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## **Orange City Recognized for Outstanding Innovation and Design for Holly Avenue Improvement Project**

**ORANGE CITY** –The City of Orange City was recognized on Friday evening with an Outstanding Innovation and Design Award from the Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA) Surfcoast Chapter.

This recognition, which emphasizes innovative, state-of-the-art planning methods, was awarded to the City of Orange City for their Holly Avenue Improvement Project, \$6.5 million dollar infrastructure improvement project located in the heart of the city’s historic district and Community Redevelopment Area.

This significant project of Orange City protects water quality in the Blue Spring basin and provides drainage, reclaimed water and sanitary sewer services to city customers. More than a sustainable utility project, it delivers a spectacular new urban design form with the reconstruction of S. Holly Avenue, connecting the City’s award-winning Mill Lake Park to Town Hall municipal offices. The streetscape includes 43 new on-street parking spaces and pedestrian crosswalks finished with decorative pavers and colored concrete. New landscaping, planters, LED light poles, benches, trash bins and an intersection medallion are the final finishing-touches.

“When citizens talk to me, they say how beautiful Holly Avenue looks now with all the pavers and planters,” said Mayor Blair, as he, along with Vice Mayor Kelli Marks, accepted the Outstanding Innovation and Design award on behalf of the City of Orange City, Friday evening. “I tell them the real beauty is under the ground with the stormwater, sewer, and reclaimed water. This is not only a great scenic and infrastructure project but environmentally it does a wonderful thing for our local waterways.”

For more information about the City of Orange City’s Holly Avenue Improvement Project, please call 386-775-5415.

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