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| **OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL** |

August 21, 2017

5:00 p.m.

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

**TO: Honorable Members of Jacksonville City Council**

**Dr. Cheryl L. Brown, Director/Council Secretary**

**Carol Owens, Chief of Legislative Services**

**Margaret M. Sidman, Deputy Legislative Affairs & Managing Deputy, OGC**

**FROM: Anna Lopez Brosche, City Council President**

**RE: Procedures with respect to City Council Meeting 8.22.2017**

**DATE: August 21, 2017**

This memo will outline procedures that I am directing be followed to facilitate the orderly transaction of regular Council business. There are several topics that may require the meeting to be extended:

1. Ord 2017-0378 – Currently postponed until August 22, 2017; Currently has a Chapter 166 Public Hearing

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| O | [2017-0378](http://cityclts.coj.net/coj/COJBillList.asp?Bill=2017-0378) | ORD-MC Setting a Public Referendum; Amend City Charter, Chapter 92-341, Laws of Fla, as Amended, to Repeal the 2-Term Limit Provisions of Sections 5.041 (The Council - Limitation of Term of Ofc), 8.04 (Sheriff - 2 Term Limit), 9.04 (Supv of Elections - 2-Term Limit), 10.04 (Propty Appraiser - 2-Term Limit), 11.04 (Tax Collector - 2-Term Limit), 12.11 (Clerk of Courts - 2-Term Limit & 13.5 (Duval County School Bd - 2-Term Limit); Provide for Referendum Apv of this Ord; Provide for Financial Impact Statemt to be Developed & Placed on the Ballot; Directing Supv of Elections to place Referendum Question on 2018 Primary Election Ballot on 8/28/18. (Sidman) (Introduced by CM Schellenberg) Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & CR 3.601 - 6/13/17 & 7/25/17, 8/22/17 |

1. Constituent Public Comment(s) – Confederate Monuments (No assigned legislation at this time)

1. Constituent Public Comment(s) – Budget discussion on opposition to additional Police Officers;
2. **Public Comment, Public Hearing and Decorum:**

**Public Comment:**

There is an anticipation of significant public comment on all of the items listed during both the public comment section and designated public hearing at the Council meeting. All Council Members heard extensively from members of the on the topic of Term Limits and opposition to additional police officers. Additionally, the last two Council Meetings there has been limited discussion about Hemming Park and issues pertaining to this location. However, the overall discussion on the latter topic has expanded due to the nature of the climate and activities taking place throughout the United States pertaining to Confederate Monuments and Statues. Therefore, in an effort to provide the public pro and con to express their opinion we will afford an appropriate opportunity for public input in the following manner.

**There will be an opportunity for public comment on August 22, 2017** during the time set aside for public comment. In order to promote the orderly conduct of Council business, as permitted by Council Rules**, the public comment period for anyone wishing to address this the topic of Confederate Monuments, or the subject matters it concerns, shall be moved to the second period of public comment at the conclusion of regularly scheduled Council business.** I urge my fellow Council Members to refrain from directing questions to speakers at the podium, and encourage Council Members to follow up with questions outside the meeting context. Council Members will not be granted early excusal from such meetings except for good cause and in the order received in order to insure a quorum for the meeting.

**Special Public Comment cards** for this topic have been prepared – (Neon Orange). Do not fill out a regular blue speaker’s card if you wish to speak on this matter. The special cards are dated and pre-marked as SUPPORT /OPPOSE/UNDECIDED. Speakers will be called alternating between those categories until there are only cards remaining in one category. Additionally, there is a box in the right hand corner of the orange card- please mark if you would like to speak or you would not like to speak.

**The time available for any speaker will be determined based on the number of cards received and time available in the meeting.** No more than 3 minutes will be allowed in any event. Council Rules dictate that the meeting concludes no later than midnight and we will divide the speaking time as needed to achieve that end, taking into consideration the time it takes to transition between speakers.

There will be an opportunity for Public Comment at the September 12th meeting as well if you choose not to speak at the during the August 22nd meeting. The same timing and process will be followed except that anyone who spoke at Public Comment on August 22nd will be placed in order after those who have not yet spoken on the topics listed above.

Public Comment opportunities in committee will be at the discretion of the committee chair.

**Public Hearing:**

In accordance with Council Rule 4.301, the public hearing scheduled for 2017-0378 will be the last public hearing **of the evening on August 22, 2017.** Speakers will complete the blue speaker’s card, please select SUPPORT/OPPOSE/UNDECIDED and we will again alternate between categories. Speakers will be allowed 3 minutes to speak at the public hearing, however the Council meeting will adjourn at midnight as required and in the event the public hearing is not complete, it will be continued the following morning, or such next available time at which a quorum can be obtained.

**Decorum:**

As President, it is my responsibility to make sure that we have a fair, civil and orderly debate, and to insure that members of the public respect the rules of decorum in Council Chambers, and overflow locations (Lynwood Roberts Room and Main Library Auditorium – Main Street Entrance). Civil discourse is a key pillar of our society and this discussion should reflect that understanding. Council Rules are clear on decorum and these rules will be followed. No demonstrations of agreement or disagreement- applause, signs, cheering or standing will be allowed in Council Chambers, overflow locations (Lynwood Roberts Room – Main Library Auditorium) unless requested by the President. Only one speaker at a time will be allowed to approach the podium. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and no personal or impertinent comments may be directed at specific members.

ALB:CLB/clb

cc: Council Members/Staff

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