

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ORANGE CITY TREE BOARD**, held on Tuesday,
2 December 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue, Orange City.

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4 **CALL TO ORDER**

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6 The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Strickland and roll call was taken.

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8 **ROLL CALL**

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10 **PRESENT:** Mayor Harley Strickland; Vice Mayor Tom Laputka; Council Members; Jeff Allebach,
11 Tom Abraham, Anthony Pupello, Gary A. Blair, William Crippen; City Attorney
12 William Reischmann; Interim City Manager Chester Murray, City Clerk Deborah
13 Renner
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15 Mayor Strickland stated that this “official” meeting of the Tree Board was being held in order to meet
16 the requirements for “Tree City USA” certification. He advised that the application for recertification
17 is ready to mail. A copy of the tree ordinance was distributed to Council. The Mayor stated that
18 tonight’s meeting would consist of two presentations with no discussion. He said that another meeting
19 would be held after the first of the year. The Mayor recalled that the previous Council had made the
20 decision to have the City Council act as the Tree Board.
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22 **1. Presentation: Trees in Orange City – Tara Boujoulian, Volusia County**

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24 Tara Boujoulian, Volusia County Forester, came forward and stated that she also serves as the
25 Environmental Permitting Manager for the County. Ms. Boujoulian provided a power point
26 presentation (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes) which
27 contained photographs documenting the change in the tree canopy in the City over the years. She
28 suggested that the Tree Board consider if the City is doing enough to protect the tree canopy in the
29 face of development. Ms. Boujoulian noted the differences in some of the locations where major
30 development has taken place such as the site of the new schools and several of the new apartment
31 complexes, as well as commercial developments.
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33 Mayor Strickland said that he could invite Ms. Boujoulian to a future meeting if Council would like to
34 speak with her further.
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36 In response to a question from Council Member Blair, Ms. Boujoulian said that the County does not
37 have Queen Palms on its list of acceptable trees. She said that the Sabal Palm is the only native palm
38 for this area. Ms. Boujoulian said that a list of acceptable trees can be obtained from the Volusia Co.
39 website at www.volusia.org.
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41 **2. Update to List of Permitted Trees in Code – Elaine Wilson**

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43 Elaine Wilson, Interim Development Services Director, came forward and stated that the City’s code
44 does contain a Tree Protection ordinance in Chapter 11. Additional regulations can be found in
45 Chapter 10, Landscaping, however, this only applies to new commercial development. Ms. Wilson
46 said that private homeowners can use nearly any type of tree they wish and the City can’t prevent it.

1 Ms. Wilson advised that the City’s ordinance requires that trees be replaced when they are removed.
 2 She said that the City’s requirements are “stricter than most.” She advised that every site plan requires
 3 a tree preservation area. She noted that when trees die on a site, there is a requirement that they be
 4 replaced.

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 6 Mr. Murray noted trees noted on a recorded site plan must be replaced if they die. He said that there
 7 are a lot of trees being planted to replace those that have died.
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9 Ms. Wilson advised that there are two types of trees on the list that are “questionable,” camphor trees
 10 and sycamore trees. She said that they were originally put on the list to protect the canopy. She said
 11 that if a species is considered a “specimen” tree, it carries a stricter replacement value. The ordinance
 12 contains a recommended plant list which is purely optional. Ms. Wilson said that nearly any type of
 13 tree can be used as long as the inch requirement is met. Another issue for consideration is whether or
 14 not the recommended plants should all be native to the area. Mr. Murray advised proceeding with
 15 caution before making changes of this type to the code.
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17 **3. Adjourn**

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 19 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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 21 Respectfully Submitted

Approved on

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 24 Deborah J. Renner, CMC, City Clerk

January 12, 2010

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