

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the Historic Preservation Board of the City of  
2 Orange City, Florida, conducted on Thursday, January 17, 2008 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; Ann Lindsay; Marilyn Meyers; James  
11 Rader; staff liaison Elaine Wilson, city attorney Bill Reischmann.

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13 **ABSENT:** Linda Higgins.

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16 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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18 November 15, 2007 minutes were accepted as read after Boardmember Reid made the motion  
19 and Boardmember Rader seconded it.

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22 **3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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24 Chairman Morin took nominations for election. Boardmember Lindsay nominated Gerald Morin  
25 for Chairman. It was seconded by Boardmember Reid. All voted in agreement. James Rader  
26 nominated Robert Reid for Vice President and it was seconded by Boardmember Meyers.  
27 Everyone voted in favor. Secretary of the Board for nomination was Ann Lindsay by Chairman  
28 Morin and seconded by James Rader. All were in favor.

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

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33 The City sent out letters to more than 200 people within the historic district to inform them of the  
34 proposed ordinance. Chairman Morin stated that this ordinance is viable and beneficial to many.  
35 It was created through the efforts of the citizens, the board and city attorney Bill Reischmann.

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37 Chairman Morin opened the meeting for comments from the public.

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40 **5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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42 Gerald Hill, 215 East French Avenue, asked for the definition of easements in the ordinance and  
43 what that does or mean for that property. The city attorney Bill Reischmann said it was a double-  
44 edged sword and voluntary. Once your easement has been given to the city and recorded, your  
45 valuation of your home should be decreased for tax purposes. This ordinance also means that you  
46 could not destroy or tear down an historic building, nor use it for anything other than historic

1 fashion, nor make changes that would eliminate its historic character. There is a provision where  
2 the present owner can request to have it permanent or terminated based on damage or  
3 destruction.

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5 Mr. Hill questioned Section 2-93, Item 3 regarding encouraging historic preservation by  
6 providing technical assistance. This means to render guidance by the Development Services  
7 Department, Ms. Wilson said. .

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9 Al Blue, 447 North Oak Avenue, congratulated the board and attorney on bringing this ordinance  
10 to life. He wanted it clarified that a person can have their property registered nationally and  
11 locally without opting to give a historic easement to the city. He had a question on page 5,  
12 paragraph 10 struck out to be 9 in regards to not being in compliance with historic preservation  
13 regulations of this division. Mr. Reischmann explained Division is a tab in the city's Code of  
14 Ordinances where you will find the historic preservation regulations and documents. Ms. Wilson  
15 told him that the official inventory of cultural resources does exist but has not been updated in  
16 more than 10 years. Mr. Reischmann pointed out that historical and architectural significance are  
17 different standards from a cultural resource.

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19 Mr. Reischmann explained that being on the local register means your property could be  
20 designated historic and entitled to modified enforcement of the standard building code. When  
21 registered with the state and national, you must follow their rules.

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23 Gary Blair, 240 South Holly Avenue, said he did not receive a copy of the letter with the newly  
24 updated ordinance. He would like a stricter regulation so people who buy property next to a  
25 historic site cannot build whatever they choose

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27 Mary Waits, 240 South Holly Avenue, also has another property on Graves Avenue and wanted  
28 to know if her property were damaged that she would be allowed to rebuild on the same footprint  
29 as it is now even though would not meet present zoning code. She also verified with the attorney  
30 that she could receive tax exemptions if she made improvements to her properties without having  
31 an easement.

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33 A motion was made by Vice Chairman Reid and seconded by Secretary Lindsay to recommend  
34 the City Council approve of the proposed ordinance. All voted in agreement.

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37 **6. BOARD COMMENTS**

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39 Boardmember Lindsay attended the December 7<sup>th</sup> program at Veterans' Memorial Park and all  
40 went well. The men who were there thought our puny flag being 3' by 5' was not suitable for our  
41 pole. The appropriate size is 4' by 6'.

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43 Boardmember Meyers said the lights are out on the flags at night time in the park.

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45 Boardmember Lindsay inquired about the splash pool at the park. Ms. Wilson said they are  
46 waiting for a redesign from the manufacturer that would meet Florida Health and Building codes.

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**7. STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Wilson said she received a call from Linda Higgins stating she would not be able to attend the meeting. She also commented that the empty boardmember seat should be filled as soon as possible even though the board does have a full quorum at present.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Morin thanked everyone present for all their hard work and adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Next regular meeting is February 21st

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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