

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the Historic Preservation Board of the City of
2 Orange City, Florida, conducted on Thursday, September 20, 2007 at the Council Chambers, 201
3 North Holly Avenue, Orange City, Florida.

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6 **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

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8 Chairman Morin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

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10 **PRESENT:** Boardmembers: Gerald Morin; Robert Reid; Linda Higgins; Marilyn Meyers;
11 James Rader; staff liaison Elaine Wilson and guests Barry Meyers and Mrs. Rader.

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13 **ABSENT:** Ann Lindsay; Diana Tappan

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16 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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18 Minutes were not sent out.

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21 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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26 **4. DISCUSSION — HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE**

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28 Ms. Wilson furnished each member with a copy of the letter from the city attorney William
29 Reischmann. He states that because Florida does not have a statute, the city cannot give
30 residential owners a tax rebate for having an easement placed on their property.

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32 Boardmembers discussed if the tax breaks apply only to commercial businesses, then
33 homeowners will not be encouraged to take part in the historic preservation program.

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35 Chairman Morin questioned where it reads the easement may be withdrawn should the historic
36 structure be destroyed through fire or other catastrophe. He thinks there should be a percentage
37 of damage put in writing, i.e. 50% or less in order for the tax abatement to continue should they
38 rebuild a replica.

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40 Boardmember Higgins asked if something is leveled and there is an easement, and it is already
41 recorded, what happens? Ms. Wilson said it is on the deed and the owners would have to request
42 it be removed.

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44 Vice Chairman Reid had concerns on rescinding the easement to sell the historic property.
45 Chairman Morin said once the easement has been given it is legal and binding and attached to

1 the deed. The opt-out portion is directed to those who volunteer to be listed on the historic
2 register for the City of Orange City, not the easement, he said.

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5 **5. BOARD COMMENTS**

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Chairman Morin commented that the town clock did not ring. Ms. Wilson said they were still working on it even though it did ring once in a while.

10 Vice Chairman Reid asked about the original 5' x 9' flag that was on the memorial? The present
11 flags are all smaller than the original.

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13 **6. STAFF COMMENTS**

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Ms. Wilson said the fire department would like to know more about the history about that bell.

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17 **7. ADJOURNMENT**

19 Chairman Morin adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Next regular meeting is October 18th, 2007.
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Respectfully submitted,

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25 Francine Hamanne
26 Development Services

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29 No minutes to be approved by the Historic Preservation Board members.