

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,
2 held on Tuesday, October 25, 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, Tom Laputka, Tom Abraham, Anthony J. Pupello, Gary A. Blair; City Attorney Bill
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 Jack Fielding, First Congregational Church of Orange City,
18 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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20 1. **ABSENCES:** Shall the absence of Council Member Abraham on September 27, 2011 be excused?

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22 **Council Member Laputka moved to excuse the absence of Council**
23 **Member Abraham from the September 27, 2011 meeting, seconded by**
24 **Council Member Blair and passed with a unanimous 7/0 voice vote of**
25 **Council.**

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27 2. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** Proclamation – Honoring Women Veterans

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29 Council Member Laputka read a proclamation into the record honoring and saluting the many women
30 who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

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32 3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

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34 Ken Allen, 334 E. Graves Avenue came forward and said he was concerned about an email that he
35 received from the Mayor regarding county dispatch services. He said he was offended by the response
36 when he asked to be removed from the mailing list. Mayor Strickland apologized for not removing Mr.
37 Allen from the mailing list as requested.

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39 Sharon Stafford, 461 S. Clark Street, accompanied by Evelyn Robinson came forward. Ms. Stafford
40 provided an update for the plans for the African American Heritage Festival. She said a City booth
41 would be available at the Festival for Council and/or staff to showcase City activities and the services
42 provided to citizens. She thanked the Council for their monetary donation and noted a flyer outlining
43 the 2012 program will be available soon.

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

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47 5. **ORDINANCES - FIRST READING:** None at this time
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1 **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None at this time

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3 **7. RESOLUTIONS:**

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5 **A. RESOLUTION NO. 658-11:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of
6 Orange City, Florida, calling for a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on November
7 15, 2011, rescheduling the regular City Council meeting of November 8, 2011
8 to November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. and cancelling the regular City Council
9 meetings scheduled for November 22, 2011 and December 27, 2011; repealing
10 all resolutions in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date.

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12 Council Member Allebach read the title of Resolution No. 658-11 into the record.

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14 **Council Member Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 658-11,**
15 **seconded by Vice Mayor Crippen and passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the**
16 **Council.**

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18 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

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20 **A. City Attorney's Evaluation**

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22 Ms. Renner advised that each Council member met with and completed an evaluation for Mr.
23 Reischmann and submitted the forms to her. She said she provided a compilation of the ratings for the
24 various categories with the agenda packet.

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26 A lengthy conversation about the evaluation ensued with each Council Member discussing how they
27 evaluated the City Attorney. Council Member Blair thanked Mr. Reischmann for making himself
28 available for the evaluation interviews. He said he discussed his concerns with Mr. Reischmann and
29 anticipates they will be resolved in the future.

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31 Council Member Laputka said he enjoyed talking with Mr. Reischmann about the role of the City
32 Attorney and the job that he does for the Council. Council Member Abraham and Vice Mayor Crippen
33 agreed with the previous comments. Council Member Pupello said he met with the City Manager and
34 clerk before he met with Mr. Reischmann because they work closely with the City Attorney daily.
35 Council Member Allebach said he has worked with Mr. Reischmann for several years. He thanked Mr.
36 Reischmann for the legal advice and coverage that he provides Council. Mayor Strickland talked about
37 the issues that Mr. Reischmann has assisted Council with over the years. He said he is pleased to have
38 had this relationship.

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40 Mr. Reischmann acknowledged this is the first time that Council has evaluated his work performance.
41 He said he has worked with the city for several years and that it has been a "great run." He thanked
42 Council for their feedback.

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44 **B. City Clerk's Evaluation**

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46 Mayor Strickland commented that many municipalities do not evaluate their City Clerks. He said Ms.
47 Renner reminded Council to get her evaluation completed because she wanted everyone to participate.
48 He said he just wanted to say an extra "thank you" for her efforts.

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2 A lengthy conversation about the evaluation ensued with each Council Member discussing how they
3 evaluated the City Clerk. Council Member Blair commented that for the most part, the City Clerk does
4 a great job. However he said several citizens have complained to him that they do not feel welcome
5 when they come to the Clerk's Office. Council Member Blair stated that he would like to see the
6 Clerk's Office become a little brighter and more cheerful.

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8 Council Member Laputka said he had no one to compare Ms. Renner with so he evaluated her on how
9 he felt things were being done. He noted that Council is pleased with her performance overall because
10 her evaluation was above expectation. He stated, "Ms. Renner's office a safe haven, she makes things
11 happen" and he is very appreciative of that.

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13 Council Member Abraham said he gave the City Clerk 100% credit for her pleasant personality and
14 interaction with the public. Her departmental organization and budgeting skills are excellent. She
15 protects the integrity of public records. Stating these are good qualities, Council Member Abraham
16 expressed his hope that Ms. Renner continues working with the City for a long time.

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18 Vice Mayor Crippen discussed his interactions and observations with the City Clerk. He recalled that
19 this year was the first time that he served on a canvassing board and that Ms. Renner was very familiar
20 and extremely helpful in guiding him through the process. The Vice Mayor said Ms. Renner has always
21 been extremely helpful and responsive in explaining all of the intricacies of being a Council Member.
22 He said he hopes that she continues to do that for everyone.

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24 Council Member Allebach said he has had experience with another City Clerk and he is very happy with
25 Ms. Renner. She has always kept the interests of Orange City at heart and often goes the extra mile.
26 She coordinates several schedules and issues reminder notices for the things that need to be done. In
27 addition, she has worked very hard to upgrade technology so that citizens can have immediate access to
28 public records. Council Member Allebach said he gave Ms. Renner a very good evaluation and looks
29 forward to watching the City prosper with her as the City Clerk for many more years to come.

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31 Council Member Pupello said Ms. Renner and the staff at the Clerk's office are very professional,
32 ethical and diligent. The City is fortunate to have a City Clerk of such high caliber. He recalled that not
33 too long ago the City was at a crossroads and Ms. Renner was his "beacon of light" and a "buoy."

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35 Mayor Strickland said he reviewed the Council's evaluations and noted that some council members
36 suggested that the mayor was treated more favorably than the rest of the Council. He stated the mayor is
37 required to work more closely with the City Clerk. He said he appreciates the time that he has spent
38 with the City Clerk over the last few years. The Mayor said that occasionally he has seen what Mr. Blair
39 described about the Clerk's Office. It sometimes gets a little frantic with lots of things going on, but
40 overall, the atmosphere is very upbeat and positive. Mayor Strickland said he too has no one to compare
41 the City Clerk with, but if gold stars were being handed out the City Clerk would get lots of gold stars
42 from him. He thanked Ms. Renner for all her work and effort.

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44 **C. Naming the Dog Park**

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46 Danielle Lung, Public Information Coordinator came forward and distributed ballots to Council. Noting
47 that Council authorized construction of a dog park, she said staff created a poll on the City and
48 Facebook web pages seeking community input on the naming of the park. Several suggestions were

1 provided and people were allowed to write in suggestions as well. A total of 423 votes were cast, staff
2 brought forward the Waggin' Trail and Hound Hollow, which received over 76% of the total votes.
3 Council Members cast their votes and passed the ballots to the City Clerk. The City Clerk read the
4 ballot vote as follows, 5 votes for Waggin' Trail and 2 votes for Hound Hollow. She stated the winner is
5 Waggin' Trail. Ms. Croteau announced the dog park will open in November. It is located off S. Leavitt
6 and Rhode Island Avenues.

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8 **D. Update on Internet Cafes**

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10 Mr. Reischmann provided background information on the way the City has dealt with the Internet Cafes
11 which have opened in town. He said a zoning amendment was adopted requiring that these
12 establishments be located only in the I-2 zoning district. He discussed the legal definition of gambling,
13 noting that these businesses consider themselves to be entertainment or amusement facilities. The
14 previous Attorney General declined to rule on the legality of the cafes and the current Attorney General
15 has ruled in some cases that they may not be legal. Seminole County has ruled that the machines that
16 they use are "simulated gambling devices," however, the ruling is now in litigation. There are some
17 filings in the legislature at this time that could close these establishments

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19 Council Member Laputka questioned whether the action the City took rezoning these types of businesses
20 had been challenged. Mr. Reischmann responded "no."

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22 Mayor Strickland suggested that rezoning will not preclude internet cafés from opening in the
23 unincorporated areas of the City, especially with its uneven boundaries. He said he discussed his
24 concerns with County Council members and wondered if it would be advantageous for the Council to
25 express their concerns as a body. Mr. Reischmann said the County was considering moving in the same
26 direction as the city. He said staff would be happy to determine the location of all of these businesses
27 located in the county. Mayor Strickland noted the State is considering opening casinos in Cape
28 Canaveral and he questioned how that would affect the City. Mr. Reischmann discussed his
29 understanding that only existing pari-mutual facilities would be entitled to have the casinos at their
30 locations.

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32 Council Member Pupello felt the City's approach was the most cost effective way to deal with this issue.
33 He said he appreciates that Seminole County is in litigation and suggested the Orange City could benefit
34 from the ruling. Council Member Pupello noted that several convenience stores in the City have
35 carnival type coin operated machines and suggested that may be a matter to deal with soon. Council
36 Member Pupello noted that the veteran's facility on Blue Springs Avenue has not been the windfall that
37 the owners thought it would be.

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39 Council Member Abraham said he read an article in "Time" magazine that indicated the percentage of
40 people gambling or going to the sweepstakes businesses is down considerably due to the state of the
41 economy. He said that is a blow for those that are fighting the legal issues in this matter.

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43 **E. Selection of Firm for Water/Wastewater Rate Study**

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45 Ms. Croteau pointed out that a rate study for the Utility should be done every five years and a study has
46 not been done for some time. As a result, a rate and revenue sufficiency study for Comprehensive
47 Water, Wastewater & Reclaimed Water was put out to bid. Four companies responded. Staff ranked the
48 bids in order of the selection with Public Resources Management Group as the top ranked firm. She

1 said staff is seeking Council's approval for the City Manager to negotiate a contract with the top ranked
2 firm and approval for the Mayor to sign the contract. The cost will not exceed \$45,000 and will be paid
3 from the Enterprise fund. The study will help determine the rate and revenue needs for the Utility for a
4 five year period. It takes into consideration staffing and capital needs as well.

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6 **Council Member Allebach moved that the City Council approve the**
7 **ranking list and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with**
8 **the top ranked firm, not to exceed \$45,000, seconded by Council Member**
9 **Blair.**

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11 Mayor Strickland noted the City Manager is requesting the Mayor sign the contract and asked whether
12 that should be included in the motion. Mr. Reichmann noted that the motion should also include a
13 provision that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate with the second or third ranked firm if
14 negotiations with the top ranked firm break down.

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16 **Both the motion maker and the seconder withdrew their motion and second.**

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18 **Council Member Allebach moved that the City Council approve the**
19 **ranking list and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with**
20 **the top ranked firm. If negotiations should fail with the top ranked firm,**
21 **the City Council authorizes the City Manger to negotiate with the second**
22 **and or third ranked firms. The contract price will not exceed \$45,000 and**
23 **the Mayor is authorized to sign the contract as approved, seconded by**
24 **Council Member Blair.**

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26 In response to a request from Vice Mayor Crippen, Ms. Croteau explained that a rate study looks at the
27 total operations and capital needs of the Utility, including the fee structure, and then predicts what
28 revenues will be needed in the next five to ten years. She noted that last year the capital assets of the
29 Utility were inventoried with the help of a consultant to determine needed improvements and to look at
30 the sewer issues. That information will be turned over to the consulting firm who will advise what the
31 rates should be to support the capital needs of the Utility. On several occasions staff has questioned
32 whether the water rates support the capital projects needed.

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

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36 **F. Award of Bid for 17-92 Irrigation Project**

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38 Ms. Croteau recalled that some time ago staff brought this matter forward seeking approval to use grant
39 funding for the last phase of the 17-92 beautification project to install an irrigation system in the median.
40 A bid was issued and subsequently cancelled because only one company responded with a bid amount
41 more than double the estimated costs for the project. Staff talked to the companies that looked at the bid
42 package but did not bid to make sure everything was accurate. Another bid was issued, three companies
43 responded and staff wishes to proceed with the lowest bidder. The FDOT will provide a portion of the
44 funding and the City will make up the difference. Ms. Croteau said staff is asking Council to award the
45 bid to All Terrain Tractor Services.

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47 Council Member Laputka remarked that the lowest bidder is a local company. Ms. Croteau discussed
48 the plans for the project. She noted the requirement to add magnesium sulfate to the soil to make sure

1 the vegetation will grow. She said the plans will be brought forward soon. The grant expires in
2 February and staff would like to move forward to get the irrigation done.

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4 **Council Member Allebach moved to approve the bid award to the**
5 **lowest responsive and responsible bidder, All Terrain Tractor Services,**
6 **Inc. in the amount of \$82,335, inclusive of performance and payment**
7 **bonds, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement,**
8 **seconded by Council Member Laputka.**
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10 Council Member Abraham noted that one of the bidders did not provide a bond and questioned what the
11 nature of the bond was. Ms. Croteau responded it is a performance and payment bond which ensures
12 that if the bidder cannot complete the project, the bonding company will step in and complete it.

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14 Council Member Pupello appreciated that the lowest bidder is a local company. However, he noted the
15 importance of maintaining the vegetation as it will provide better curb appeal for the area. He suggested
16 installing perpetual plants.

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18 **Motion passed by a 7/0 roll call vote of the Council.**
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20 **9. NEW BUSINESS:**
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22 Council Member Allebach recalled that he requested information about the gold buying shops that have
23 opened throughout the City. He suggested an investigation be done to understand how these
24 establishment conduct business.

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26 Mayor Strickland stated he is concerned about copper theft in the City. He noted a citizen recently had
27 several air conditioning units stolen. The Sheriff's Office has a suspect who has admitted to stealing
28 several air conditioner units in the unincorporated portion of the City. He suggested the Police
29 Department contact the Sheriff's Office to see if there is any relation to the issues in Orange City.
30 Noting several city owned units are at risk, he questioned how the City is responding. Mayor Strickland
31 stated it is a problem and suggested the Police Department be alert and find a way to deal with this.

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33 Council Member Pupello echoed previous comments. He stated it is important to be proactive to ensure
34 the City is not a victim of these types of theft. Council Member Pupello said his family has been in the
35 pawn business for years. He advised that it is a highly regulated business. He suggested a way to deal
36 with the number of gold buying businesses opening is to require a higher business tax receipt fee similar
37 to pawn shops.

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39 Council Member Blair said he noticed florescent color flexible posts installed in DeLand that may be
40 helpful with preventing pedestrian car accidents. He asked staff to investigate the cost and report back
41 to Council. Council Member Blair noted that he has received several calls from residents about
42 mosquitoes. He suggested that it is time to spray the area.

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44 Vice Mayor Crippen suggested that companies that buy gold are highly regulated. He said these
45 businesses are very competitive and often police themselves by reporting when they find someone who
46 has not gotten a license.
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1 **10. REPORTS:**

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3 **A. City Manager**

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5 Ms. Croteau reported the City is soliciting quotes from the County for mosquito spraying in several
6 locations in the City. Ms. Croteau reported that McDonald's will re-open on Monday. Ms. Croteau
7 reported that as part of the annual audit, Council will be receiving a questionnaire from the auditor
8 asking questions related to financial matters. She said the letters are to be mailed back to the auditors,
9 not the City.

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11 Ms. Croteau reported that the City has reached an agreement with Sun Communities on the water billing
12 issues at Orange Tree Village. She explained that the City has been reading the meters and billing
13 residents individually for several years. With the new agreement the Utility will bill Sun Communities
14 directly on the master meter and they will handle the individual usage costs. The changeover will
15 happen March 1st.

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17 Ms. Croteau provided an update on the Holly Avenue drainage project. She said a consulting engineer
18 reviewed the plans for the project and expressed concerns that there may still be occasional flooding if
19 there are problems in the FDOT storm water system. He is researching design plans from FDOT
20 archives to look at the overall storm water system in this area before the City moves forward with this
21 project.

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23 Ms. Croteau reported construction of the Dog Park may go over budget due to increased height for the
24 fence. Staff is looking into getting donations to help offset the costs. Ms. Croteau reported that Public
25 Works has completed the park on Oak Avenue. Staff wants Council approval to name the park "Oak
26 Avenue Park." Ms. Croteau reported that an ECHO grant application for the development of Mill Lake
27 Park has been submitted. This is the parcel at the corner of Blue Springs and Holly Avenue. Staff is
28 working with the County to get the rest of that property. The ECHO grants are approximately \$400,000
29 this year. The total cost for the project is \$2 million. The project will be done in phases. If the grant
30 funding is received, staff anticipates doing the first portion on City owned land. Staff anticipates
31 applying for a major grant at another time. The City is one of seven municipalities that have applied for
32 the grant. Ms. Croteau felt the City has a good chance the grant will be awarded.

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34 Ms. Croteau said the City received a \$200,000 cost sharing award from Saint John's River Water
35 Management District for conservation and part of our water meter replacement program. Staff will
36 provide an update at a future meeting.

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38 Ms. Croteau reported that she is now a member of the Team Volusia board. She said at her first
39 meeting, the incubator program at the airport was discussed. The program is designed to accommodate
40 20 businesses and is now at half capacity. A feasibility study is being contemplated looking at doing a
41 second phase of the incubator program on the west side of the County. She stated she thought that was a
42 good idea.

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44 Ms. Croteau reminded everyone the Halloween Block Party is set for Saturday. She detailed the
45 activities planned. Responding to a question from Council Member Blair about the mosquito spraying,
46 Ms. Croteau explained the City tells the County the areas of the city that need to be sprayed and the
47 County bills accordingly. She listed the areas to be sprayed. Council Member Blair observed that port-
48 a-potties for the Halloween Block Party have been placed at Albertus Cottage. Ms. Croteau

1 acknowledged that the port-a-potties were at the Cottage. She explained that the City saved money by
2 having the port-a-potties delivered to a specific location early. She said they will be removed at the end
3 of the week. Council Member Blair suggested that the Cottage has become a storage area. He said the
4 grass is being destroyed when the items are removed. He reiterated that he does not want to see the
5 Cottage be used as a storage unit. Ms. Croteau agreed.

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7 Ms. Croteau reported the City has “piggy-backed” two applications for Transportation Investment
8 Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grants for pedestrian friendly and beautification
9 improvements along Saxon Boulevard, Enterprise Road and U.S. 17-92. She said TIGER grants are
10 highly competitive Federal grants and the City may not be granted the funding. Ms. Croteau concluded
11 by stating that she wanted Council to be aware as staff has asked the County Chairman and Senator
12 Hayes to support these grant applications.

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14 Council Member Pupello noted that Mill Lake has been referred to by another name and questioned
15 what the appropriate name is. Ms. Croteau explained the City is trying to obtain the larger portion of the
16 property from FDOT. Once that is accomplished, the property will be known as Mill Lake. Council
17 Member Pupello noted the Oak Avenue Park is defined as a pocket park. He questioned whether that is
18 the definition that should be used when developing properties. Ms. Croteau responded in the negative.
19 She stated the park is considered a “passive park” in that it provides no entertainments. The City would
20 have difficulty maintaining pocket parks in addition to the large parks in the City.

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22 Council Member Laputka asked if there was an update to the City’s request that a three way stop sign be
23 installed at Blue Springs Avenue and Scholars Path to help some of the traffic problems by the schools.
24 Ms. Croteau advised the request has been forward to the County traffic engineer. She said she
25 anticipates an answer soon.

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27 Council Member Blair thanked the City Manager for a very thorough and comprehensive report. He
28 stated, “I am very impressed with it.”

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30 Council Member Allebach noted that a citizen came forward with an email that stated the City’s
31 dispatch service will be slower if services are consolidated county-wide. He said he would like the Fire
32 or Police Chief to respond. Ms. Croteau said staff must study the matter before an answer could be
33 provided.

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35 **B. Mayor/City Council**

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37 Vice Mayor Crippen reported that he attended the TPO meeting representing Council Member Allebach.
38 He said the meeting was well attended. Discussions centered on the priority of road construction
39 projects. The TPO anticipates a \$120 million shortfall which will require modifications to the priority
40 list. Vice Mayor Crippen said an announcement was made about a forum hosted by the Substance
41 Abuse Task Force of Volusia and Flagler Counties to talk about the impact of prescription drugs. The
42 group is seeking community input to find solutions to this growing epidemic. It will be held Thursday,
43 October 27th at the Volusia County Health Department in Daytona Beach. Panelists will include several
44 dignitaries.

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46 Vice Mayor Crippen reported that he attended a Heritage Corridor Group meeting recently. The group
47 is still waiting for the approval of Sanford and Seminole County to become part of the Heritage
48 Corridor. He discussed the plans for the trails and the importance of the bicyclist and echo friendly

1 tourism. The Vice Mayor said there may be several opportunities for Orange City to benefit once the
2 plans are completed. He suggested the City be ready to participate as much as possible.
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4 Council Member Laputka questioned how the TIGER grants would impact the Corridor. Vice Mayor
5 Crippen explained Orange City is not big enough to apply for these grants along. Ms. Croteau agreed,
6 stating that is why the City put in for two tiger grants, in tandem with Orange County and the City of
7 Sanford to add some pedestrian and roadway improvements in the City. Both grants are being tied to
8 Sunrail.
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10 Mayor Strickland reported on activities for City Government Week. He said students from Manatee
11 Cove and Orange City Elementary came and met with Council in the Chambers to learn about local
12 government. One of the students presented the City with a photo of Dickinson Park that her mother had
13 taken and framed. Noting that several council members attended, Mayor Strickland gave each a chance
14 to comment. Mayor Strickland noted that the students made posters of their impression of the City for
15 the 2011 City Government Week Poster contest. He said the winning posters will be on the City's
16 Facebook page and on display in the Clerk's office.
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18 **C. City Clerk**
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20 Ms. Renner reported the Logic & Accuracy Test for the November 8th election is taking place this
21 Friday at the Elections warehouse on State Road 44. It is open to the public. Ms. Renner said the
22 Deputy Clerk will be present at the testing because she is attending the Clerk's Institute in Sarasota. Ms.
23 Renner noted the next time that Council meets the oath of office will be administered to the newly
24 elected Council members.
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26 **D. City Attorney**
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28 No further report.
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30 **11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 27, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting
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32 **Council Member Allebach moved to approve the minutes of the**
33 **September 27, 2011 Regular City Council meeting minutes, seconded by**
34 **Vice Mayor Crippen and passed by a unanimous 7/0 voice vote of the**
35 **Council.**
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37 **12. COUNCIL COMMENTS**
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39 Council Member Abraham said he is looking forward to the inauguration of the new Council. He
40 announced that his niece will play the Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful on the violin.
41 She performed at the inauguration of the new Council in 2007 and everybody enjoyed it.
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43 Vice Mayor Crippen said that last week the Secretary of the Interior highlighted two projects for the
44 State of Florida that will promote outdoor recreation and conservation. One of those projects is the
45 Miles Shingle Creek Trail in Seminole and Osceola Counties and the other is the 50 mile east central
46 Florida regional rail trail from Lake Monroe on the St. John's River to Titusville. This trail is the most
47 extensive abandoned rail corridor purchased through Florida's greenways and trails acquisition program.
48 Vice Mayor Crippen said he looks forward to seeing everybody at the Halloween Block Party.

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2 Council Member Allebach said he just finished his treatment on Sunday and that he appreciates all the
3 support. Scheduling may prevent him from attending the next meeting to say goodbye. Council
4 Member Allebach concluded by stating, "My time has been very well spent on the City Council here in
5 Orange City and I know Council will do a continuously good job to improve our community for
6 everybody. Thanks."
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8 Council Member Pupello said he attended a council meeting in Lake Helen and that it was "eye-
9 opening." Lake Helen has a different form of government. The Council hires, fires and pay the bills.
10 He stated, "I don't envy them." He said that he previously attended a council meeting in DeLand and
11 that it is more like Orange City's meetings. Council Member Pupello said that it is interesting to see the
12 way "our neighbors" run their meetings. Council Member Pupello said the Farmer's Market is doing
13 well, averaging over 15 vendors. He said he attended a dedication of the Memorial Garden and the
14 Walk of Honor at the Hospice. It was an opportunity for people who have utilized the facility and local
15 representatives to gather. It is very special to have a facility like that in our community and they were
16 appreciative that somebody from the City attended.
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18 Council Member Laputka said he wished to tell Council Member Allebach how much he appreciates
19 that he came to the meeting. He stated, "It is difficult for him to be here tonight. I want to commend
20 him as he has been for the last nine years straight serving the City to come out and be a part of this
21 tonight. I am very inspired by that. May we hold him in our prayers and strengthen him in his faith so
22 he can move forward."
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24 Council Member Blair also expressed his appreciation to Council Member Allebach. He said he has
25 worked with him for many of the years that he has been on the Council. Council Member Blair sated,
26 "While we have not always agreed, he has done a really great job and is a real asset to the Council and
27 the community." He continued, "He is just a top shelf guy and I have an enormous amount of respect
28 for him." Council Member Blair said the homecoming festivities were "fabulous." The fireworks and
29 the parade were great. He said he looks forward to next year's event.
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31 Mayor Strickland thanked everyone for coming. He said the Titans will be playing over in Deltona,
32 tickets are \$6. He stated, "Coming together as a community means that we really need to get behind our
33 kids at the schools and particularly the athletic programs." Mayor Strickland said he attended the
34 volleyball game at the high school and was very impressed with the level of skill. Mayor Strickland
35 acknowledged that Mayor Garcia from DeBary had a minor heart attack last night. Mayor Strickland
36 wished him well and asked everyone to "remember him in our prayers tonight."
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38 13. ADJOURNMENT

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40 There being no further business, Mayor Strickland adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.
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42 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED ON:

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47 Gloria Thomas, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Date