreed to pay the operations and maintenance costs for the first 7 years. After  
28 that local governments will pay an operating subsidy from a funding source such as a gas tax. Ms.  
29 Stettner said these costs are still being evaluated.

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31 Council Member Blair asked if the ridership would ever be enough to pay for the transportation system  
32 instead of a subsidy. Ms. Stettner said every transportation system is subsidized, including roads.

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34 Council Member Allebach commented the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) long range  
35 transportation plan contemplated a 1¢ sales tax for Volusia and Seminole Counties to fund the subsidy  
36 for a transit system. Council Member Blair suggested it would be difficult to get a sales tax approved  
37 with such a low ridership. Council Member Allebach pointed out the alternative is to widen I-4 which  
38 will cost \$2 billion a mile. Ms. Stettner noted the 1984 Master Plan for I-4 cost \$2 billion dollars  
39 however no roads could be constructed for that amount today. She said the SunRail is an alternate plan  
40 that is less costly because it is constructed using existing infrastructure.

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42 Mayor Strickland remarked that sometimes elected officials are hesitant to impose new taxes, because  
43 citizens may not support it. However, the citizens who attended the TPO meetings have been very  
44 supportive. Council Member Blair stated he is not seeing an “outcry” of people. Council Member  
45 Allebach remarked that most people are not concerned with these issues until they are affected by it.

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47 Ms. Stettner continued her presentation. She said the train will run in 30 minutes increments between  
48 the hours of 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 2 hour increments during off peak hours. The  
49 average speed of the train is 45 mph. The TPO’s are considering increasing the frequency of the trains

1 and will be considering provisions for special events in the future. The cost to ride the train will be  
2 \$2.50 within the County and \$1 per additional county. Travel to Orlando will be \$4.50 one-way.

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4 Ms. Stettner displayed the prototype of the DeBary station and detailed the amenities. She said local  
5 government will be able to upgrade the stations at their own cost to add cafés and newsstands.  
6 Maintenance and basic security must be provided by the local government. After seven years, parking  
7 fees may be charged. It is anticipated the SunRail transit system can create 260,000 jobs and generate  
8 an estimated \$8.8 billion in earnings over a 20 year period in the local area, as well as provide additional  
9 property taxes.

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11 Ms. Stettner discussed the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) design. She defined a TOD as a  
12 compact, mixed-use development within walking distance of public transportation. It is a key element  
13 of livable and sustainable communities. The benefits include a higher quality of life, better places to  
14 live and work, greater mobility, and reduced traffic congestion and driving.

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16 Mayor Strickland expressed his understanding that TOD's are a deliberate effort to discourage people  
17 from driving and are designed to increase congestion so that people would see the need to use the transit  
18 system. He asked Ms. Stettner if that was true. Ms. Stettner responded that it may appear to be the case.  
19 Typically there would be less parking in a TOD than a suburban style development because people are  
20 getting on the train. Mayor Strickland questioned what the density in the TOD would be. Ms. Stettner  
21 said that would depend on the style of the TOD. There are TOD standards throughout the country based  
22 on different types of systems. If the City were to develop a TOD, staff would work with a master  
23 developer on the site to develop the style and intensity. In response to a question from Vice Mayor  
24 Crippen, Ms. Stettner said the current density level for Orange City is 3 people per acre. The City has  
25 the ability to have intensity and density in the City.

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27 Ms. Stettner reported that on February 2nd Development Services staff attended a meeting with  
28 representatives from DOT to discuss the possibility of adding a mid-point station location between the  
29 DeBary and DeLand stations during Phase II of this project. DOT agreed to consider the matter at an  
30 upcoming meeting. Ms. Stettner said the purpose of this discussion is to begin brainstorming about  
31 possible locations for a train station in Orange City. She cited the possible locations as W. Rhode Island  
32 Avenue, W. Blue Springs Avenue, W. French Avenue, an extension of SR 472 to railroad tracks and a  
33 Spur to SR 472 and I-4.

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35 In response to a question from Council Member Pupello, Ms. Stettner said the City's planning area does  
36 not extend to the railroad tracks. Mayor Strickland explained the County chose DeBary to get the train  
37 across the river and to keep the expenses down. The original plan was to extend Saxon Avenue and put  
38 the train station out there, because it would service the hospital. The County is opposed to a Rhode  
39 Island extension site and is trying to address the congestion on Blue Springs Avenue by paving roads  
40 that could connect with Rhode Island Avenue and then extend out to the tracks. This is an ideal  
41 situation because the property in that area consists of several large undeveloped parcels. Mayor  
42 Strickland said Blue Springs Ave is a desirable location if the goal is to have a station in that general  
43 area.

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45 Ms. Stettner said Blue Springs Avenue is the most developed roadway being considered. It extends  
46 down to the tracks, however, there are several residential driveways along Blue Springs Avenue. It is a  
47 very centralized location and could access recreational activities but has limited potential for TOD  
48 because of the residential properties. Mayor Strickland noted the road is substandard and very narrow.  
49 The right-of-ways of many of the homes would have to be taken to get a workable plan. It could serve

1 the existing residential area very easily but it does have some difficulty with surveying and creating  
2 positive development in that area.

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4 Ms. Stettner discussed the possibility of a station located at French Avenue. The road already is a good  
5 collector because of the traffic that goes out to the park. The location is centralized with larger lots to  
6 facilitate economic development around the station. In addition, this location provides access to  
7 recreation and destination opportunities as it connects directly to downtown Orange City. Mayor  
8 Strickland said the road must be widened to make French Avenue feasible as a location, but the number  
9 of properties impacted would be a lot less than Blue Springs Avenue.

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11 Ms. Stettner said the SR 472 location being considered has the best opportunity for the development of a  
12 TOD. It provides direct access to SR 472 over to I-4 and could be a gateway for DeLand and Orange  
13 City. This location could provide for cost sharing with DeLand. However, the cost of the extension to  
14 SR 472 and the I-4 interchange is expensive. It also would provide excellent economic development  
15 opportunities for employment and public-private partnership opportunities. A TOD at this location  
16 would be a high-density residential model. Ms. Stettner noted there are several negatives with regard to  
17 using this location for a train station.

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19 Mayor Strickland said he would prefer to use the existing line which was the original concept. He asked  
20 Ms. Stettner if that could be addressed at the DOT meeting. Ms. Stettner said staff has been allotted 30  
21 minutes to discuss the City's concerns.

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23 Vice Mayor Crippen said extending SR 472 to the railroad tracks seems to be the right thing do, but it is  
24 the most costly. Council Member Pupello questioned what challenges the City would face making  
25 decisions about locations not being in City's planning area. Ms. Stettner responded the City has an  
26 agreement with the County for this area. The County has been very cooperative. Staff will continue to  
27 work with the County on a train station for the City, no matter where it is located. Council Member  
28 Pupello felt the SR 472 and I-4 interchange is the best location.

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30 Council Member Blair expressed his concerns that staff is hurrying to do something and there are too  
31 many unknowns. He questioned why this matter has not been discussed with Congressman Mica before  
32 now. Ms. Croteau responded Ms. Stettner was not working with the City when the station locations  
33 were decided. She commented that staff has had general conversations with Congressman Mica's office  
34 about the possibility of a train station location in the City, not about a specific location. Congressman  
35 Mica's office suggested staff talk to the County about the possibility of a third station located in Orange  
36 City during a later phase of the project. Ms. Croteau said this discussion is about an opportunity to tell  
37 the County where a station should go in the City and staff wanted to get input from Council. Council  
38 has discussed this matter on various occasions. Ms. Croteau said this still does not mean the City is  
39 going to get a station.

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41 In response to a question from Mayor Strickland, Ms. Croteau clarified that based on this discussion  
42 Council prefers the location of a station to be French Avenue or SR 472 and if there is funding at I-4.  
43 Council Member Blair questioned if DeLand still wanted a train station and whether Orange City is next  
44 in line if DeLand declines. Ms. Stettner said Deland is still deciding on whether they want a station.

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46 **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

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48 Referring to Council Member Laputka comments earlier, Vice Mayor Crippen said he would like staff to  
49 consider a purchasing program that gives a preference to local businesses.

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2 Council Member Blair said he would like staff to consider regulations regarding motor vehicle drivers  
3 using cell phones while driving. Mr. Reischmann advised that other local governments are looking at  
4 ways to regulate this behavior. However, he cautioned that there may be difficulties enforcing this type  
5 of regulation.

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7 **10. REPORTS:**

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9 **A. City Manager**

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11 Ms. Croteau advised Council that a Visioning Session has been scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Croteau  
12 announced the City recently received a justice assistance grant and that staff anticipates using the grant  
13 to pay for equipment allocated in FY 10/11 for the Police Department. A budget amendment will come  
14 forward at a later date. The grant total is \$9,373 and will offset the \$14,750 budgeted for the equipment.  
15 Ms. Croteau thanked staff for the assistance they provided to the African American Heritage Festival.  
16 She said it was a nice event, very well done. Ms. Croteau said the City has joined the Florida  
17 Benchmarking Consortium (FBC) which is made up of various counties and cities throughout the State.  
18 FBC members participate in performance management-focused areas using performance criteria  
19 developed through the John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government at the University of Central  
20 Florida.

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22 Council Member Blair asked Ms. Croteau to address the letter received from the County concerning the  
23 shoulders on French Avenue. Ms. Croteau said she contacted the County regarding the dangerous road  
24 conditions for people who bicycle down French Avenue to Blue Springs to get to the bike trail. The  
25 County responded there are no plans to do anything to the shoulders until 2015 when work on the train  
26 system will begin and that they do not want any bicyclers on the bridge. Mayor Strickland said he spoke  
27 with several people about this issue and was told council members and citizens should contact John  
28 Harper, Volusia County Parks and Recreation, about this issue. Council Member Blair asked the City  
29 Manager to keep working on the matter because it a very dangerous situation.

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31 Council Member Allebach recalled Council received a letter from residents of the Oakhurst Subdivision  
32 and asked if there is anything the City could do to assist them with their concerns. Ms. Croteau said  
33 staff is researching the problems. It appears the issues are between the homeowners association,  
34 Mercedes Homes and the County. Council Member Allebach said he wanted to make sure the resident's  
35 concerns are being addressed. He asked the City Manager to keep Council apprised of any  
36 developments.

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38 **B. Mayor/City Council**

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40 Council Member Allebach reported on a meeting regarding the incubator program being contemplated  
41 by the County in conjunction with the University of Central Florida. He discussed the purpose of an  
42 incubator program noting it is designed to help small businesses grow. The County recently invested  
43 \$1.4 million to enhance an existing building at the airport in anticipation of an incubator program to  
44 assist with economic development. In addition, the County is required to pay \$250,000 annually to  
45 UCF. Congressman John Mica was present and he questioned the County about this investment.

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47 Mayor Strickland reported that he also attended a meeting about an incubator program and learned that  
48 85% of the new businesses started are out of business within 3 years. Participation in an incubator  
49 program greatly increases the success rate because 80% of these businesses are still in business and

1 doing well 3-5 years later. The incubator program is a coaching program that will help businesses learn  
2 the proper way to manage their business. The program may take as much as long as 3 years to get  
3 started.

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5 Council Member Laputka announced the Sustainable Water Committee will have a conservation  
6 education night at the library hall on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He invited everyone to attend.

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8 Council Member Allebach reported that he, Council Member Pupello and Council Member Laputka read  
9 to the students at Orange City Elementary School. He noted that the Vice Mayor also read to the students at  
10 Manatee Cove.

#### 11 C. City Clerk

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14 City Clerk announced the annual public hearing for the CDBG Five Year Plan will be at 6:00 p.m. in  
15 Council Chambers tomorrow. She said everyone is welcome to attend.

#### 16 D. City Attorney

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19 No further report.

### 20 11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(Consent agenda)*

### 21 12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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25 Vice Mayor Crippen said the Volusia County Health Department (VCHD) received a grant to expand its  
26 services to low income citizens, which will help reduce the use of the Emergency Room as a doctor's  
27 office. The Deltona site is close enough for Orange City residents to access the program. Dr. Bonnie  
28 Sorenson, VCHD and Commissioner Pat Northey are very involved with this grant. Vice Mayor  
29 Crippen said the Federally Qualified Health Center located in Pierson has expanded its services to  
30 Deltona and will provide care to all citizens regardless of income. Vice Mayor Crippen said he would  
31 like to have Dr. Sorenson and Pat Northey come to a meeting to talk about these programs.

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33 Council Member Allebach announced that on April 1<sup>st</sup> VCARD, the League of Cities and the Surf Coast  
34 Chapter of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association is hosting a conference about "Supplying  
35 Florida's Water" at the Pelican Bay Country Club in Daytona. Council Member Laputka advised that  
36 Mr. Wright, Sustainable Water Committee Chairman will attend that meeting. Referring to the article  
37 Mr. Durica distributed earlier, Council Member Allebach discussed the City's position with regard to  
38 red light cameras. He said the City does not anticipate receiving revenue from this program and the only  
39 reference to the red light cameras in the budget should be for the administration costs only. Council  
40 Member Allebach said he appreciates Mr. Durica's comments but he supports this program because it  
41 forces people to follow the rules and saves lives.

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43 Council Member Pupello thanked the citizens who attended and participated in this meeting. Council  
44 Member Pupello said the African American Heritage Festival was a well-run event with citizens and  
45 City staff working together. Council Member Pupello said it was a success and that he hoped it  
46 continues to grow. He stated, "Well done."

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48 Council Member Laputka thanked Ms. Stettner for her presentation. He stated, "It was excellent. I  
49 appreciate you being here and doing this."

1 Council Member Blair said the African American Heritage Festival was great. He said he especially  
2 enjoyed the slab of ribs that he got.

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4 Mayor Strickland said “ditto” to the comments about the African American Heritage Festival. He said he  
5 has only heard good comments about the event. He thanked Ms. Stafford for the fried catfish she made  
6 and asked for her recipe. Mayor Strickland said he agrees with Council Member Pupello’s statement  
7 about the citizens who participated in the meeting this evening. He talked about the purpose of the  
8 CDBG meeting scheduled for tomorrow and encouraged everyone to attend.

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10 **13. ADJOURN:**

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12 There being no further business, Mayor Strickland adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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15 Respectfully Submitted:

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18 Gloria Thomas, Deputy City Clerk

Approved on:

March 22, 2011

Date