

## 2010 Ormond Beach State of the City Vision of Excellence!

It is my pleasure to bring you my final Ormond Beach State of the City address which I have titled: "Vision of Excellence!" Let me begin by thanking Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce President Kent Jones, our Chamber's Executive Director Mary Rhodes and our outstanding City Manager Joyce Shanahan for jobs well done!  
(recognize any elected officials not already introduced, my favorite First Lady Linda)

It has truly been my honor to serve as Mayor these last 8 years! I trust you all agree that your outstanding City Commission has shown great leadership in these perilous times of adverse economics, reduced revenues, tightened budgets and downsized work force. While minimizing service reductions, we have continued to reduce your tax burdens. Let's show Zone 1 Commissioner Lori Gillooly, Zone 2 Commissioner Troy Kent, Zone 3 Commissioner, our Deputy Mayor Ed Kelley and Zone 4 Commissioner Bill Partington our appreciation for their outstanding public service!

Today, I will focus on ... Ormond Beach's "Vision of Excellence!"

### **(Slide 1 - State of the City, Slide 2 – Proposed FY 2010 Budget Title Page)**

To start, I'll give a brief overview of our budget, followed by Commissioners giving zone highlights, and then I will make some additional comments about the accomplishments of our Commission during my tenure and close with a special presentation of "Downtown Angel Investor Award" and a Proclamation announcing my choice as Ormond Beach's Community Partner of the Year.

I trust you remember me saying:

"It's always ALL about the budget." Like you, our checkbook shows our values.

### **(Slide 3 – Budget Process – Public Input)**

We have too many foreclosures and empty businesses. Please buy locally! Unemployment in Ormond Beach is currently at 9.3% which is one of the lowest in the County, but still way too high. The numbers show that 1 out of 10 of our neighbors has lost their jobs and/or are concerned about losing their jobs or homes. Although some may exist in quiet desperation, we all know individuals who are lost, lonely, jobless, broke, have serious health concerns or are without hope. Because of the current economic conditions and the expected significant declines in revenue, citizen participation in the development of the budget is vital. This year, as last year, I suggested each Commissioner host a Town Hall Budget Meeting in their zone to take suggestions and input from citizens and business owners about their priorities for City services and to discuss the tax burden required to support those services. And I thank our Budget Advisory Board members for their great service!

Striving to continue to provide excellent services at the lowest cost, our City Commission committed to essentially maintain the same level of services at the same tax rate yielding less revenue. City staff rose to the occasion ... again! The proposed net budget for **FY 2010-11 is roughly \$65 million, a reduction of over \$20million**

**or 24%** (about the cost of the Waste Water Treatment Plant budgeted last year) from the current year budget. The budget was prepared with a millage rate of 3.81 which is the same total millage rate as last year ... and the year before. As part of our “Vision of Excellence!” approximately \$1.5 million in tax revenue is proposed to be set aside to provide transportation and recreational improvements as well as fund ongoing maintenance of City facilities. **(Slide 4 - Proposed FY 2010-2011 Budget)**  
**(Slide 5-Taxable Value – 10 Year Trend)**

### **Property Tax Revenue and Rates:**

Total property tax revenue declined by \$1.2 million or 11.09% due to maintaining the same tax rate with a decrease in taxable value. The **proposed tax rate of 3.81 is 11.31% below** the rolled back tax rate (4.1193 mills). **(Slide 6)**

Ormond Beach finances are foundationally solid. Several years ago, our forward think Commission established dedicated portions of our operating millage for Transportation, Renewal & Replacement and for Capital Projects. Our Commission has maintained a policy of using fund balance for one-time expenditures. However, due to the declining property tax values (about 30% in the last three years) and as a result of savings achieved in the FY 2008-09 budget, the City Commission established a \$2 million revenue stabilization fund. These funds will be utilized over the next several years to supplement revenues and assist the City in maintaining our excellent level of service if property values and property tax revenues continue to decline ... as they did last year, when they decreased about \$320 million. We have a name for doing more with less ... we call it the “New Normal.”

Your Commission is proud that our TOTAL property tax is proposed to be the second lowest in Volusia County ... just as it was last year!

Volusia County Cities Proposed Total Millage Rates **(Slide 7)**

**So where does the money come from? (Slide 8)**

It may surprise you to know that property taxes represent only 14.8% of all revenues for the City.

**Where the Money Goes (Slide 9)**

**Personnel Costs:** Six full-time positions and two part-time positions are proposed to be eliminated from this year’s budget bringing to 63 the number of positions eliminated from the peak of 426 in fiscal year 2006-2007 to 363 this year. Through position reductions, wages will be reduced \$453,000, and no pay raises are budgeted, but increased legacy and benefit costs, such as roughly \$700,000 to cover the increased costs of existing pension and insurance benefits for fewer employees, will cause overall personnel costs to increase by \$382,000. Pensions cost us \$1.4 million in 2004 and this year will cost us \$3.3 million (a 236% increase) with fewer employees.

**Capital Improvements:** Although Personnel Costs make up 35.8% of our budget, Capital Improvements account for 26.9%. **(Slide 10)**

In addition to City resources, maintaining a quality city known for our outstanding level of service also requires a variety of public/private partnerships including other government agencies, civic groups, our faith community, our citizens and YOU, our amazing business community! You get called upon over and over and YOU continue to step up. I sincerely thank all businesses who have contributed, especially those who have participated in sacrificial giving ... no matter how much or how little! These partnerships continue to form the framework of our community.

At this time, I am very pleased that each of the City Commissioners will highlight improvements and events which have occurred in their zones during the last year. I will then comment on several additional items, relate how some of our community partners have shared the Gift of Community present our "Downtown Angel Investor Award" and read a Proclamation announcing my choice for Community Partner of the Year.

**We'll now hear from Commissioner Gillooly:**

**Tomoka State Park Trail (Slide 11)**

Staff has been working with the MPO, FDOT, and Tomoka State Park regarding the construction of an eight (8) foot wide sidewalk/pedestrian path through the Tomoka State Park at the north end of the City as part of the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail System. This project originated from the April 2007 Tomoka State Park Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Feasibility Study prepared by Reynolds Smith & Hills for the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization. It was approved by FDOT and is scheduled for FY 2012.

The FDOT's Local Agency Participation Program (LAP) was identified as a funding source from the MPO with a required 20% match from local participating agencies which is approximately \$95,000. This match will be provided by "in-kind" services from the City and Tomoka State Park in design and construction administrative services.

**Sanchez Park Improvements (Slide 12)**

Last year, grant funds were requested from the Ponce De Leon Port District to assist with improvements to Sanchez Park and the funding request has been approved and construction will occur of FY 2011. Sanchez Park improvements will include the extension of two (2) piers and one ramp stabilization. The grant funds are equally matched by the City and the Port District. (\$16,000 each, \$32,000 total project estimated)

## **Senior Center Improvements (Slide 13)**

### **Fire Sprinklers**

Installation of fire suppression for these buildings to meet current building Code Safety Standards was completed last December at a cost of \$110,975. The installation has been integrated with the existing and/or upgraded fire alarm system.

### **Senior Center Restroom & Entrance Improvements**

In 2009, improvements were made to meet ADA compliance for the entrance doors (automatic doors) and restrooms at a cost of approximately \$30,000 which was funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Prior to that, CDBG funds were used for ADA stage renovations.

### **Granada Blvd. Underpass (West) (Slide 14)**

This was completed several years ago with the assistance of Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) funding and replicates the underpass on the east end of the Granada Bridge which connects Fortunato Park to Rockefeller Gardens. This serves as another example of intergovernmental cooperation in providing downtown enhancements. We all recognize the value of having recreational areas on all four corners of the Granada Bridge, and especially so during City events such as the annual Independence Day celebration.

### **North Halifax Drive Paving Project**

This project will be completed in FY 2011 at an estimated cost of \$300,000. (Previously, the City applied for stimulus funding through the MPO; however, stimulus funding was not available for this project.)

### **John Anderson Drive Project**

The John Anderson Drive project includes upgrades to the roadway from SR40 to the northern City Limits and provides for improved drainage collection and conveyance. The City Commission approved roadway design includes 2-10 foot drive lanes, addition of curb and gutter, construction of a new stormwater collection and conveyance system, and construction of a 5 foot sidewalk. In addition water, sewer, and reuse system improvements will be made. After several options of design were introduced to the City Commission, staff was directed to investigate making John Anderson Drive a one-way street and utilize North Halifax Drive as the main Collector Road. This would allow John Anderson Drive to be a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly road. Costs for undergrounding of utilities will also be considered. ECHO grant funding will be considered for assistance with the cost of the sidewalk construction. The City has also submitted for Federal Highway Appropriation assistance. The construction of this project is expected to begin in late 2011 with a cost estimate of \$6 million.

### **Birthplace of Speed Events (Slide 15)**

The final of the Birthplace of Speed Events, which began in 2003, was held in March and was co-sponsored by Volusia County in the provision of beach patrol, free access to the beach for parade participants, use of sound system and the guard tower for the opening ceremonies. Other partners included the National Park Depot, Hometown News, Lamar Signs, Atchley TV and Appliance, Ormond Beach Historical Society, and Gage Publishing who either provide financial contributions or in-kind services. (THIS EVENT WAS IN BOTH ZONES 1 AND 2.)

### **Granada Approach (Slide 16)**

New ventilation, new bathroom fixtures, hand soap dispensers, hand dryers, tile flooring, ceiling tiles, and partition doors were added to the bathroom stalls and the Granada beach approach. New mirrors and a fresh coat of paint were added as a final touch. Outside the building, a new surfboard rack was installed as well as new landscaping, a beautiful stamped concrete walkway, a parking area, new benches and trash cans and exterior painting. It also included the construction of beach access and parking improvements, including landscaping and streetscape amenities such as signage, pavers, and stamped asphalt. The construction cost for this project was \$194,908. (ZONES 1 & 2)

### **Commissioner Kent:**

#### **Cassen Park Boat Ramp Extension**

The Cassen Park boat ramp extension included the addition of 4' pre-cast concrete ramp slab sections across the width of the ramp, a vertical pre-cast concrete endwall at the end the ramp to act as a trailer stop and retaining wall for the new ramp section, and the addition of recycled concrete stones to fill and stabilize the ramp addition.

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Areas – Improvement (Slides 17 and 18)**

Through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds over the past five years, numerous improvements have been made in the CDBG priority area on the peninsula totaling almost \$350,000. Projects included the Fire Station 91 playground, Milton Pepper Park Improvements, Bayberry Court curb and gutter; Ormond Parkway and Arlington Way tree planting, renovation of the Ormond Parkway Park; Pavers on Valencia, Magnolia, and Orlen Way; and, Ellinor Village improvements including landscaping, pavers (Mulberry and Byron Ellinor), entrance signage, and sidewalk reconstruction (S. Halifax from Valencia to Mulberry).

Other activities over the last 10 years have included:

- Funding to the Volusia/Flagler Coalition for the Homeless
- Street Improvements (mainland) - S. Washington Street, S. Ridgewood Avenue, Washington Place, Palm Place, Willow Place, Selden Avenue, Oleander Avenue, Jefferson Street, Laws Lane, Ford Street, and Tomoka Avenue (West of US 1)

- South Ormond Neighborhood Center Restrooms ADA Renovation
- Public Housing Units – Exterior Window Replacement
- PACE Roof Replacement (in progress)

CDBG projects are funded completely through the Department of Housing and Urban Development which the City receives as a subrecipient of Volusia County. A portion of the City's CDBG funds for FY 10-11 has been allocated to the Volusia/Flagler Coalition for the Homeless to assist their efforts throughout the region.

### **Division Avenue Collector Road Upgrade (Ph. V)**

The upgrade of the remaining portion of Division Avenue (US1 to North Beach Street) to collector road standards is complete and included resurfacing/reconstruction of the roadway with curb and gutter, and sidewalks. The construction cost was \$536,260.

### **Downtown-Streetscape Modifications-Benches & Trash Receptacles**

The adopted 2007 Downtown Master Plan identified there was a need to improve the Granada Boulevard pedestrian environment by reviewing the street furnishings to add benches and trash cans where needed, remove the raised planter boxes, and upgrade existing street trees. The installation of furnishings and removal of the planter boxes has been completed. Select street trees are scheduled for replacement the beginning of October 2010.

### **Hardened Data Center at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (Slide 19)**

This project included the rehabilitation of an existing building and installation of electrical and HVAC components at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to allow for the conversion of its use to a Hardened Data Center for the City's new fiber optic system. All servers and data storage have been moved to the new Hardened Data Center from the various City buildings including City Hall, Fleet, and the Performing Arts Center. Power is provided from the Wastewater Automatic Transfer Switch with generator power. Redundant high efficiency air conditioners keep the space cool. Data is replicated via the fiber network to storage servers located at the Police Department to provide backup in case of physical catastrophe. The total project cost was \$70,000 including interior fixtures.

### **The Casements Renovations (Slides 20 and 21)**

Last summer, the Rockefeller Gardens renovation and drainage improvements project was completed. It was funded by the joint efforts of the City (TIF) and Volusia County through its ECHO program at a total project cost of approximately \$1,257,000. Last December, The Casements building renovation, which was also a partnering of the City and County through the ECHO program, was completed and it is absolutely beautiful! The project included life safety and building code upgrades; structural enhancements; waterproofing; ADA improvements; repairs of windows and roof to correct leakage and historically accurate interior and architecturally correct finishes.

Renovations included:

- Renovated interior areas to provide historically appropriate finishes and period lighting
- Renovated the atrium, gallery, north entrance, and meeting spaces to conform to historic documentation
- Constructed a new patio outside the gallery for social gatherings
- Installed a mansard roof at the gallery roof area
- Completed Building Code required life safety and ADA improvements including installation of a new fire alarm system, restroom renovations, exit stair renovations, and upgrading of the elevator to meet current code requirements
- Waterproofing of the basement
- First floor framing repairs
- Constructed a new climate conditioned storage building adjacent to the main building
- Exterior landscaping replacement

**The construction cost for this project was \$868,748 which was \$244,102 below budget.**

**Since the renovations of Rockefeller Gardens and The Casements, we have added numerous events including:**

- **Movies on the Halifax** – Last September, the City partnered with the downtown merchants involved with “First Friday” in hosting “Movies on the Halifax.” Merchants sponsor a movie on First Friday at Rockefeller Gardens. The Casements Guild contributed \$10,000 for the movie equipment for this event and the event is growing monthly.
- **RiverFest** – Through a partnership with MainStreet presented a multiple day festival.
- **Seafood Festival** - Through a partnership with MainStreet presented a multiple day festival.
- **Casements Live!** – Partnered with local music producer to present (8) open air free concerts at minimal cost to the City.
- **Farmers Market** - Through a partnership with MainStreet, a weekly farmers market is presented to the public offering a variety of fresh produce, home made items and fresh seafood.
- A number of **new classes** have been offered since the renovations to the gallery and activity room including: Zumba, Pilates, (3) Art Classes and a Northern Italian Cooking.
- The **Volusia League of Cities quarterly dinner** was hosted in Rockefeller Gardens with pre-dinner hors d’oeuvres in The Casements.
- **Several rentals** have been added since the renovations including: Salsa Festival, MS Charity Run, Kiwanis Bike Events, Weddings and Receptions.

Other annual events at The Casements include: Heralding Mr. Rockefeller's Christmas Gala which has been a long time partnership with the Casements Guild. This year will mark the 31st anniversary of this event. The Starry, Starry Night event included partnering with the Casements Guild, the Ormond Beach Historical Society, and the Ormond Memorial Art Museum.

### **South Ormond Neighborhood Center (Slide 22)**

The Splash Pad opened in June, 2008. Since its grand opening, the splash pad has seen an increase in visitors to the South Ormond Neighborhood Center. Rentals for birthdays, family reunions and field trips have been prevalent. Other improvements include:

- SONC tennis court improvements – Color Coat Tennis Court
- Fencing – Tennis Court
- Field lighting which is partially funded by FRDAP is almost complete.
- The roof and ceiling are complete, and the new gym floor will begin soon.

**Water Plant Expansion (Slide 23)** originally planned for 1 mgd increase. It was a modified plan to provide for an increased 4 mgd with substantial grant funding to secure the City's future water demands for up to 20 years. The plant construction was completed in 2008. The total cost for design, construction and administration was \$21.4 million. St. Johns River Water Management District contributed \$5.8 million toward construction costs under the Water Protection and Sustainability Program.

### **Water Treatment Plant High Service Pump Variable Frequency Drives Conversion**

The Water Treatment Plant high service pump variable frequency drives conversion project consisted of the replacement of 2 older high service pumps and installation of energy efficient Variable Frequency Drives to control all the high service pumps at the water treatment plant. This project will promote reliable operation of high service pumps and provide the ability to more efficiently regulate distribution pressures of the water system as it leaves the plant.

Plant construction began in August 2009 and was recently completed in July 2010 at a total cost of \$25,000 for engineering design, construction and administrative services and \$313,000 for construction.

### **Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Rehabilitation (Slide 24)**

The design for the wastewater plant expansion began in August 2007 and was recently completed. The project is being performed under two phases. The **first phase** included the replacement of mechanical components that were identified as essential and needed to be addressed immediately in order to keep the plant in compliance with FDEP requirements for reliability. Construction for Phase 1 was recently completed and major components included rehabilitation of the influent pumping station, grit

chambers and replacement of the centrifuges used to dewater wastewater residual sludge. The construction cost for Phase 1 improvements was \$3.7 million.

A construction contract for Phase 2 Rehabilitation and Expansion was recently awarded by the City Commission in the amount of \$18.9 million. The Phase 2 project components needed to expand the plant capacity from 6.0 million gallons per day (MGD) to 8.0 MGD includes construction of an additional clarifier, sand filter, screw pump and increased electrical generator capabilities. Expansion was needed because the committed capacity required to serve existing and permitted projects for the existing plant is 96% of its rated capacity, leaving no room for additional growth unless the expansion to 8.0 MGD was approved. The Phase 2 project also includes a large rehabilitation effort to include replacement and upgrades for much of the mechanical equipment currently in operation at the plant. This project is expected to begin this month.

### **Reuse Storage and Pumping Facility**

Located at the Public Works Complex on N. Orchard Street, this project included the construction of a 4 million gallon (MG) prestressed concrete ground storage tank which complements the existing 3.0 MG tank providing over 7 million gallons of reuse water storage and was partially funded from two grants from the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) totaling \$1,218,000. The total project cost was \$3.8 million (including design, construction and administration) and was completed last year.

### **Property Improvement Grants**

Implementation of a property improvement grant program in the Downtown area has provided for 27 grants being given since 2005, totaling \$866,065.04, and 5 additional ones which are currently in process totaling \$176,000, for a cumulative total of over \$1 million.

### **Commissioner Kelley:**

**Pineland Trail Connection – Ph I** - The construction of the Pineland Trail Connector Road, referred to as Business Park Drive, which runs from the intersection of Tower Circle West for approximately 450 linear feet to the former City nursery parcel/mulch site was completed in August. The construction included roadway and utility extension within the roadway Right-of-Way. Funding for the project included a 50% FDOT matching grant. The total cost was \$189,230.00.

### **Ormond Beach Sports Complex Improvements (Slide 25)**

The Kiwanis Field lighting and poles have been replaced and the baseball and soccer fields have been laser graded and top-dressed. This project received \$200,000 in FRDAP funding. The total project cost was \$418,000.

Ormond Beach Sports Complex soccer restrooms were renovated through the joint efforts of the Soccer Club and the City. The City purchased the materials and the Soccer Club supplied the contractor for the work.

Improvements included stormwater infrastructure, creation of a championship field, concession stand, additional practice fields and parking areas which were all part of the vision in the Master Plan Phase I. The new press box at the championship field was just completed in August using funds collected from rental of the fields by Seabreeze High School. (This includes the donation of an additional 17 acre triangle.)

Netting was replaced between the 3 major league baseball fields. The existing protective netting had developed holes, allowing balls to fall through.

- Championship field #7 – Baseball/soccer field renovations.
- New netting softball, baseball, soccer and Harry Wendelstedt Field. (Softball quad \$19,929.00, Baseball netting \$29,056.00, Soccer netting)

### **All Inclusive Playground**

Monies were donated by the Daytona Beach Racing & Recreation Facilities District (\$300,000). This is to be paid in installments of \$100,000 per year for three years. The playground will be located at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex near the Dale Buttleman Softball Quad.

### **Nova Community Park (Slide 26)**

In the last several years, relocating and paving the entry road and parking lot; gymnasium, field lighting and four (4) field and lighting renovations, and stormwater improvements have been completed. Due to the growth in participation, lights were needed at the fields, and the hours expanded for the baseball program which allowed safer conditions for the players. By paving the entrance road and the new parking lot, this allowed for a more conducive entry which enhanced safety and handicapped accessibility to the fields as well as making the fields more accessible all players and spectators.

- Nova & OB Racquet Club Tennis court improvements – Nova Tennis Color Coating
- Nova tennis court fencing
- Renovated tennis building at Nova
- Skatecourt renovations

### **SR40 Multi-Use Trail-Ph I (Slide 27)**

Phase I of the Multiuse Trail on SR40 between Tymber Creek Road and Breakaway Trails was completed in July. Phase I was funded through the MPO using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds in the amount of \$179,057. It includes an 8 foot wide sidewalk, bike trail and/or wooden deck from Tymber Creek Road to the Breakaway Trails entrance.

## **SR40 Multi-Use Trail- Ph II**

Phase II of the Multiuse Trail on SR40 between Old Tomoka Rd. and Breakaway Trails is in progress and is planned to be complete this October at a cost of \$196,059 also funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

## **Sunshine Blvd Signage (Slide 28)**

We are in the process of constructing two (2) monument signs and one (1) address map sign with landscaping, irrigation and lighting. This project is expected to be completed in October at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

## **Sunshine Blvd. Improvements & Airport Rd. Utility Relocation**

The County's project on Airport Road from Ocean Pines Drive to the FEC Railroad near US1 included the addition of 5' wide shoulders, stormdrain system upgrades, the construction of a left turn lane, and the extension of the right turn lane along Airport Road at Sunshine Blvd. and the widening of approximately 180 linear feet of road at the entrance of Sunshine Boulevard. This project was completed in May.

## **Ormond Crossings (Slide 29)**

This was a landmark year for the permitting of the Ormond Crossings project as staff received final approvals from the State, County, and City regulatory agencies. This 3,000 acre planned community will feature a state of the art commerce park, lifestyle town center, and a variety of residential neighborhoods. Located on the northern boundary of Ormond Beach, the development will provide:

- Approximately 4.8 million square feet of industrial/commercial area
- Approximately 11,000 new jobs
- Over \$92 million in net new revenue for the City
- Over \$56 million in developer required improvements
- Over 62 acres of park and recreational facilities
- Will utilize "Green" development standards for all residential and associated institutional uses and where practical, to the industrial, commercial and office uses.

The Economic Development Department has completed work on a variety of permitting and public relations components to the project. The final platting of lots and layout of roads and infrastructure is planned to be complete this year.

**Hawaiian Tropic** was acquired by Playtex Products in April of 2007 and Energizer Company in October 2007. Over the past year, staff has worked closely with senior management of Energizer which has resulted in the installation of approximately \$5 million in new manufacturing equipment and hiring of over 100 additional employees. Energizer is evaluating future expansion opportunities in the City. Energizer investment is now up to \$9 million. We are able to facilitate meetings with the Center for Business Excellence that have provided initial training grants of approximately \$6,000.

## **Airport Business Park**

Several businesses in the Business Park recovering from losses in 2008 have increased employment at their facilities. Although there are a number of properties for sale in the Park, most buildings are occupied and conducting business, with a vacancy rate of approximately 4%.

## **Ormond Beach Municipal Airport (Slide 30)**

Some of the highlights of airport activity and development over the last ten years are as follows:

### **Completion of an Airport Master Plan**

**Construction and Installation of Airport Infrastructure** – The City partners with FAA and FDOT to design and construct facilities at the airport needed to improve safety, efficiency, and economic viability.

- **Roads were installed behind the hangars** on the general aviation ramp and adjacent to Taxiway “D” in order to provide better and safer vehicular access to those areas of the airport.
- A new road named “**Hangar Way**” was designed and constructed to provide access to the southeast quadrant of the airport, which afforded the development of new aviation lease areas and subsequently new airport businesses. This was a major project, involving the installation of utilities such as water, sewer, and electrical service to the southeast quad. Opening the southeast quad for development allowed for the completion of the largest private development project to date, a hangar complex built by MAC Charter which effectively doubled the availability of condominium and t-hangar space at the airport.
- **Electrical Improvements** - Many of the electrical systems at the airport were originally installed during World War II, when the airport was an active military training facility. Partial electrical upgrades occurred in 1994 and in 2003. During the 2003 upgrade, tests confirmed that all of the remaining old systems were inadequate for the current electrical load, did not meet FAA specifications, and had become extremely unreliable. The City was awarded federal and state grant funds to finance the construction and installation of modern, underground wiring in conduit (replacing existing direct-buried cable), new runway lighting elements, new signage on the runways, much needed new lighting on Taxiway “E,” a new **rotating beacon**, and new **Runway End Identifier Lights (REILs)** on Runways 8, 26, and 35. The overall project was included in the FY 2009-10 budget at \$443,500. All elements of the electrical upgrades project were completed on time and under budget by almost \$80,000.00.

- **Security Improvements** - The airport is protected by a perimeter fence, with gate access to the general aviation ramp and the airport operations area. The City was awarded an FDOT grant to **reposition the existing fence line** and afford the **addition of 800 to 1300 linear feet of new fence** needed to properly secure and protect the southwest quadrant. The grant also provided funds to **design and install a camera system** to monitor activity and critical infrastructure at the airport. Cameras installed in strategic positions on the property will provide recordable surveillance of the runways, ramp areas, fuel tanks, and security gates, will afford city staff the ability to monitor airport and aircraft activity on a 24 hour basis, and may be programmed to automatically alert police or other officials in the event that police or emergency response is required. The FDOT grant acquired by the City provides 100% funding for the security fencing and security cameras.
- Another important system installed with FAA and FDOT assistance is the **Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS)** which is designed to serve aviation and meteorological observing needs for safe and efficient aviation operations and weather forecasting. Automated airport weather stations have become the backbone of weather observing in the United States and Canada, and are becoming increasingly prevalent worldwide due to their efficiency and cost-savings. AWOS stations typically observe and report temperature and dew point, wind speed and direction, visibility, cloud coverage and ceiling, and altimeter setting.
- Perhaps the most obvious development at the airport over the last decade is the new **air traffic control tower**. Acting in response to elevated traffic levels and impetus from the FAA air traffic control facility at Daytona Beach International Airport, the City completed construction of the ATC tower in mid-2004. The tower officially opened in September of 2004, staffed by professional air traffic controllers from Robinson Aviation, Inc., a private company which operates under contract with the FAA to provide ATC services. Since opening, the tower staff has provided exemplary service to the aviation community, as evidenced by several prestigious awards. First was an award for **outstanding support from the Contract Tower Division of the FAA**, given by the FAA "...with great appreciation for the outstanding support, loyal commitment, and unswerving dedication to provide Air Traffic Control services for the FAA Contract Tower Program." The **control tower** also received the **first ever "Facility of the Year Award" from Robinson Aviation**. Perhaps of greatest significance is the **American Association of Airport Executives/United States Contract Tower Association 2010 Willie F. Card Contract Tower Service Award**, recognizing the airport's excellence in providing safe and reliable air traffic control services to its users. The winner of this award must meet several criteria, including a demonstrated level of customer service excellence to aviation users and dedicated outreach to the local community, and having a documented system in

place to measure safety and customer service performance of the contract tower to the local aviation users.

**Airport Community Outreach** – Responding to concerns about aircraft noise from local residents, the City Commission established task forces in 2005 and 2009 to explore the issue and seek solutions to citizen’s concerns.

In 2009, the City Commission established an **Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force** to “perform studies and evaluations regarding aircraft and airport operations at Ormond Beach Municipal Airport and develop recommendations to manage the noise associated with aircraft activity in and around Ormond Beach for the City Commission.” Ultimately, **twenty-six recommendations** were developed by the 2009 task force and submitted for consideration by the City Commission. This effort resulted in the establishment of better and more effective relations between city staff and the aviation community, and a comprehensive new set of voluntary noise abatement procedures for aircraft using the airport. Complaints regarding aircraft noise have been greatly reduced since implementation of the task force recommendations. Staff attended the annual meeting of the Florida City and County Managers Association (FCCMA) in August, and accepted, on behalf of the City, the “Award for Program Excellence” which was conferred upon the City in recognition of excellence in plans and policies implemented as a result of the recent Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force.

**Commissioner Partington:**

**Clyde Morris Widening/Utility Relocation (Slide 31)**

The City partnered with Volusia County to complete the Clyde Morris widening project from LPGA Blvd. to Granada Blvd. Each contributed financially to the project. Cost sharing, and favorable pricing, proved to be beneficial to both entities and the additional improvements to the roadway were constructed approximately three years earlier than originally anticipated. JPA with Volusia County to share costs to widen the road (\$650,000) and relocate water and sewer mains to avoid conflicts with storm drains being installed for the road widening, upsizing the existing 10-inch water main with a larger 12-inch main (\$100,000).

**I95/SR40 Bridge Landscaping (Slide 32 and 33)**

This project included the installation of landscape plantings and an irrigation system on the four (4) newly constructed side slopes of the bridge. These ramps bring vehicular traffic to Granada Boulevard, which is the primary entryway into the City. Due to a construction project to widen the I-95 overpass, the existing landscape and irrigation system had to be demolished. This brought an opportunity to update and re-establish our City’s gateway. This project was funded by FDOT at a cost of \$347,870. (Completed December 2009)

**Central Park (Slide 34 and 35)**

Improvements included an expanded trail system, pier with observation deck, a canoe launch, a boardwalk, and a basketball court. (Utilized funds of over \$600,000 awarded to the City for this by Volusia ECHO and State FRDAP and LWCF.)

### **Partnering with Community Partners to build a Labyrinth at Central Park II**

Joan Baliker and Carol Bertrand began a campaign to obtain funding to place a peace labyrinth at Central Park II. The labyrinth was completed September 2009. The project was funded through private donations and sponsorships.

### **Nova Canal Joint Stormwater Project**

Following the “No Name” storm event that occurred from May 17-24th resulting in over 27 inches of rainfall, significant residential flooding occurred within the drainage basin known collectively as the Nova Canal Drainage System. In response, the Eastern Volusia Regional Water Authority (EVRWA) requested all affected municipalities including Volusia County, FDOT and SJRWMD meet to discuss a joint project whose goals would be to attenuate and mitigate the flooding that occurred in these areas. The Nova Canal Joint Stormwater Project is one in which the City has partnered with SJRWMD, FDOT, Volusia County, Port Orange, Daytona Beach, South Daytona, and Holly Hill to study water modeling to mitigate future flooding issues. All partners have contributed funding to this study. This project originally included the design and permitting of three control structures at each of the three drainage canals where they discharge into the Halifax River, including a pump station at each canal to pump flows into the Halifax River. However, following the initial feasibility study that modeled the Nova Canal Basin under existing and proposed improved conditions, it was determined that the amount of flood reduction that resulted from the proposed improvements was negligible. Therefore, the study was expanded to look at several other options. The final report recommendations included providing for three additional discharge locations to the river, one of them within the City's Laurel Creek drainage basin area. Construction is not covered. While the immediate goal is flood reduction a future component is consideration to water conservation.

### **Hand Avenue Project**

The Hand Avenue project involves the upgrade of Hand Avenue from US1 to Nova Road to a City Collector Road standard which includes the construction of 12 foot drive lanes, addition of curb and gutter, upgrades and construction of a stormwater collection system, and construction of turn lanes at Orchard Street and Center Street. Also included is the raising of the road in the vicinity of the North Thompson Creek ditch by the FPL substation to reduce the flooding frequency of the road in that location. The City has received a \$934,000 grant from FEMA for this portion of the project. Staff is also incorporating other stormwater improvements into the project to help alleviate the flooding that occurred in this drainage basin during the May 2009 storm. Staff has applied for additional funding from FEMA to support the additional stormwater components which include interconnecting all the Central Park Lakes. Construction is expected to be completed in July 2011. The cost estimate for the roadway and

drainage improvements is \$3.5 million; water and sewer improvements \$500,000; Central Park Lake Interconnect and Bridge Crossing on Hand Avenue \$450,000. (THIS PROJECT IS IN BOTH ZONES 2 AND 4)

### **Mayor Costello:**

WOW!!! I hope you are impressed! I sure am ... and I knew about all of it.

Last year, I mentioned to you that I hoped this was the year that Ormond Beach finally acquires land for a full service beachfront park! Thanks to your help, WE DID IT!

### **Ormond BeachFront Park (Slide 36)**

Thank you Ormond Beach voters! Creating Ormond Beach's first beachfront park with off beach parking has been one of my two major goals during my eight years as Mayor. Ormond Beach residents polled in 2004 ranked beach access as their number one need. On Tuesday, August 24, our residents voted overwhelmingly (60%) to put their tax money where they said they had a need. On behalf of all Ormond Beach residents, I thank our outstanding partners...the Trust for Public Land for their guidance and the Volusia County Council for their up to \$3.5 million funding match. Without their contributions, we would still be the only Volusia County beachfront community without a beachfront park with off beach parking.

### **Ormond Crossings**

Along with a Beach Front Park, the development of Ormond Crossings to facilitate job creation was my other top priority and after 8 years as Mayor, we finally have a project permitted and ready to begin.

If you would have told me it would take my entire 8 years as Mayor to get this fabulous project permitted, I would never have believed it! My vision continues to be that Ormond Crossings will be the pre-eminent LEED certified and technologically advanced business and industrial development incorporated within a multi-use town center development in Florida. Thanks to Tomoka Holdings and all involved in this outstanding effort to create JOBS!

### **Other Significant City Improvements over the past few years:**

#### **Information Technology**

- Beginning in 2006, Mobile Notebook computer solutions have been gradually implemented. Building and Neighborhood Inspectors along with Police and Fire vehicles are wirelessly connected.
- In 2009, a state of the art high speed Fiber Optic network was installed between 10 of the City's most critical facilities.

#### **City Clerk's Office**

- Have you seen the City's new website? In April, the City took a giant technological step forward with its new website, which incorporated major advances in providing up-to-date information for public access from financial information to social activities, and much more.

## **Public Safety**

- In early 2006, we opened a new fire station #92 on Nova Road.
- In late 2006, we located our fire station from Granada Boulevard to A1A.
- In 2007, police and fire dispatch contracted with the County at a \$300,000 savings which also yielded technology upgrades and improved communication for better service.
- We just authorized the purchase of a new replacement Quint Fire Truck worth approximately \$627,000 at a net cost after trade in of \$447,800.

## **Utilities**

We've modernized and expanded our water plant (\$21.4 million) and our waste water facility (Phase I- \$3.7 million completed; Phase II-\$18.9 million begins this month) and greatly improved our storm water infrastructure! We've added storage capacity (4 million gallon tank) and expanded the availability of our reuse water. And we have put into motion a funded plan for pipe replacement. Our Commission has worked hard to assure that Ormond Beach's infrastructure is well maintained!

## **Transportation**

I trust you have noticed that over the past few years, along with adding landscaped medians, we've built, rebuilt or expanded Granada, Nova, US1, Hand Ave. from Nova to Williamson, Division and Clyde Morris. Both Hand Ave. from Nova to US1 which is in the permitting stage and John Anderson which should happen within the next two years will be rebuilt as 2 lane roads with greatly improved stormwater infrastructure. Synchronized signals on Granada Blvd will come soon. We were pleased to assist an outstanding group of volunteers with the designation of "The Loop" as a scenic roadway. I trust you'll agree that we have outstanding roads and you'll appreciate that we are working to expand and improve our bike trails.

## **Leisure Services**

To say that we have elevated our parks and recreation facilities would be a big understatement! The improvements at SONC, Nova Community Park and Ormond Beach Airport Sports Complex are amazing! Have you been there? We have taken quantum leaps! During the past year, how many visits do you think have been received by the City's cultural and recreational facilities? (over 800,000!)

## **Development Standards**

A long standing goal has been to have the highest development standards and make our regulations and the overall process easy to understand and simple to navigate. We updated our Land Development Code and our wetlands regulations will utilize St. Johns standards. We have established Transportation Concurrency Exceptions Areas designed to permit greater intensities and densities along established transit routes on US 1, A1A and SR 40 from A1A to Williamson.

## **Intergovernmental Agreements**

Our relationships with our neighboring governmental agencies have never been better! We have some outstanding partners. We have been able to resolve the Daytona Beach / Ormond Beach utility service boundary dispute and we achieved an interlocal agreement with Flagler County to provide retail water and sewer service to Hunter's Ridge Flagler County. Volusia County continues to be an outstanding partner. We have worked together on Ormond Crossings, our US1 Gateway Corridor and of course our Ormond BeachFront Park! I am hopeful that we will soon have some form of consolidated Fire and Emergency Medical Service including transport for the Halifax area or all of Volusia County. My recommendation is for a dependent district, but that has not yet been decided.

### **Community Outreach:**

The City's **Police Athletic League (PAL)** program which was recently recognized as the 4<sup>th</sup> best in the State of Florida, **D.A.R.E.** and our annual **National Night Out** are wonderful examples of Ormond Beach staff supporting programs in the community. **(Slides 37–41)**

I am sure you know about the great contributions of the Ormond Beach Historical Society, the Ormond Memorial Art Museum, the Casements Guild, and Ormond MainStreet, but I would like to touch on a few.

### **Ormond Beach Historical Society**

Throughout the years, the Ormond Beach Historical Society has been an outstanding partner to the City. The Three Chimneys received a new State Historical Marker in March 2010 and is on the Local Landmarks List; its acceptance on the National Register of Historic Places has passed the Florida Department of State's review and its federal designation is pending. The goal is to develop an on-site State Park within the next five years.

### **Ormond Memorial Art Museum**

I am so pleased that we are about to correct a long standing oversight. North Port, FL artist, Mark Chew was selected by a volunteer selection committee comprised of artists, veterans and civic leaders to create and install a memorial tribute to Korean War veterans. Chew, a veteran and engineer, designed a contemporary version of an eternal flame. It will be dedicated on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. OMAM has extended a similar "call to artists" to collect submissions for a similar tribute to Vietnam veterans. That piece is scheduled to be dedicated on Veterans Day 2011.

### **The Casements Guild**

During The Casements' renovation last year, the Guild provided \$30,000. In addition, the Guild decided to have a new brick patio constructed outside the new glass doors and paid over \$10,000 for the construction. They also provided the movie projector and screen for the ever popular Movies on the Halifax. Our Guild members are amazing!

## Ormond MainStreet

***“The Mission of Ormond Beach MainStreet is to unite the businesses, community and government, to revitalize downtown Ormond Beach through Design, Economic Restructuring and Promotion.”***

With approximately 300 volunteers, Ormond MainStreet is involved in a weekly upscale Farmers' Market, last year's first RiverFest and Seafood Festival, and with Streetscape Design; working with City staff to convert to a Form Based Code; working with Rotary to improve the vacant gas station at Ridgewood and Granada ... and unless you are blind, you can see a tremendous improvement in our downtown.

Today it is my pleasure to recognize a man whose generosity has changed the look of Ormond MainStreet. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, and has been in the automotive business all his life. His father moved to Ormond Beach in 1978. While visiting his Dad and looking for a better life and better opportunity, he fell in love with the area. He subsequently moved Metra Electronics to Holly Hill in 1986. His property acquisitions started in 1990 with the purchase of 123 W. Granada Blvd., then Alexander's, now Frappes North. More than 15 commercial and mixed use sites later, the look and feel of our downtown is ever-changing thanks to his vision. Caffeine Bistro (**Slide 42**), Rose Villa (**Slide 43**) and Frame of Mind are among the recognized businesses that call this area home. “31 on the Boulevard,” (**Slide 44**) a planned art deco dining establishment, is just one of his current renovation projects. The historic Ormond Garage and Lumpy building (**Slide 45**) add to the restoration portfolio. These elevation diagrams show the planned renovation of Granada Crossings (**Slide 46**). Words cannot express the gratitude the City of Ormond Beach has for his multi million dollar investment to improve Ormond MainStreet. His love of old buildings, architecture and restoring things is evident in the projects he has undertaken. It gives me great pleasure to present the **Downtown Angel Investor Award** to Bill Jones, the Highlander Corp., in recognition of his commitment to improving our quality of life. Thank you Bill for all that you have accomplished in our fine City. Ladies and gentleman, please show Mr. Bill Jones our appreciation as he comes forward so I can present this award. (**Slide 47**)

In addition to the groups I just mentioned, **Halifax Urban Ministries** (assists approximately 2,000 families each year) and the **Volusia/Flagler Coalition for the Homeless** provide for families in need and coordinates all types of services for the homeless ... including those in Ormond Beach. **United Way** continues to serve thousands of Ormond Beach residents through their 40 partner agencies which provide over 60 programs. City employees conducted an emergency food drive for Halifax Urban Ministries in August, donating over 2,000 lbs of food. **Florida Hospital HospiceCare** and **Halifax Health Hospice of Volusia/Flagler Halifax Health Hospice of Volusia/Flagler** (Halifax Health Hospice served 42 Ormond Beach children and families through the Children's Grief Program; 290 OB residents received care) provided end-of-life care to patients and families in need) continue to provide end-of-life care to patients and families in need.

**PACE Center for Girls** receives the support of many local partners and the “giving spirit” that has assisted them has, in turn, helped the girls to return the Gift of Community to Ormond Beach as they volunteer to serve us.

The Senior Center continues to thrive thanks to the partnership between the City and the **Council on Aging (COA)** with approximately 500 members and 230 nonmembers enjoying the 30 regularly scheduled activities each week. The COA serves over **7,500 congregate meals annually at the Senior Center** along with providing socialization and recreational activities. It also provides approximately 18,000 meals annually to home bound individuals in the Ormond Beach area. Approximately 70 volunteers from Ormond Beach help deliver meals and work with the congregate diners at the dining site with another 15 who help out at the Senior Center. The COA neighborhood respite program reaches out to 14 caregivers weekly to provide a break from their 24/7 care of loved ones with early dementia. Our dementia support group offers support to approximately 10 caregivers on a monthly basis.

## **OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

While the City maintains great working relationships with other governmental units, community groups, and associations, it also has great partnerships with the **Faith Community** who join with us to make Ormond Beach a better place to live, work, play, raise your family, worship, visit and retire. Their outreach to our community is tremendous, and in the current economic situation, much needed. Now I have the pleasure to share how some of our Faith Community Servant Ministers ... those who share the Gift of Community, have been there for our neighbors in need!

**Temple Beth-El** is active in the “Bridge of Hope” soup kitchen reaching an average of 200 people daily; is a founding member and partner with Family Renew. They make sure the Jerry Doliner Food pantry at the **Jewish Federation** of Volusia and Flagler is stocked by its High Holy Day food drive, the Youth Group’s annual Trick-or-Treat for hunger, participating in the Walk for Hunger, and the Temple Beth-El School’s Thanksgiving Basket program. At Chanukah/Christmas, the school, youth groups and congregation work to make sure no child is left out of receiving a gift.

**Riverbend Community Church** has for over 20 years gifted the community with its annual Passion Play which receives approximately 5,000 visitors each year. How many of you were able to attend “Celebrate America!” this year? It was fabulous! Don’t miss it next year! One of its ministries, Abundant Blessings, offers a free clothing give-a-way quarterly which is attended by approximately 200 people throughout the community.

**St. James Episcopal Church** sponsors the annual 5K Holiday Bridge Challenge and with the school works with **Operation Caring Through Sharing** by providing food for 20 families each month. It also provides food donations to Halifax Urban Ministries and supports the Secret Attic Thrift Shop which benefits Family Renew.

The **Chabad Lubavitch Esformes Jewish Community Center** provides community outreach with visitation and counseling in local hospitals, nursing homes and jails. It also does the annual Menorah Lighting at City Hall.

**Prince of Peace Catholic Church** continues to provide for the poor and needy in our community with food, clothing, temporary housing, utility bills, and bus fare and operates a vibrant Social Services office. They serve between 500 - 600 families a month. In December 2009, their expenditures for those in need totaled over \$13,000. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, they assisted over 200 families (over 800 people) with grocery gift cards. They participate in the Second Harvest Food Bank which allows them to buy food at a very affordable price and to also receive some free food when it is available, in addition to receiving food from the Mail Carrier's Boy Scouts Food Drive.

**Ormond Beach Union Church** partners with the Early Learning Coalition to provide prekindergarten and school readiness for students and has given over \$10,000 to local charities this year to support the homeless, Family Renew, and other organizations. Many of the church family do labors of love that are unheralded and unnoticed by the community at large. However, as Jesus said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it to me." Their much appreciated and well attended annual Easter Sunrise Service is the oldest continuous service sponsored by one congregation.

Last weekend, the **Beachside Church** did an outreach where they served meals to over 800 people, over half were homeless. On Independence Day, at the City's 4 corners celebration, they handed out bottled water to our celebrating residents and visitors. They support Christian Surfers, an organization which teaches autistic and blind children how to surf. And, they provide weekly resources to the homeless.

**St. Brendan's, Ormond Beach Presbyterian, Ormond Beach First Methodist** and last year's Community Partner of the Year **Tomoka Christian Church** continue to contribute to local charities and offer specific community outreach assistance.

Ormond Beach is blessed to have the support of **the Unitarian Universalist Society**, the **Ormond Beach Elks, Moose Lodge**, and **American Legion**. These groups provide scholarships, sponsorships, donate funding to charities and items to those in need, donate and partner with schools, assist with gifts during the holidays, assist with City sponsored events, and continue being exemplary community partners in Ormond Beach.

The **Unitarian Universalist Society** concentrates on activities which contribute to environmental sustainability and environmental education and has participated in the City's Enviro-Camp at The Casements and participates in the City's Earth Day celebration. They have given their "Green Sanctuary" presentation to many local organizations and show environmental movies and have workshops open to the public. They are interested in helping the community access nutritious food.

- Shoes That Fit Program – They raise money and buy new shoes and socks several times a year for homeless and migrant children.
- They are founding members of Family Renew, Inc., and participate in fund raising and provide support to families.
- Assist one day a week at the Star Shelter feeding families and homeless citizens through Halifax Urban Ministries; and they donate food to the emergency food bank every week.
- Are active in FAITH.
- Assists Caring for Sharing in collecting personal items needed for families.

### **Ormond Beach Elks 2193**

- Three bikes given to an OB Elem. School family with one brother who has MS and a brain tumor.
- Five scholarships to Seabreeze High School students totaling \$8,000.00.
- Annual Christmas party for children from local schools (ages 5 to 11). Last Christmas, over 200 children participated and received gifts.
- Sponsors the Senior Olympic Games as a Golden Sponsor.
- Provides Christmas gifts and needed personal items to the Emory Bennett Veterans Nursing Facility.
- Partners with OB Elem. School providing funds for supplies.
- Sponsors of Ormond Beach Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

### **Moose Lodge 1263**

- Donated over \$15,000.00 to local charities and services in our community.
- One of their largest projects is the Finger Print America Program for all local Elementary students in Volusia County.

### **American Legion Post 267**

- Co-sponsored the City's Memorial Day Celebration. Over half of the planning staff and the participants are members of the Post. Past Commander Jerry Peters was the founder of the program and sadly, he passed away in April.
- Co-sponsored the Veteran's Day Program with the City.
- Held Annual Four Chaplains Ceremony at Prince of Peace
- Annual POW/MIA Ceremony held on September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Participated in the City's annual holiday parade.
- Donations of \$250.00 to each of the elementary schools in Ormond Beach by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 267.
- Donates food baskets, time and cash to the Salvation Army, E.L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home, Serenity House, Fisher House, the Boy Scouts, and many other charities.

Rockefeller Park has become a fabulous venue for special events such as when **Oasis Christ Fellowship** joined with pastors from other churches to celebrate the National

Day of Prayer. **Riverbend** will bring the Gift of Christmas to Rockefeller Park on December 4, **Oasis** on December 11 after our Home for the Holidays parade and **Ormond Beach First United Methodist** will present the Gift of Christmas on Dec 18. **Temple Beth-El** with the **Jewish Federation** will present the Gift of Hanukah on Dec 5. So far Brown & Brown, Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center and Brighthouse have stepped up to sponsor but we need additional sponsors for these events.

Collectively, we are Positively Ormond Beach! Individually we are called to a cause greater than ourselves ... to create "New Beginnings" and to contribute a "Gift of Community" to those less fortunate among us is a part of our "Vision of Excellence." Your commitment to make a positive difference to those in need in Ormond Beach will allow you to see and respond to your personal calling in this time and place.

And now for the announcement of my choice as **Community Partner of the Year (Slide 48)**:

**WHEREAS**, I have stated many times that when the Faith Community is growing, our community is healthy! I believe it is not our words, but our actions that must demonstrate we are "One Nation Under God!"; and

**WHEREAS**, the City maintains great working relationships with other governmental units, community groups, and associations, it also has great partnerships with the Faith Community who join with us to make Ormond Beach a better place to live, work, play, raise our families, worship, visit and retire. Their outreach to our community is tremendous, and in the current economic situation, much needed; and

**WHEREAS**, my choice as **Community Partner of the Year** is Calvary Christian Center as it shares the Gift of Community with those in need and continues to provide a plethora of services to the Ormond Beach community, such as the

- SHINE neighborhood outreach to San Marco Apartments which is a bi-weekly outreach program mentoring kids and teens through games, puppets, videos, Bible lessons, etc. as well as offering their ministry to Boys and Girls Clubs;
- School backpack give away and pep rally providing backpacks and supplies for 650 kids in Volusia and Flagler Counties;
- Calvary Cares Random Act of Kindness Day showing kindness at various locations throughout the city by giving out free waters, providing face painting and balloons, free food, visiting nursing homes and other Random Acts of Kindness;
- Single Moms Resource Outreach Event and weekly support group where single moms from the community come to get a free car wash, lunch, and are linked with local resources;
- Nursing Home Outreaches providing monthly worship services at Indigo Manor;

- Feeding and clothing hundreds of local families through the Calvary Love Center on Yonge Street which is open three days a week where families in need can receive a bag of groceries and pick out some clothes;
- Big Red Bus blood drives;
- Angel Food Outreach providing groceries once a month at a lower cost to help families stretch their budgets;
- Biker Outreaches including a Bike show and BBQ at Calvary, praying with bikers and manning a booth at the Boot Hill Saloon in Ormond Beach giving away free Bibles, bandanas, etc.;
- Participating in community events such as the City's National Night Out, Florida Hospital events, and children's activities for the National Day of Prayer; and,
- Pastor Jim Raley leading the "Unity in the Community" effort to Guard Our Gate from businesses that have no regard for our efforts to maintain the family values character of our community

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2010, as a day to recognize

## **CALVARY CHRISTIAN CENTER**

as our Community Partner of the Year in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me in showing our appreciation to Calvary Christian Center and their Co-Pastors Jim and Dawn Raley, as they strive to make a positive difference in Ormond Beach by giving the Gift of Community which is so much a part of our Vision of Excellence!

While Pastor Raley comes forward to receive the Proclamation, please join me in showing your appreciation to Calvary Christian Center ... and to ALL our community partners!

It has been my pleasure and truly an honor to serve as your Mayor for these past eight years. Although some have accused me of making decisions based upon their political ramifications, I've always governed from the heart. Like you, my priorities have been Faith, Family, Friends and Community. When kept in that order, our community wins! To give, there must be no expectation of a return. All of you are givers ... or you wouldn't care enough to join with other business and community leaders to work toward Ormond Beach's "Vision of Excellence." Many have heard me say that "You can't out give God, but by trying and losing, you win!" There are many who need your Talents, Time and Treasures. So please keep on giving!

I want you to know that although I've never sought the spotlight, I realize my public service has often been very visible, while many of you have also given even more of

yourself without public notice. Please know that you are appreciated!  
I sincerely thank you for all you do! And I pray that God will richly bless you and your service! Ormond Beach is indeed blessed beyond measure with dedicated employees, amazing volunteers and truly outstanding public servants.  
I wish I could honor you all!

But what I can do is invite Lori Gillooly, Troy Kent, Ed Kelley and Bill Partington to come forward and join me as I close ...

In recognition for their work toward accomplishing the "Vision of Excellence" for Ormond Beach, please join me in showing your enthusiastic appreciation to this most amazing group of public servants, the best I have ever had the pleasure to work with, as I present the Key to the City to these outstanding members of the Ormond Beach City Commission! **(Slide 49)**

May God Bless You and God Bless Ormond Beach!