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**CITY OF TAVARES  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2009  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

Robert Wolfe, Vice Mayor  
Bob Grenier, Councilmember  
Councilmember Pfister  
Norb Thomas, Councilmember

**ABSENT**

Nancy Clutts, Mayor

**STAFF PRESENT**

John Drury, City Administrator  
Robert Q. Williams, City Attorney  
Nancy Barnett, City Clerk  
Lori Houghton, Director of Finance  
Jacques Skutt, Director of Community Development  
Bill Neron, Director of Economic Development/Grants  
Chief Richard Keith, Fire Department  
Chief Stoney Lubins, Police Department  
Chris Thompson, Interim Public Works Director  
Tamera Rogers, Director of Community Services

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Mayor Wolfe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chaplain Carlos Colon gave the invocation and those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Norb Thomas moved to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

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2 **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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4 **Norb Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of February 18,**  
5 **2009 and the City Council Regular Meeting of February 18, 2009 with the following**  
6 **correction to the City Council minutes:**

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8 Page 11, line 6 – Change “Norm Hope” to “Norb Thomas”  
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10 **The motion was seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**  
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12 **V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**  
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14 **Tab 2) Presentation by Carmen Cullen – Renaissance Faire**  
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16 Ms. Cullen distributed information on attendance and results of funds raised at the  
17 recent city sponsored Renaissance Faire. She noted there had been a record  
18 attendance at this event. She expressed her appreciation to the City Council for  
19 sponsoring the event and to staff for their assistance.  
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21 **VI.SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EX-PARTE**  
22 **CONTACTS**  
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24 Attorney Williams noted there were no quasi-judicial matters on the agenda.  
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26 **VII.READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD**  
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28 Ms. Barnett read the following ordinances and resolutions into the record by title only:  
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30 **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-04**  
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32 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA; AMENDING**  
33 **CHAPTER 13 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS,**  
34 **PROVIDING FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER**  
35 **CONSERVATION RULE FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION OF THE ST.**  
36 **JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING**  
37 **DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SCHEDULES;**  
38 **PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION**  
39 **SCHEDULES; PROVIDING FOR VARIANCES FROM THE SPECIFIC**

1 DAY OF THE WEEK LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY  
2 OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE  
3 ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE  
4 ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR  
5 REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR  
6 SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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8 **ORDINANCE 2009-03**  
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10 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA AMENDING  
11 SECTION 3.6 OF THE CITY OF TAVARES CODE OF ORDINANCES  
12 PERTAINING TO THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
13 AND POSSESSION OF OPEN CONTAINERS PROHIBITED IN  
14 CERTAIN PLACES; AMENDING CHAPTER 10.5, LICENSES AND  
15 BUSINESS REGULATIONS BY CREATING ARTICLE IX,  
16 REGULATIONS AND PERMITTING OF SIDEWALK CAFES;  
17 PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
18 DATE.

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20 **RESOLUTION #2009-05**  
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22 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, LAKE COUNTY,  
23 FLORIDA PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION AND  
24 ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT BEING SUBMITTED TO THE  
25 FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR  
26 CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND BOAT RAMP AT WOOTON PARK;  
27 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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29 **VIII) CONSENT AGENDA**  
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31 Vice Mayor Wolfe asked if anyone in the audience or Council had opposition to any item  
32 on the Consent Agenda.  
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34 **MOTION**  
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36 Lori Pfister moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Tab 3) – Request to Close  
37 south Rockingham for St. Patrick’s Day and Tab 4) Renewal of Lease with FDEP  
38 for Dock at Tavares Nature Park]. The motion was seconded by Bob Grenier. The  
39 motion carried unanimously 4-0.  
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41 **IX. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING**

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2 **(All Ordinances under First Reading will be considered for discussion at Second**  
3 **Reading)**

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5 **Tab 5) Ordinance #2009-04 – Amendment to Landscaping Irrigation Ordinance**  
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7 Mr. Drury advised that at the last Council Meeting, the St. Johns River Water  
8 Management District had presented their new rules for the five counties. The new rules  
9 are a prerequisite for issuing Consumptive Use Permits. The city has mirrored St.  
10 John's new rules in this ordinance which stipulate the hours that residential and non-  
11 residential landscaping irrigation can occur during daylight savings and Eastern Time.  
12 There are variances for such things as new landscaping, handheld hoses and for using  
13 water from reclaimed systems.

14  
15 Vice Mayor Wolfe asked council if they had questions and if the audience members had  
16 comments.

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18 Norm Hope, Fox Run Subdivision  
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20 Mr. Hope asked who would be enforcing the rules and whether the city would have to  
21 increase its staff.

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23 Mr. Drury said the city did not envision adding staff. He said the expectation is that if  
24 someone is in violation, usually a neighbor will call. Code Enforcement will then respond  
25 and speak to the property owner. It will mean additional duties to the Code Enforcement  
26 Officer.

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28 Rick Gonzales  
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30 Mr. Gonzales asked whether the source of the water would have an impact.

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32 Attorney Williams responded that the ordinance will cover all irrigation whether it be  
33 from a well, city water, or a lake.

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35 Denise Laratta, Royal Harbor Subdivision  
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37 Ms. Laratta said that Royal Harbor currently has a variance from the schedule and she  
38 asked how that would be affected during the Eastern Time zone change.  
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1 Mr. Drury said that he believed the subdivision would need to pursue that with the city  
2 and with St. Johns. Attorney Williams added that the ordinance grants the city the ability  
3 to give variances for special circumstances. Ms. Barnett noted that Mr. Hayes has  
4 contacted St. Johns regarding this issue and the city would need to confirm the variance  
5 to clarify it.

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7 **MOTION**

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9 **Lori Pfister moved to approve Ordinance #2009-04, seconded by Bob Grenier. The**  
10 **motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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12 **Tab 7) Ordinance #2009-03 – Sidewalk Cafes**

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14 Mr. Skutt stated that the current Land Development Regulations do not allow outside  
15 cafes on city sidewalks and right of ways. This ordinance will amend the LDR's to allow  
16 sidewalk cafes in the commercial downtown and will provide regulations and licensing  
17 procedures. The City was recently approached by representatives from the Downtown  
18 Business Development Committee who asked that this amendment be considered.

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20 On October 15, 2008, City Council approved the new Downtown Redevelopment  
21 Master Plan. One of the strategies suggested was to promote the development of  
22 restaurants and sidewalk cafes in the downtown. With the assistance of this committee,  
23 the proposed ordinance was drafted. The ordinance addresses safety and aesthetics  
24 and provides business owners an established procedure. The ordinance has been  
25 reviewed for legal sufficiency and staff recommends approval.

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27 Vice Mayor Wolfe asked if council had questions and if anyone in the audience wished  
28 to speak.

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30 **MOTION**

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32 **Bob Grenier moved to approve Ordinance #2009-03, seconded by Lori Pfister.**

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34 Councilmember Pfister said she supported the ordinance but wanted to avoid the  
35 mistakes that had been made regarding the mobile food vendor ordinance. She asked if  
36 all the issues had been addressed.

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38 Mr. Drury said that the Downtown Merchants Association (subcommittee of the  
39 Chamber of Commerce) have met several times on the ordinance and had reviewed the  
40 details. He said staff had also looked at other communities that have similar ordinances.

1 He said, however, that he could not state 100% that there will not be issues in the  
2 future. He said in terms of the Mobile Food Vendor ordinance, a conscious decision had  
3 been made initially not to create a restrictive ordinance and that it had been stated  
4 clearly that staff would probably be coming back to amend it as issues arose. He said  
5 he thought this ordinance was a little different in that outside groups have also reviewed  
6 it from the onset.

7  
8 Councilmember Pfister asked if it could be explained to people who apply for the permit  
9 that the possibility exists that the city may be fine tuning the ordinance in the future.

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11 Mr. Drury said that with council's concurrence that it could be communicated to the  
12 applicant that the rules may change if there are unforeseen problems.

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14 Councilmember Pfister asked if that should be added to the motion.

15  
16 Vice Mayor Wolfe said he thought it was covered in the ordinance already. He quoted  
17 from the ordinance, "The City reserves the right to revoke a sidewalk café license at any  
18 time for convenience and without cost."

19  
20 Councilmember Pfister said she meant that she wanted to communicate that the City  
21 may change the rules (not necessarily revoke a permit). She said she wanted the  
22 people to know that this possibility exists.

23  
24 Mr. Drury said it could be done either in the motion or it could be done by a separate  
25 motion.

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27 Councilmember Grenier suggested that when the permit is received the city will issue a  
28 set of rules and regulations at the same time as the permit and this could be written on  
29 the same set of rules. Mr. Drury agreed and said that wording could be included that  
30 would state that Council has the right, and may change the rules, should unintended  
31 consequences of this permit occur.

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33 Attorney Williams said this is an ordinance that the city is adopting under its police  
34 powers and the city always has the right to amend an ordinance. He said there would  
35 not be separate rules and regulations separate from the ordinance; the ordinance  
36 contains the rules and regulations. He said there is always a possibility that it might  
37 need to be amended and he did not want to dilute the authority of the ordinance saying  
38 that is subject to change because it is not subject to change any more than any other  
39 ordinance that has been adopted.

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1 Councilmember Pfister said she just wanted to make sure that staff (as they are going  
2 through the process) let people know because she felt the mobile food vendors may not  
3 have understood this. Mr. Drury said that can be done through staff and it did not  
4 require a motion.

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6 **The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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8 **X. RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC HEARING**

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10 **Tab 7) Resolution #2009-05 – Authorization to Apply for Grant from the Florida**  
11 **Boating Improvement Program for Boat Ramp at Wooton Park**

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13 Mr. Neron reported that this is a request to file the grant application for construction of  
14 the second boat ramp at Wooton Park as part of the Multi-Modal Seaplane Basin  
15 project. Funds are already allocated however this grant will assist in saving monies  
16 should it be awarded.

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18 Vice Mayor Wolfe asked if Council had questions and if the audience members wished  
19 to speak.

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21 **Mark Cunningham, Royal Harbor Subdivision**

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23 Mr. Cunningham said he wished to make sure that additional parking would be included  
24 in the proposal. Mr. Neron said the proposed improvements have some limited  
25 additional parking in the boat ramp area but the area is site constrained and there may  
26 be some crowding at times.

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28 **MOTION**

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30 **Lori Pfister moved to approve Resolution #2009-05, seconded by Bob Grenier.**

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32 Councilmember Thomas clarified that the ramp will be built with or without the grant. Mr.  
33 Neron stated this was correct.

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35 **The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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37 **XI. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

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39 **Tab 8) Request for Forgiveness of Lien – 745 Dora Avenue**

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1 Chief Lubins advised that Mr. Wilburth has requested reduction or forgiveness of lien on  
2 his property as a result of a long standing code violation.

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4 He said that on May 30 2008, Chris McCormick, Code Enforcement Officer, witnessed a  
5 violation of Section 12-23 of the Land Development Regulations under the carport and  
6 in the front yard. A case was initiated on June 2, 2008 and a notice of code violation  
7 was sent via certified mail in accordance with Chapter 162 of the Florida State Statutes  
8 regarding code enforcement.

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10 The notice of code violation was delivered on June 4, 2008 at 9:53 a.m. On June 13,  
11 2008, a re-inspection of the property was conducted and the violation remained in  
12 effect. A notice of hearing was sent via certified mail and a copy was posted at the City  
13 of Tavares City Hall. On June 17, 2008, the notice of hearing was delivered and on  
14 June 25, 2008, the Special Magistrate found the property owner guilty of violating the  
15 Land Development Regulations, and fines were instituted.

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17 Numerous re-inspections (7) were conducted between the dates of July 10, 2008 and  
18 January 26, 2009. During each inspection the property remained in violation. The  
19 Special Magistrate signed the Order of Lien on January 27, 2009, and the lien was  
20 recorded at the Lake County Recording Department.

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22 Due to the property remaining in violation, fines continued to accrue from January 27,  
23 2009 to February 6, 2009. On February 6, 2009, a re-inspection was requested by the  
24 property owner and the inspection revealed that the property was now in compliance.  
25 Daily fines ceased to accrue. From the date the notice was sent, to the date the  
26 property came into compliance was 252 days.

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28 All required procedures and notifications were done in accordance with state statute.  
29 The person who signed for the two (2) certified letters is Mr. Wilburth's wife, Courtney  
30 Sarvis (Wilburth).

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32 The Special Magistrate found the property owner guilty and gave him 10 additional days  
33 to bring the property into compliance. The property remained in violation accruing per  
34 the Special Magistrate's order of \$100 per day fine. The amount of the fine at the time of  
35 filing the lien was \$19,900.00. Subsequently an additional \$1,700 in fines accrued until  
36 the property came into compliance. In addition, administration costs (including staff and  
37 the special master) are estimated to be \$222.64.

1 Regardless of the outcome of the council's decision on this matter, Mr. Wilburth will  
2 have to request a reduction in the \$1,700.00 that accrued until the property came into  
3 compliance with the Special Magistrate.

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5 Presentation by Mr. Wilburth  
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7 Mr. Wilburth stated that his wife did not remember signing for the letters and that his  
8 father had noticed the lien when doing a computer search. He said he had not realized  
9 he was in violation. He asked for forgiveness of the lien and said if he had known there  
10 was a violation he would have taken care of it. He said the initial pile was from a yard  
11 sale, then his house became flooded and he had to move his furniture outside, and then  
12 his wife's grandmother became ill and had to be moved into their home. He said he did  
13 not realize he could not store furniture under his carport.

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15 Councilmember Pfister asked what expenses the city has incurred. Vice Mayor Wolfe  
16 answered \$222.64 and Chief Lubins concurred. Councilmember Pfister said she would  
17 not be willing to forgive the expenses.

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19 Vice Mayor Wolfe said he knew Mr. Wilburth and knew about the circumstances and he  
20 believed it would not happen again. He said he still believed there should be some type  
21 of fine.  
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23 Councilmember Pfister said she would be willing to forgive the lien except for the costs  
24 to the city. She said if it happened again she would not be willing to forgive it a second  
25 time.  
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27 **MOTION**  
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29 **Lori Pfister moved to forgive all but the costs that were incurred by the city**  
30 **[\$222.64] and allow 30 days for payment. The motion was seconded by Bob**  
31 **Grenier.**  
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33 **Discussion**  
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35 Councilmember Grenier asked between the first and second notice how much time had  
36 gone by or the amount of time when his father found the lien on the internet. Mr.  
37 Wilburth said it was eight to nine months. Chief Lubins said the letter was delivered  
38 sometime in January regarding the lien. Mr. Wilburth said the day he received it he  
39 contacted Mr. McCormick.  
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1 Councilmember Grenier said he would maintain his second on the motion due to Mr.  
2 Wilburth's testimony concerning his family circumstances but that he remained  
3 concerned about the violation and the length of time it had remained in violation.  
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5 Councilmember Thomas said he could understand because he has also had to store his  
6 family members' belongings but that on the other hand he did not think it should be  
7 waived completely because Mr. Wilburth had time to address the problem. He said he  
8 believed the \$19,900 was too much but that the \$222.64 was too little.  
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10 Vice Mayor Wolfe suggested a fine of \$500 in addition to the \$222.64.  
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12 Councilmember Pfister stated she thought this could set up a hardship on Mr. Wilbutth's  
13 family. Vice Mayor Wolfe agreed, but noted this could set a precedent in the future.  
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15 Mr. Wilburth said this would not happen again. He questioned how people have been  
16 notified who may have the same issue.  
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18 Councilmember Thomas asked Chief Lubins if the notice had been posted on the  
19 property. Chief Lubins discussed how the property was noticed and the requirements  
20 under State Statute. He said generally compliance is achieved through personal  
21 contact.  
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23 Attorney Williams added that the notification was done by state statute.  
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25 Councilmember Thomas noted that on June 17, 2008, a copy of the notice was posted  
26 at the residence according to the documentation.  
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28 Mr. Wiburth said there was a home next to him in foreclosure and they had posted a  
29 notice by a large yellow sticker. He said he had told Mr. McCormick if he had seen such  
30 a sticker he would have realized the problem. He said there wasn't anything posted on  
31 his house. He said as soon as he realized there was a problem it had taken him 30  
32 minutes to clear it up.  
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34 Councilmember Pfister asked Mr. Wilburth if he did not realize a lien could be put on his  
35 property. Mr. Wilburth said he had no idea and he had too much invested in the home  
36 to take that risk.  
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38 Councilmember Pfister asked Chief Lubins to comment. Chief Lubins said he did not  
39 want to address the issue of fines but that the whole focus on code enforcement is  
40 compliance.

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**MOTION**

**The motion carried 3-1 as follows:**

<b>Norb Thomas</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Lori Pfister</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Bob Grenier</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Robert Wolfe</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Attorney Williams noted that the property is eligible to be classified as a repeat offender should the problem recur. This allows the Code Enforcement Officer to cite the individual from the date of citation not from the date of the hearing.

Mr. Drury noted that at the end of the summary it stated “Regardless of the outcome of the Council’s decision on this matter, Mr. Wilburth will have to request a reduction of the \$1700 that accrued on the property...” He asked if that requirement had gone away with this vote. Attorney Williams responded in the affirmative. Mr. Drury noted the total cost is \$222.64 and there are no other issues.

**Tab 9) Appointment to the CRAAC**

Vice Mayor Wolfe noted that Mr. Richard Root was in the audience. He said on behalf of Mayor Clutts he had been requested to announce that Mr. Root has been designated as her appointment.

Mr. Root thanked Council for the opportunity. He said he is a resident of the Baytree Subdivision and he appreciated Mayor Clutts’ request to serve and he hoped to do a good job on the committee.

**MOTION**

**Norb Thomas moved to ratify the Mayor’s appointment of Mr. Root to the Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee, seconded by Lori Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

**Tab 10) Approval of the Pre-Construction Loan for the Wastewater Re-Use Facility**

Ms. Houghton said this is to request to authorize the execution for FDEP funding for wastewater re-use preconstruction activities in the amount of \$1,027,000. On January

1 21, 2009, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2009-01 which provided  
2 authorization to apply for State Revolving Loan (SRF) funding from the Florida  
3 Department of Environmental Protection Services.

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5 The SRF Loan Funding will provide immediate funding for preconstruction activities for  
6 the City's Reclaimed/Reuse Facility which is included in the City's Consumption User  
7 Permit Planning initiatives.

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9 The City has taken steps toward implementation of a reclaimed water distribution  
10 system that will provide public access reuse-quality reclaimed water to customers and  
11 convey effluent away from the Wastewater Reuse Facility and rapid infiltration basins  
12 currently used to dispose of the wastewater effluent. The shift from potable water to  
13 reclaimed water for irrigation will reduce future demands on, and help to protect the  
14 quality of the City's potable water source, the Upper Floridan aquifer.

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16 The City has started to the next phase of the process by starting the design of some  
17 localized upgrades around the Woodlea Facility utilizing funding from other sources,  
18 such as, Community Budget Issue Request (CBIR) and St. Johns River Water  
19 Management District. This proposed resolution will insure the City of the financial  
20 capabilities to continue on a path of Alternative Water Supply to help secure its future  
21 supply.

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23 As this project will expand capacity to the City's current system, a portion of the debt  
24 service costs will be funded from Water/Wastewater Impact Fees. Staff recommends  
25 approval. Ms. Houghton noted that an application for the remainder of the project when  
26 design phase is complete, will come back to Council.

27  
28 Vice Mayor Wolfe asked if Council had questions, and if anyone in the audience wished  
29 to speak.

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31 **MOTION**

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33 **Norb Thomas moved to approve Option #1, to authorize staff to execute**  
34 **preconstruction State Revolving Loan application with Florida Department of**  
35 **Environmental Protection in the amount of \$1,027,000.00, seconded by Lori**  
36 **Pfister. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

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38 **XII. OLD BUSINESS**

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40 **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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2 **XIV. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**  
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4 Vice Mayor Wolfe invited the audience to speak on matters not on the agenda.  
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6 **Norman Hope**  
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8 Mr. Hope stated that Council had taken the teeth out of code enforcement by the action  
9 taken. He said he appreciated the resident's concerns but that as president of an HOA  
10 he has to enforce the codes and covenants in their subdivision. He said they would  
11 charge \$100 a day up to a maximum of \$1000 for a similar violation.  
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13 **Denise Laratta**  
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15 Mr. Laratta said she agreed with Mr. Hope 100% and that she felt Council failed the  
16 community with their decision and had overlooked some of the issues in the testimony  
17 given.  
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19 **XV. REPORTS**  
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21 **City Administrator**  
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23 Mr. Drury noted he had provided a list of meetings. He said he wished to point out the  
24 Golden Triangle Summit meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. He said this is the  
25 second in a series of meetings where the three City Councils are meeting to look for  
26 ways to work together on issues of mutual concern.  
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28 He noted special events are gearing up for the season and that staff are working hard to  
29 organize the events. He noted the special events bring new people and monies to the  
30 City which are especially needed during these economic times.  
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32 Mr. Drury noted the budget process will be beginning soon for the next fiscal year. He  
33 said he would be setting up one- on- one meetings with each councilmember to discuss  
34 the economy, the city's budget and future budget matters. He said he would be soliciting  
35 council's thoughts and ideas on their goals for next year. He said after he has met with  
36 each member, he will come to the Council requesting it to stipulate its broad based  
37 goals for the next fiscal year. Once that has been discussed and direction given to the  
38 City Administrator, staff will begin to develop the budget to implement Council's  
39 collective broad based goals for the next fiscal year.  
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1 **Attorney Williams**

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3 Attorney Williams noted Tavares has been in the newspaper recently with the arrest of  
4 an illegal alien. He said he had responded to the federal habeas petition that was filed  
5 on her behalf and in doing so had investigated and spoken with the police officers. He  
6 said he was impressed with the actions taken by the officers and that they had followed  
7 the rules according to law. He said he thought the articles were sympathetic but  
8 misleading.

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10 **Councilmember Pfister**

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12 Councilmember Pfister asked if the palm trees in the median on US 441 were under  
13 warranty. Mr. Drury said staff has contacted the company and they will be replacing the  
14 trees. He said he would send an update to Ms. Pfister on when the trees would be  
15 replaced.

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17 **Councilmember Thomas**

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19 Councilmember Thomas said he did not have a report but wished everyone well.

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21 **Councilmember Grenier**

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23 Councilmember Grenier said he had seen that Eddie Hurst in the Water Department  
24 had received a letter from a citizen. He thanked Mr. Drury for taking the time to write  
25 him.

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27 Councilmember Grenier said he had looked at the fence at the Tavares Nature Park  
28 and was very impressed with the work done by the Boy Scouts.

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30 Ms. Rogers said the individual was working on his Eagle Scout certification and will be  
31 given a certificate at the next council meeting.

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33 Mr. Drury said that Ms. Laratta had complimented the GIS staff for their work in  
34 collaborating with Royal Harbor to get its addresses changed. Mr. Drury said all  
35 feedback to staff, whether positive or negative, is appreciated.

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37 **Vice Mayor Wolfe**

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39 Vice Mayor Wolfe commended Chief Lubins on the process followed by his department  
40 in the incident mentioned by Attorney Williams.

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2 Vice Mayor Wolfe noted that this Saturday is opening day for the Little League baseball  
3 program. Ms. Rogers said the open ceremony will be at Fred Stover.  
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5 **Lori Houghton**

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7 Ms. Houghton stated that the purchasing manager was at the County last Friday  
8 participating in a reverse trade show that provided information to the vendors and  
9 business community on how to do business with local governments.  
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11 **Adjournment**

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13 There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.  
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15 Respectfully submitted,  
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20 Nancy A. Barnett, C.M.C.  
21 City Clerk