

1 **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council of the City of Orange City, Florida, held
2 on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201 N. Holly Avenue, Orange City.

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4 **CALL TO ORDER**

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6 Mayor Strickland called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

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8 **ROLL CALL**

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10 **PRESENT:** Mayor Harley Strickland; Vice Mayor Jeff Allebach; Council Members; Tom Laputka, Tom
11 Abraham, Don Sherrill; Jim Mahoney; City Attorney William Reischmann; Interim City Manager Chester
12 Murray, City Clerk Deborah Renner

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14 **1.** Discussion of appointment/process to fill Seat #5 on the City Council

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16 Mayor Strickland announced the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and fill the vacancy of Seat #5 due to
17 the resignation of Council Member Sandford. He asked the City Clerk to review the discussion from the
18 March 24th Council meeting. Ms. Renner recalled that Council agreed to make the appointment by a ballot
19 vote. She said she had prepared ballots with the candidate's names for several rounds of voting. The ballots
20 would be passed out after the discussion, once Council is ready to vote. Council Members should circle their
21 choice, sign their name at the bottom and pass the ballots back. The City Clerk will read the results into the
22 record. Ms. Renner advised Council the Charter provides for a majority vote of the entire Council, which
23 would require four votes to make an appointment. If there is no clear winner, Mr. Reischmann can help
24 Council consider its options and the best way to proceed.

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26 Mayor Strickland asked Council to commit to deciding on a replacement by the end of the meeting.

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28 Vice Mayor Allebach said that he is very comfortable with all of the candidates. Their interest in serving the
29 City seems very genuine. He thanked all the candidates for their interest in serving on the Council.

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31 Council Member Abraham said that he interviewed each candidate and he is ready to vote. Council
32 Members Sherrill and Laputka said they are ready to vote.

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34 **2.** Selection of Candidate to fill vacancy

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36 The City Clerk distributed the ballots. Council Members cast their votes and passed the ballots back to the
37 City Clerk. The City Clerk read the ballot vote as follows:

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39 1 Vote for Mr. William Crippen (Council Member Mahoney)
40 2 Votes for Ms. Michelle Polgar (Council Member Abraham & Mayor Strickland)
41 2 Votes for Mr. Paul Rasch (Vice Mayor Allebach & Council Member Laputka)
42 1 Vote for Mr. David Seaman (Council Member Sherrill)

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44 Mayor Strickland noted that if there was no clear winner, Council agreed to narrow down the choices to
45 those candidates with the highest votes.
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1 Council Member Abraham commented that after interviewing each candidate, he chose Ms. Polgar because
2 of her position on budget issues and because of her participation in various activities in the City. Ms. Polgar
3 has been active in community activities since she was 18 years old. He stated that she gave him the
4 impression that she is a “true daughter” of Orange City. He discussed Ms. Polgar’s responses to his
5 interview questions. Council Member Abraham observed that Ms. Polgar is critical and has a questioning
6 mind. He stated, “For this Council, we need a woman with some confidence.”
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8 Vice Mayor Allebach reiterated that he was comfortable with both candidates. After interviewing the
9 candidates he selected Mr. Rasch for the appointment.
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11 Council Member Laputka said that he also interviewed the candidates and selected Mr. Rasch. He said he
12 attended most of the Charter Review Committee meetings, which Mr. Rasch chaired, and was impressed
13 with his insight on many of the issues that came up. Council Member Laputka said he was impressed with
14 Mr. Rasch’s opinions about the City’s budget. He stated, “...That to me is a paramount issue coming this
15 year.”
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17 Mayor Strickland said that he was impressed with Ms. Polgar’s response to his interview question about what
18 she had learned from her past term on the Council and what she would do differently if she were appointed.
19 Ms. Polgar responded she had more experience and confidence since being involved with the Planning &
20 Zoning Commission.
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22 Council decided to vote for only Ms. Polgar or Mr. Rasch in the next round. The City Clerk distributed a
23 second round of ballots. Council Members cast their votes and passed the ballots back to the City Clerk.
24 The City Clerk read the ballot vote as follows:
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26 4 Votes for Mr. Paul Rasch (Council Members Mahoney, Sherrill, Laputka, Vice Mayor Allebach)
27 2 Votes for Ms. Michelle Polgar (Council Member Abraham & Mayor Strickland)
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29 **3.** Announcement of selection by City Clerk
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31 The City Clerk declared Mr. Paul Rasch the winner.
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33 **4. Resolution No. 538-09:** A resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange City,
34 Florida, appointing to fill the vacancy in Seat #5 on the City Council of the City of
35 Orange City; repealing all resolutions in conflict herewith and providing for an
36 effective date.
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38 **Council Member Laputka moved to approve Resolution No. 538-09, seconded by**
39 **Council Member Mahoney, motion passed by a 6/0 roll call vote of the Council.**
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41 **5.** Administer Oath of Office to new Council Member
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43 Mayor Strickland asked Mr. Rasch to come forward. The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mr.
44 Rasch.
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1 Mayor Strickland congratulated Ms. Renner for the farewell function held for former Mayor Ted Erwin. He
2 said that it was great job, a really nice event. He noted that a reporter from the Beacon stopped by the
3 reception. The Mayor advised that Mr. Erwin would be leaving for Hawaii April 2nd.
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5 **6. ADJOURN:**

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7 There being no further business, Mayor Strickland adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.
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11 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

APPROVED ON:

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17 Gloria Williams, CMC
18 Deputy City Clerk

April 14, 2009