

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the Historic Preservation Board of the City of  
2 Orange City, Florida, conducted on Thursday, October 18, 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 7:02 p.m. and roll call was taken.  
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10 **PRESENT:** Boardmembers: Gerald Morin; Robert Reid; Ann Lindsay; Linda Higgins; James  
11 Rader; staff liaison Elaine Wilson and guests City Attorney William Reischmann and Mrs.  
12 Rader.  
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15 **ABSENT:** Marilyn Meyers; Diana Tappan  
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18 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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20 August 16, 2007 minutes were accepted by the Board after Boardmember Reid made the motion  
21 and Boardmember Higgins seconded it. September 20, 2007 minutes were accepted by the Board  
22 after Boardmember Reid made the motion and Boardmember Rader seconded it.  
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25 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**  
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30 **4. DISCUSSION — HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE**  
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32 William Reischmann distributed the new version for the ordinance to each person present and  
33 reviewed the changes. He clarified the tie-in definition of district in the code to the historic  
34 district in the city comprehensive plan. He explained that not everyone is entitled or would  
35 qualify for an easement break. The state statute made an easement break available only to  
36 commercial properties without giving the cities the discretion to apply this type of exemption  
37 from taxes to residential historic property owners.  
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39 The percentage of damage to a historic place must be a minimum of 50% in order to remove an  
40 easement.  
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42 The City may create an incentive for residential historic properties, such as flexibility with  
43 current code restrictions if an owner grants an easement to the city.  
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45 According to Mr. Reischmann, a possible incentive for residential property owners would be  
46 based not adding the value of work done to a house onto the appraised value. A state statute

1 allows the tax reduction of up to 100% of the added value for up to 10 years. To qualify, the  
2 renovations would have to meet certain standards to maintain and improve a designated historic  
3 property. Such a property would need to be designated on the national historic register or the  
4 local historic register, he said.

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7 **5. BOARD COMMENTS**

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9 Vice Chairman Reid said he appreciated the response to his question concerning the flag that was  
10 originally on the memorial. He said that Public Works Director Paul Johnson stated the flag was  
11 being kept for when a replacement was needed at City Hall.

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13 Boardmember Lindsay wants to pursue attaining historic plaques. She also pointed out an article  
14 in the newspaper about the railroad.

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16 Discussion was of applying for a grant, in order to buy new double-sided historic markers, before  
17 the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

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20 **6. STAFF COMMENTS**

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22 Ms. Wilson said the town hall clock should be completed in about a week with fine tuning the  
23 time.

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26 **7. ADJOURNMENT**

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28 Chairman Morin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Next regular meeting is November 15th,  
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32 Respectfully submitted,

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35 Francine Hamanne  
36 Development Services

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