

SPECIAL INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE ON JEA

SESSION #13

DATE: Monday, December 7, 2020

TIME: 5:03 p.m. - 5:28 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brenda Priestly Jackson, Chair, District 10
Randy DeFoor, District 14
Tommy Hazouri, Council President, Group 3
Joyce Morgan, District 1
Ronald Salem, Group 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Cheryl Brown, Council Secretary/Director
Steve Cassada, IT Administrator
Melanie Wilkes, Council Support Services
Eric Grantham, Council Support Services
Jeff Clements, Chief of Research
Yvonne Mitchell, Council Research
Heather Reber, Council Auditor's Office
Jeff Rodda, Council Auditor's Office
Peggy Sidman, Office of General Counsel
Jason Gabriel, Office of General Counsel
Chris Garrett, Office of General Counsel
Paige Johnston, Office of General Counsel
Sean Granat, Office of General Counsel
Steve Busey, Smith, Hulsey & Busey
Kurtis Wilson, JEA

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: This meeting of the Special Investigatory Committee on JEA is called to order. The time is 5:03 p.m.

Will we have those individuals on the dais to please introduce yourselves for the record.

COUNCIL MEMBER DeFOOR: Randy DeFoor, District 14.

CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON:
Brenda Priestly Jackson --

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Tommy Hazouri, Group 3 At-Large.

CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Brenda Priestly Jackson, District 10.

MS. SIDMAN: Peggy Sidman, Office of General Counsel.

MS. REBER: Heather Reber, Council Auditor's Office.

CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you so much.

We will now have the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member DeFoor.

1 COUNCIL MEMBER DeFOOR: Thank you, Madam
2 Chair. We'll do the serenity prayer.

3 Dear God, please give us the serenity to
4 accept the things we cannot change, the
5 courage to change the things we can and the
6 wisdom to know the difference.

7 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

8 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: We are
9 going to accept speaker's cards or hands
10 raised until 5:35 p.m. for those who wish to
11 do public comments today, in light of the
12 fact that we had to cancel our meeting on
13 November 16th, which was scheduled for
14 public comment. Otherwise, we'll follow our
15 agenda as printed, which moves us now to
16 outside counsel update and overview of final
17 report.

18 Attorney Steve Busey.

19 MR. BUSEY: Madam Chair, Steve Busey,
20 Special Counsel to the Committee.

21 We are well in the process of preparing
22 the Committee's reports and collecting
23 comments from the Members of the Committee.
24 We have a handful of additional witnesses to
25 talk to, but we've pretty much covered that

1 territory. We expect to send the report to
2 a website designer in mid-December, at which
3 time it will be complete from our point of
4 view. We expect to have that back in
5 publishable form, printable and accessible
6 to the public on or before January the 11th,
7 2021.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you
9 for that, Attorney Busey. Is there anything
10 you would like to share with us at this time
11 regarding the final report?

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Madam Chair,
13 I just don't have that agenda in front of
14 me. Did they hand them out?

15 The agenda, if y'all have one.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: They'll
17 bring one.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Is there
20 anything additional, Attorney Busey, you
21 would like to share with us regarding the
22 report?

23 MR. BUSEY: No, thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: I
25 couldn't --

1 MR. BUSEY: No, ma'am.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Okay.

3 Thank you.

4 Committee Member DeFoor.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER DeFOOR: Thank you, Madam
6 Chair.

7 Through the Chair to Mr. Busey, I
8 understand there is additional interviews to
9 be made. Who else is going to be
10 interviewed?

11 MR. BUSEY: We have Mike Hightower
12 coming in on Wednesday morning. We have two
13 Council Persons to talk to about their
14 disclosures they made; it will be just brief
15 conversations. We're going to talk to Matt
16 Brockelman with the Southern Group, and
17 we're going to talk to Allen Maines with
18 Holland & Knight.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DeFOOR: Thank you very
20 much.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: President
22 Hazouri, do you have any?

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: No. You
24 know, I may have made a mistake that there
25 was a draft ready. I know there is not one

1 to go out. And I just want to clarify that
2 we won't be getting anything until the end
3 of the month; correct?

4 MR. BUSEY: That's correct.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: December
6 30th, is it?

7 MR. BUSEY: By the time -- it will be
8 after the end of the month by the time it's
9 printed, but we'll get it to the printer and
10 the website designer before the end of the
11 month. And we'll send a report that we
12 accomplished that by the end of December.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Okay. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON:
16 Mr. Busey, additionally, it's my
17 understanding that, once the report is
18 released, that there are going to be bound
19 copies of the report that you're going to
20 give out, as well as a chronology; is that
21 correct?

22 MR. BUSEY: That's right. Absent
23 contrary instruction from the Committee,
24 we're going to have printed 100 copies,
25 bound copies, of the report, which will be

1 in excess of 100 pages long, and we'll have
2 50 pages bound of the 350-page chronology;
3 all of which will be accessible to the
4 public on a website.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you
6 so much.

7 And I believe, Mr. Council President,
8 you have shared that, for the second meeting
9 in January, that Mr. Busey will present that
10 information to the Members of the City
11 Council at that time; is that --

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Which day
13 was that? Is it the 12th?

14 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: The
15 meeting after that, the second meeting in
16 December.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Oh, the
18 second meeting, second meeting in January?

19 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: In
20 January, yes.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Anything
23 additional? Thank you so much, Mr. Busey.
24 We appreciate it.

25 MR. BUSEY: Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: We now
2 move to Office of General Counsel, with our
3 General Counsel, Jason Gabriel.

4 Mr. Gabriel.

5 MR. GABRIEL: Good evening, Madam Chair.
6 Jason Gabriel, General Counsel.

7 I don't have anything else to add to
8 that, other than I did distribute our Office
9 of General Counsel disclosure index last
10 week, at the end of last week. And that has
11 hopefully -- I hope it's convenient when you
12 go through sort of the timeline. If you
13 click on the links, it will take you right
14 to the memo or the legal guidance that, you
15 know, is pertinent. And hopefully it's
16 self-explanatory. But other than that, I am
17 just available for any questions you may
18 have.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Council
20 Member DeFoor.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DeFOOR: Through the
22 Chair to Mr. Gabriel, I just want to thank
23 you for that disclosure. I think it really
24 is -- was important that it was done and it
25 ties in with the rest of the disclosures.

1 So thank you for doing that.

2 MR. GABRIEL: Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Council
4 President Hazouri.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Thank you.

6 So this is the anniversary, Mr. General
7 Counsel, from a year ago almost to today, I
8 guess, that all this started unfolding. And
9 y'all have done a great job.

10 You will be receiving the draft at some
11 point to go over it with your fine tooth
12 comb with the General Counsel's Office. Is
13 that -- what is your role now? Once it is
14 complete, will you be reviewing the draft?

15 MR. GABRIEL: Through the Chair to
16 Council President Hazouri, we're, obviously,
17 in communication with Special Counsel, as we
18 have been all along. At some point we'll
19 want to have, you know, an opportunity to
20 take a look at the draft -- we'll see when
21 that time is -- so that we can hopefully,
22 you know, to the extent we have any comments
23 that are productive or helpful to that
24 process, that, you know, they can be taken
25 into account. So I'll be conferring with

1 Mr. Busey on that in the coming days.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Thank you.

3 Thank you, Madam Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Council
5 Member DeFoor.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER DeFOOR: Thank you, Madam
7 Chair.

8 I would just say that, you know, I have
9 no problem with, obviously, General Counsel
10 reviewing that, but that was done by
11 independent counsel and it needs to remain
12 as such is my feeling on that.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: I concur.
14 I don't think that Mr. Gabriel was saying
15 that he had to sign off on it or approve it,
16 clearly not pursuant to the legislation that
17 the City Council retained outside counsel
18 for this manner. I think that was regarding
19 -- my understanding is Mr. Gabriel and
20 Mr. Busey's offices are coordinating to
21 share whatever information is available at
22 this time relative to the final report; is
23 that --

24 MR. GABRIEL: Yeah.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Because

1 there is nothing final that we received or
2 anything.

3 MR. GABRIEL: Thank you, Madam Chair.

4 That's exactly right. We just want to
5 make sure that -- you know, there may be
6 some facts or items they're not aware of
7 that we'd bring to their attention. And
8 that's how we've been working all along. So
9 that would be the only purpose of it, would
10 be to provide facts and information.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Anything
12 from anyone else?

13 Okay. I believe Councilman Salem is on
14 Zoom and he has his hand raised.

15 Councilman Salem, you're recognized.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SALEM: Thank you, Chair.

17 I had my hand raised when Mr. Busey was
18 up. Could you, by chance, bring him back to
19 the podium?

20 Mr. Busey?

21 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: They're
22 sanitizing the podium, Councilman Salem.
23 Give them a moment.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SALEM: Now I can see
25 him. Thank you.

1 Mr. Busey, do you have any more
2 interviews that will be posted for review by
3 the Council Members?

4 MR. BUSEY: Yes. We -- last week we
5 interviewed at length Paul McElroy for a
6 third time, and that was transcribed. We
7 don't have the transcript yet, but we should
8 have it within a week or so.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER SALEM: Are there any
10 others, other than that, in the last couple
11 weeks that you'll be posting?

12 MR. BUSEY: I don't believe there are
13 any other than that. We interviewed Jody
14 Brooks, but we didn't transcribe it.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SALEM: Will you be
16 posting Hightower, Brockelman or Allen
17 Maines?

18 MR. BUSEY: I don't -- Allen Maines may
19 be the only one of those that's going to be
20 transcribed. Hightower will not be
21 transcribed and Matt Brockelman will not be.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALEM: Would you notify
23 me when those are ready, if you don't mind?

24 MR. BUSEY: Yes, I will.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SALEM: Thank you, sir.

1 Thank you, Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: You're
3 welcome, Councilman Salem.

4 Anything further? We now -- and we're
5 making -- we're moving rather quickly. We
6 now move to witnesses, subpoenas, documents
7 and related issues. And I believe our --
8 Mr. Busey stated the additional witnesses.

9 Mr. Busey, would you be so kind as to
10 just restate the names of those individuals
11 that you are still going to have
12 conversations with at this point in the
13 agenda, so we can -- if someone missed it
14 earlier?

15 MR. BUSEY: We've taken Patrick Greive's
16 deposition and Paul McElroy's, as I've said.
17 They'll be transcribed, but we don't have
18 them yet. We're going to be interviewing
19 Mike Hightower on Wednesday, but that's not
20 going to be transcribed. We're going to
21 interview Allen Maines, Matt Brockelman and
22 Anna Broche, and I don't expect any of those
23 to be transcribed.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank
25 you.

1 Council Member DeFoor.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER DeFOOR: Only -- through
3 the Chair to Mr. Busey, you have done an
4 outstanding job. And the amount of
5 interviews and the extensiveness of this
6 investigation, I just want to thank you.
7 And I look forward to reading your report in
8 its final form.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Council
10 President Hazouri.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: I think I
12 said that last week, Mr. Busey. Is there a
13 claw back in your contract that we can get
14 some of that money back?

15 MR. BUSEY: I'm going to recommend
16 against that.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Y'all have
18 done it to the T, I guarantee it. No, we do
19 appreciate it. And working hand in hand
20 with our General Counsel is very much
21 appreciated. I think this is probably the
22 most thorough, and I don't want to repeat
23 the 6,000, what, pages -- is that what it
24 was -- or texts or what have you. All that
25 y'all have gone through and all the time

1 that you spent. And it's what, just, I
2 think, four people and your researcher.
3 Y'all have done an excellent job. And I
4 don't think we could thank you or say enough
5 about what y'all have done.

6 And you've done it for -- as a --
7 regardless of getting paid, you've done it
8 for this community. And it's been a
9 blessing for us. And it's helped us move
10 forward and keeping an eye on other type of
11 situations like this so we can imply early
12 on what is going on and what lies beneath
13 before it gets to the point where it became
14 that debacle that it did over this past
15 year. Thank you very much.

16 And thank the General Counsel and our
17 own Council Auditor, as well, if she's
18 listening. It was a wonderful job. And I'm
19 looking forward to the final report. Thank
20 you.

21 MR. BUSEY: Thank you, Mr. President.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank
23 you.

24 I am going to echo the sentiments of the
25 other Committee Members. And I want to

1 thank Attorney Busey for his openness and
2 willingness and his desire to delve deeply
3 into the issues to help us as a council
4 fulfill the charge. And so my understanding
5 of the final report will be that there will
6 be recommendations relative to what we may
7 need to do additionally as a legislative
8 body in terms of addressing concerns with
9 our Charter, our procurement policies,
10 ethical considerations and other matters.
11 So I just want to thank you for that, and
12 thank you for dutifully and diligently
13 working with each of us and receiving our
14 input and insight.

15 I think that the public is going to be
16 very encouraged by the level and quality of
17 the work, as well as the diligence afforded,
18 the time put in by Attorney Busey to get
19 those questions answered. And to have the
20 answers our community needs in terms of
21 transparency and a lot of that being, you
22 know, how we can better as a council adhere
23 to Florida Sunshine, adhere to our Charter
24 mandates and make certain that we don't find
25 ourselves in this situation going forward.

1 I want to take an opportunity at this
2 time, as the Chair, to also thank Councilman
3 Dennis. And I'm thanking Councilman Dennis
4 because he had the hindsight -- the
5 foresight to know in September of 2019 that
6 we as a body would need to set aside funds
7 to be able to retain outside counsel. I
8 don't know that anyone else on the Council
9 at that time had that level of vision and
10 foresight.

11 So I -- and we will be remiss to not
12 acknowledge him, because it was through his
13 legislation that he advanced and the
14 Council's voting in support of it which
15 allowed us to be able to get Mr. Busey's
16 firm to help us address these issues to
17 better protect our neighbors going forward.
18 So I want to take that opportunity to say
19 that.

20 I'm looking forward to the timeline. It
21 is going to be a very telling timeline on
22 what happened when. And I am looking
23 forward to making certain that we -- you
24 know, allay any fears or concerns of our
25 neighbors and others relative to what our

1 role is and what our position is in relation
2 to independent authorities or handling the
3 people's business.

4 So I just -- again, thank you,
5 Mr. Busey, and thank Councilman Dennis, who
6 I'm certain is working right now, for his
7 vision and foresight as a carryover from the
8 other Council to know that we needed those
9 funds.

10 Council President Hazouri.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Thank you.
12 Thank you, Madam Chair.

13 Ditto to what you said about Councilman
14 Dennis. You know, people can say that, you
15 know, he speaks out all the time about
16 different things, but he does it because
17 he's smart and he does have that foresight.
18 And I give him all the credit in the world
19 for what he does and what he says. Some may
20 not like the way he makes his presentations.
21 I love it because I think that he tells it
22 like it is.

23 But as important, I think, is that, you
24 know, what he saw is what we're continuing
25 to see. And I think what broke this open in

1 the first place is something similar to
2 what's going on now, it's about trust. And
3 we tend to trust those players who are
4 involved in the authorities and in the
5 administration. And I think this has taught
6 us a real lesson. And now I think we'll be
7 more cognizant of what goes on. We should
8 be anyway. But who would know? But now we
9 do know. And we're not going to look over
10 our shoulders, we're going to be ahead of
11 them.

12 And I think that even you, Madam Chair,
13 when you said that this thing should have
14 gone to the General Counsel's Office before,
15 I mean, the 30-day bit that's in the --

16 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Council
17 Auditor.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Council
19 Auditor, I meant, not the General Counsel.
20 I don't want to be blamed on this one, so we
21 pass on this one then, Jason.

22 But, yeah, to the Council Auditor. So,
23 you know, it could have stopped in its
24 tracks, but it didn't and the beat went on.
25 And thank God that we were able to have a

1 real Christmas celebration by saving
2 millions upon millions of dollars
3 potentially of our city taxpayers' dollars
4 and the ratepayers.

5 Thank you, Madam Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Do we
7 have any comments from the public? Any
8 hands raised?

9 This has been a long road. I want to
10 let everybody know it's been a long road. I
11 actually -- since we have a little time,
12 since I said I would give folks a few
13 minutes to get their comments in, I'm going
14 to talk for a moment.

15 I was reflecting earlier today about
16 Council Member DeFoor. I sat where you're
17 sitting, close to where you sit, Attorney
18 Sidman and Ms. DeFoor sat on the other side.
19 And as I was reading today, I was tickled
20 when I realized, when we were told we were
21 under a cone of silence, that it extended to
22 us. And I think across -- when I looked
23 across at Council Member DeFoor, if her head
24 could have blew off of her at that time, it
25 might have. She turned so red across when

1 that was going on. So I am thankful that we
2 have gone from that.

3 And it was a lot, guys, it was a lot.
4 It was quite a bit. It was a lot for a new
5 Councilman, a lot to undertake, but I'm
6 grateful that we were called together for
7 such a time as this. And we now still
8 maintain ownership of our municipal utility.

9 Any other business? Nobody is in the
10 queue, Ms. Mitchell, is it?

11 If no one comes on in the next three
12 minutes, then -- Council Member DeFoor wants
13 to share.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DeFOOR: I'll just say
15 that, you know, I am a true redhead. And I
16 think that we've learned a lot about what
17 works and what doesn't work. And I think,
18 you know, we're still learning. I mean,
19 we're seeing -- continuing to see issues
20 with this Council, quite frankly, that I'm
21 looking forward to taking those
22 recommendations and acting on them, because
23 there are times when this Council does not
24 have, in my opinion, proper representation.
25 Lot J is a great example where we don't have

1 really our own representation in that
2 process, and it just continues.

3 So I think it's a great opportunity to
4 see how we can improve our current system
5 and go from there.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: One last
7 thing. Lest we forget, thank you. We
8 appreciate -- since you took over, we moved
9 this along. There is no politics into it,
10 we did our job. And I want to thank Randy
11 and you and Scott before that. And I
12 appreciate it.

13 And I think the citizens appreciate the
14 work you've done and the work you've done,
15 Randy, before I got here, but you know, I
16 kept a watchful eye listening and talking
17 and trying to make sure that we're doing
18 what we needed to do.

19 And you have gone beyond the call of
20 duty. And I thank you, Brenda, for doing
21 that. Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Yeah, I
23 was trying to give time. I gave time for
24 people to do their public comments, and so
25 it would kind of be rude if I just really

1 say we're done. So I'm still -- we said we
2 were going to give it a few more minutes.

3 As long as you're going to talk about
4 SIC.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Do I have
6 to?

7 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Yes.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Indirectly.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: SIC JEA,
10 no extraneous issues, Mr. Council President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAZOURI: Just an
12 announcement, it just came across. It's not
13 the SIC. I think they officially announced,
14 I think, Former Mayor John Delaney is -- and
15 president has taken over -- I think he and
16 Mike Weinstein are in competition for who
17 can have the most positions. He's just been
18 appointed as the Interim President of
19 Flagler College, so anyway. Representing
20 Holland & Knight -- no.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER DeFOOR: All right.
22 Since we're burning some time.

23 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: We're
24 wasting time for public comment.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DeFOOR: I do want to

1 thank you, Madam Chair, for your work in
2 this matter. I mean, there were times when
3 it didn't look so pretty, and you -- I
4 remember looking at you, and you just always
5 knew that everything was going to be okay.
6 And I just want to thank you for that
7 courage that you had during that time and --
8 because this community really, really -- I
9 mean, think about it, we were about to sell
10 our only asset. God knows where the money
11 would have gone. And we would have been
12 laden with debt with Plant Vogtle. And if
13 it sold, our taxpayers would have paid
14 higher rates. It was a lose-lose.

15 And again, I just want to thank you for
16 your encouragement and your leadership.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you
18 for that.

19 I believe in divine order. I think we
20 were divinely ordered to be where we are at
21 this time to deal with this. Not that
22 anyone runs for City Council to deal with a
23 rogue utility. I just want to let the
24 record reflect that's not what any of us
25 thought we would be doing. But we were

1 divinely called for such a time as this.
2 And in grace and humility, we met the
3 challenge.

4 Public comment. I'm trying to see.
5 There is no one.

6 Council Member Morgan, you're
7 recognized.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MORGAN: Thank you so
9 much, Madam Chair.

10 I just wanted to echo all of the
11 sentiments that have been said tonight about
12 this Committee, about the work of this
13 Committee, about the commitment of this
14 Committee. We appreciate you. And we know
15 that, because of your work, because of your
16 diligence, all of you, that we're going to
17 be able to move forward in a positive
18 direction as JEA is concerned.

19 So I know that you're waiting for
20 anybody to come up with public comment, so I
21 just thought I would take this moment to,
22 you know, just to let you know how much you
23 are appreciated and the fine work that all
24 of you have done. So thank you all.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRIESTLY JACKSON: Thank you

1 so much, Council Member Morgan. We
2 appreciate that.

3 Seeing no hands raised in the queue,
4 seeing no one in our socially distanced
5 chambers, this final meeting of the SIC on
6 JEA Special Investigatory Committee is
7 adjourned.

8 (Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.)

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