October 17, 2016

11:00 a.m.

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:**  Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Council President Lori N. Boyer

 District 5

**RE:** Special Committee on Hemming Park

In accordance with Council Rule 2.103(a), as President of the Jacksonville City Council

I hereby extend the term and expand the charge for the Special Committee for the review of the current status and future direction of Hemming Park.

BACKGROUND: On July 15, 2016, I created a Special Committee for the review of the current status and future direction of Hemming Park. The original report date was set for October 30, 2016. While the review of financial operations of FOHP has been completed, the future direction of, and funding for, the Park has yet to be determined, as well as the impact of a pending historic designation.

CHARGE: Review and assess the current contract with FOHP, the financial audit of FOHP conducted by the Council Auditors, financial sustainability of FOHP proposals for continued operation, other alternatives for management including but not limited to Downtown Vision, Inc. and the City, and such other matters as the committee may deem appropriate regarding future goals for, and operation of, Hemming Park. The Committee shall make recommendations regarding any pending Hemming Park legislation, contract extensions, budget proposals, and future operation and management of the Park, including the proposed historic designation of the Park.

 In making your recommendation, consult with interested stakeholders including the Downtown Investment Authority and other interested parties.

**MEMBERS:** Council MemberGreg Anderson – Chair

 Council Member Danny Becton

 Council Member Anna Lopez Brosche

 Council Member John Crescimbeni

 Council Member Reggie Gaffney

 Council Member Bill Gulliford

 Council Member Sam Newby

 Council Member Scott Wilson

 All interested Council Members are encouraged to attend.

**DEADLINE:** The Special Committee on Hemming Park is tasked to report its findings and recommendations on the charge set forth above by 3/31/2017.

I appreciate the willingness of the members to devote the necessary attention to this important issue.

LNB/ns

cc: Council Members/Staff

 Cheryl Brown, Director/Council Secretary

 Jeff Clements, Chief, Research Division

 Carol Owens, Chief, Legislative Services Division

 Rachel Welsh, Information Systems Administrators

 Kirk Sherman, Council Auditor

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