

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida,  
2 held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 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 Blair and roll call was taken.

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8 **ROLL CALL**

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10 **PRESENT:** Mayor Gary A. Blair; Jim Mahoney, Martin Harper; City Attorney Bill Reischmann; City  
11 Manager Dale Arrington; City Clerk Gloria Thomas.

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13 **TELEPHONICALLY:** Vice Mayor Bill O'Connor; Council Members O. William (Bill) Crippen, Jeff  
14 Allebach, and Kelli Marks.

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16 **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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18 The Invocation was given by Council Member Harper followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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20 Mayor Blair noted the time certain agenda format. He requested a motion to accept the revised agenda  
21 format.

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23 **Council Member Harper moved to accept the time certain agenda as presented,**  
24 **seconded by Council Member Crippen, the motion passed by a unanimous**  
25 **voice vote of the City Council.**

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27 **1. ABSENCES:**

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29 None at this time.

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31 **2. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

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33 *7:30 P.M*

34 **A. Policing Policies**

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36 Wayne Miller, Deputy Police Chief, provided a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached and  
37 becomes a permanent part of these minutes). Deputy Chief Miller stated that due to the recent protest and  
38 recommendations for police defunding he will discuss the Department's policing practices.

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40 Deputy Chief Miller provided a history timeline of previous riots and protests and discussed the 12 best  
41 practices for 21<sup>st</sup> century policing. He discussed community and biased free policing, including stops,  
42 searches, arrests, and the use of force when responding to a crisis. Deputy Chief Miller also discussed  
43 first amendment rights, accountability, data information, and body-cam footage. He noted the importance  
44 of leadership and culture, recruitment, retention, training, and promotion of and the well-being of police  
45 officers.

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47 Deputy Chief Miller concluded his presentation by discussing the "Executive Order on Safe Policing for  
48 Safe Communities" signed by President Trump on June 06, 2020.

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1 The Council complimented Deputy Chief Miller on the presentation as well as the Police Department in  
2 general.

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4 8:00 P.M.

5 B. Overview & Discussion of FY 20/21 proposed budget  
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7 Ms. Arrington provided a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which will be attached and becomes a  
8 permanent part of these minutes) that discussed a preliminary budget update for fiscal year 2020/2021.  
9 She stated that the objective is to review the general fund budget with Council. She stated that the tentative  
10 millage rate decision will be presented to Council at the July 28, 2020.

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12 Ms. Arrington discussed the budget process to date, recapped the FY 2019/20 budget, revenue impacts  
13 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, immediate actions taken due to the pandemic and a summary of funds.  
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15 Ms. Arrington discussed the general fund, current budget assumptions, items included, and not included  
16 in the budget, capital outlay, deferred position requests, and currently projected fund balances. She  
17 provided a budget snapshot and talked about the use of the fund balance, items to be determined, and the  
18 average taxable values and tax scenarios.  
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20 Ms. Arrington discussed maintaining the tentative millage rate at 7.8332 including a tax scenario tentative  
21 millage rates. She advised Council the first budget hearing is on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 and the  
22 second on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.  
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24 Ms. Arrington referred to the budget items in Council’s agenda packet. She provided a snapshot of the  
25 General Fund broken down by department, and budget reductions due to the impacts from COVID-19.  
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27 Council Member Mahoney supports the idea of maintaining the current millage rate. He suggested that  
28 Council consider funding a 1% increase to the fund balance.  
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30 Council Member Allebach agreed with Council Member Mahoney’s comments regarding keeping the  
31 millage rate and considering a 1% increase to the fund balance.  
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33 Council Member Crippen agreed with Council Member Mahoney’s comment.  
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35 Mayor Blair stated that he too agrees with Council Member Mahoney’s suggestion, to be able to give a  
36 raise to the employees and keep the millage rate the same.  
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38 **3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**  
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40 None at this time.  
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42 **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**  
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- 44 A. Cooperative Agreement Disaster Management Services Contract with Tetra Tech,  
45 Inc. PB-125-20
- 46 B. Contract Award Coleman Park Lighting Improvement Project - ITB B118-0-2020
- 47 C. Approve Contract Award PB126-0-2020/DRS; Motor Fuel-Tank Wagon Services
- 48 D. River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization FY 2020/2021 Annual Funding  
49 Agreement

E. Approve June 23, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Marks suggested a change to page, four line eight and nine of the June 23, 2020 meeting minutes. She noted that it should say "5 year paved roads program" instead of "sidewalk".

**Council Member Marks moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the minutes as amended, seconded by Council Member Harper, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.**

**5. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

None at this time.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES SECOND & FINAL READING:**

None at this time.

**7. RESOLUTIONS:**

*6:45 P.M.*

A. **Resolution No. 996-20** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida, approving a conditional use to eliminate the cardroom seat cap for the recreation and entertainment establishment known as the Orange City Racing and Card Club located at 822-4 Saxon Boulevard; providing for conditions of approval; repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

Mr. Reischmann read the title of Resolution No. 966-20 into the record. He noted this was a quasi-judicial matter and asked that any ex-parte communication be disclosed at this time. He noted for the record there were no disclosures.

Becky Mendez, Development Services Director came forward to deliver a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes) that described a conditional use application for the Orange City Racing and Card Club located at 822-4 Saxon Blvd.

Ms. Mendez stated that the applicant requests to remove the current cardroom seat cap. She noted that on March 4, 2020, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to forward this resolution to the City Council for approval, with the six conditions proposed by staff. Ms. Mendez stated that the Commissioners found no reason to deny the application based on the Land Development Code criteria, Section 3.7.4.

Ms. Mendez stated that staff recommends that City Council accept the Planning Commission recommendation and approve Resolution No. 996-20.

A representative for Cobb, Cole PA, came forward to provide an update regarding the activities at the Card Room.

Fred Guzman, President and General Manager for the Orange City Card Room came forward to provide an update regarding the growth of the establishment since opening in 2016. He thanked Council for considering Resolution No. 996-20.

1 A discussion ensued between Council and Mr. Guzman that pertained to the beautification of the  
2 building, COVID-19 procedures and the benefits to the community.

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4 **Vice Mayor O’Connor moved for approval of Resolution No. 996-20 seconded by**  
5 **Council Member Crippen, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the City**  
6 **Council.**

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8 **B. Resolution No. 116-20** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City,  
9 Florida, appointing one member to the Orange City Historic Preservation Board; repealing  
10 all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective  
11 date.

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13 Mr. Reischmann read the title of Resolution No. 116-20 into the record

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15 **Council Member Mahoney moved to approve Resolution No. 116-20, seconded by**  
16 **Council Member Crippen.**

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18 Ms. Thomas advised that Anthony Pupello resigned from the Historic Preservation Board in order to run  
19 for the mayoral seat. She noted that staff advertised the open position on the City’s website and social  
20 media. Shawn Pupello submitted an application for the position. Ms. Thomas stated that staff is  
21 recommending Council adopt Resolution No. 116-20 subsequently appointing Ms. Shawn Pupello to the  
22 Historic Preservation board.

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24 Ms. Thomas noted that Ms. Pupello was ill and could not be present at the meeting.

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26 **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the City Council.**

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28 **8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

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30 *7:00 P.M.*

31 A. Provide further direction on Rhode Island Avenue and Leavitt Avenue intersection  
32 improvements.

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34 Ms. Mendez noted that Council requested additional information regarding improvements to the Rhode  
35 Island Avenue intersection. Ms. Mendez provided a PowerPoint presentation (a copy of which is attached  
36 and becomes a permanent part of these minutes). She discussed the recommended interim improvements  
37 to the intersection as well as funding options.

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39 Ms. Mendez advised suggested “yes or no” actions for Council to consider going forward.

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41 A discussion ensued between Council and Ms. Mendez regarding, the disposal of rumble strips and  
42 ownership of the blinking stop signs, time frame for installation of a roundabout, available funding,  
43 temporary stop sign options, and the roundabout option.

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45 Ms. Mendez requested Council choose which long term solution they would prefer, a roundabout or  
46 signalization.

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48 Council Member Mahoney commented that Council should make a motion based on information and data,  
49 not on emotion. He stated that the roundabout is the safer overall option.

1 Council Member Harper stated that the roundabout option is the safest option however, the stop sign  
2 would be the right decision.

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4 Vice Mayor O'Connor stated that he is in favor of a roundabout due to the cost factor.

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6 Council Member Marks asked about the original presentation from TEDS that stated the signalization is  
7 just as safe as the roundabout.

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9 Ms. Mendez clarified by stating that signalization is safer than the existing condition but the roundabout  
10 eliminates the angle crash conflicts. She added the presentation did not state that a signal is as safe as a  
11 roundabout.

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13 Council Member Crippen stated that a roundabout is safer and lessens the chance of crash fatalities. He  
14 suggested stop signs for now until the roundabouts are constructed.

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16 Council Member Allebach commented on the cost of stop signs versus the roundabouts.

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18 Mayor Blair stated that maintenance is low with roundabouts.

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20 **Council Member Mahoney motioned to permit the City Manager to proceed with**  
21 **an interim four way stop and begin the implementation of a roundabout at the**  
22 **Rhode Island and Leavitt Ave. intersection, seconded by Council Member Harper,**  
23 **the motion passed with a 6/1 roll call vote with Council Member Marks voting "no".**  
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25 **9. REPORTS:**

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27 **A. City Manager**

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29 Ms. Arrington provided feedback regarding utility billing, including late fees.

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31 Ms. Arrington reported that the first August City Council meeting may be canceled due to the lack of  
32 agenda items.

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34 **B. City Clerk**

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36 No report.

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38 **C. City Attorney**

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40 Mr. Reischmann reported that governing body virtual meetings could continue until September unless the  
41 Governor orders an extension.

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43 **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

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45 None at this time.

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47 **11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (See Consent Agenda)**  
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**12. COUNCIL & MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Vice Mayor O’Connor stated that all of staff has done a great job.

Council Member Crippen agreed with Vice Mayor O’Connor and provided an update with the COVID-19 situation.

Council Member Allebach provided an update regarding the TPO report. He commented that everyone should wear a mask to stop the spread of the corona virus.

Council Member Mahoney commented that moving one percent of the general fund would not result in having to lay people off the following year. He stated that we need to look at the magnitude of the numbers to understand the decisions Council are making.

Council Member Marks appreciated all staff and stated that she does not make decisions out of emotions but out of research. She thanked staff for their assistance with the food drop donations. She invited everyone to the July 22nd food drop event at University High School.

Council Member Harper stated that Chief Miller provided an excellent presentation. He is happy there is a general fund with enough money to balance the budget.

Mayor Blair stated that everyone stay staff and have a great week.

**13. ADJOURN:**

Mayor Blair advised that he will entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Vice Mayor O’Connor moved to adjourn the City Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Crippen, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote of the City Council.**

There being no further business, Mayor Blair adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Melani Beringer  
CMC, Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVED ON:**

**7-28-2020**

Date