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2	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Good
3	afternoon, everyone. We're going to call
4	the Special Committee on the Future of
5	JEA we have a new name now, the Special
6	Committee on the Future of JEA meeting to
7	order. Today is Thursday, April 26, 2018.
8	It is exactly 3:30 p.m. We will start by
9	having everyone introduce themselves for the
10	record. Left side always seems to do better
11	than the right side. I don't know what that
12	is. We'll start with the left side.
13	Mr. Gulliford.
14	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: This is actually
15	the right wing, Mr. Chairman, when you look
16	at it.
17	And this is Bill Gulliford, District 13.
18	COUNCILMAN FERRARO: Al Ferraro,
19	District 2.
20	COUNCILMAN LOVE: Jim Love, District 14.
21	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: Greg Anderson,
22	At-Large Group 4.
23	COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Joyce Morgan,
24	District 1.
25	COUNCILMAN BECTON. Danny Becton.

1	District 11.
2	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I'm John
3	Crescimbeni, At-Large Group 2.
4	COUNCILWOMAN BOYER: Lori Boyer, Group
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6	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: And I think we
7	have excused absences. Does staff have
8	excused absences? Can you read those into
9	the record for me? Hello? Do you have
10	excused absences? Will you read those into
11	the record for me, please. I lost track, we
12	had so many. Do you know who they are?
13	Okay. All right. If you'll pull those up,
14	please, I would appreciate that.
15	We're going to resume our reports from
16	the JEA. Mr. Pope is going to be handling
17	that today, but Mr. Zahn wanted to make
18	another round of comments before we got into
19	the meat of the action items.
20	Mr. Zahn.
21	MR. ZAHN: Thank you very much, Chair,
22	Council Members. We have a quick can you
23	see it?
24	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I can see you.
25	Oh, there we go, a light bulb that's costing

Ι	us revenue. No, a horse that
2	MR. ZAHN: Cart before the horse.
3	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I was looking at
4	it upside down.
5	MR. ZAHN: I know there's been a lot of
6	questions certainly around JEA and me. And
7	we're okay with that. In fact, for the last
8	four months, I think it's demonstrated that
9	JEA really needs to evaluate our path
10	forward and we need to step up. We need to
11	step up our game.
12	In truth, I think we need to be bold.
13	We need to be innovative. And we need to
14	become the utility of the future for
15	Jacksonville.
16	You know, generally in life, you get
17	these decision points where you have
18	conflict and logic, and you have two
19	choices: One, you can hide and play
20	defense; or the other is you can reach out
21	and start to build bridges and meet people
22	in the middle and see if you have common
23	ground to move forward on.
24	I think I met with everyone here. And I
25	really appreciate, and I'm going to extend

my appreciation to Councilwoman President,
the Mayor, the Chair, the Vice Chair -- the
Vice President, specifically for taking some
leadership on helping to turn the discourse
to a path forward for JEA for our community.
And I think that's a really good testament
to the unity that we have relative to the
asset and to demonstrate to our customers
and to our unbeatable team and our employees
that we're all collectively in this
together.

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So we've talked about the path forward.

On Thursday I mentioned it more verbally,
but just outline it one more time. Step one
is to really get refocussed and back to the
core of business. Step two is to listen.

And I've been appreciating all of your
insights, your thoughtful feedback as we've
been meeting one on one, and start to
develop a partnership framework that we can
use at the JEA with our Board and our
leadership team and our -- quite frankly,
all of our employees to start to update our
strategic plan, which is step three. And
then we'll move forward.

1	So as I mentioned, focus, many of you
2	received a communication about a
3	reorganization. I want to congratulate our
4	new President and Chief Operating Officer,
5	she's here and she'll talk a little bit more
6	about that when I'm done. But I think
7	she's done a tremendous job in the last
8	seven days. We spent a lot of time talking
9	about really the great ideas that already
10	exist with inside the institution, as well
11	as the unbeatable team. It's really not a
12	lack of resources or talent or ideas that
13	has kind of maybe put us into this position.
14	And so what's really refreshing is, I think,
15	the path forward can be expedited.
16	So in an interesting way, many
17	industries go through a cycle. And once you
18	have a new idea, and then you improve on
19	that idea, and eventually people innovate.
20	And then along comes eventually disruption.
21	We've seen a lot of that over the last two
22	decades in multiple industries. And I think
23	that this subcommittee has actually done a
24	really good job over the last four months

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educating the public and yourselves around

1 the disruption going on in our industry.

2 Now, the reality is that can either be a 3 threat or an opportunity. And what we've been talking about as a senior leadership 4 5 team and what I've been speaking to my Board Members about is that we would like to start 6 7 seeing that as an opportunity. And we would 8 like to start being the bold leaders for the 9 utility of the future, not only of 10 Jacksonville, but to start demonstrating how 11 a utility can be built over the next decade 12 that hasn't been currently undertaken in the

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Going forward, quite simply, we're going to be bold. We're going to be JEA. And we're going to start coming up with bold ideas. And we're going to have bold safety, bold service, bold commitment to growth and start bringing you these ideas in a way where we can generate economic development, new jobs, continue to drive a fiscally responsible asset and, ultimately, have the integrity to demonstrate the corporate governance that we've spoken so much about, and to present with clarity the strategy and

1	expectations that I think you as
2	shareholders expect from us.
3	With that, I'm going to turn it over to
4	Melissa Dykes. Again, I want to
5	congratulate her in public. And she'll
6	speak a little bit about
7	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
8	Mr. Zahn.
9	MS. DYKES: Good afternoon,
10	Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Committee.
11	I am excited to serve JEA and our community
12	in my new role as President and Chief
13	Operating Officer of JEA.
14	It's a testament to our employees that,
15	in spite of the recent public conversations
16	that have really impacted employee morale,
17	that we continue to provide our customers
18	with the exceptional service that they've
19	come to expect from JEA.
20	Our short-term operational focus is two
21	key things: One is we're going to focus on
22	preserving and improving our safety record.
23	Insuring all of our employees go home safely
24	from work every single day from often
25	extremely dangerous jobs that they do.

Our second is to ensure our entire organization stands prepared for storm season this year, prepared to respond to anything that might come our way. To that end, we've kicked off our organization-wide hurricane preparedness exercise this week and will exercise next week, along with the City of Jacksonville's EOC, to ensure that we have fully operationalized our refined plans incorporating all the learnings that we have from the last two hurricanes that have hit Jacksonville.

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I look forward to sharing more information about storm preparedness with Council Members ahead of this year's storm season as part of our preparedness plan.

And just as a reminder, hurricane season begins in 36 days.

As Mr. Zahn referenced in his opening remarks, our organization is refocussing on executing our corporate strategy with excellence. Over the past six years, we've saved our customers and our community more than \$1 billion through cost improvement efforts that we've undertaken. And we're

not going to take our foot off the gas on 1 2 that. We need to keep focus on those 3 efforts to make sure that our services to our customers remain affordable both today 4 and into the future. 5 I'm honored to be leading alongside 6 Mr. Zahn, our extraordinary team of 2,000 7 8 employees, as we continue to provide high 9 quality, reliable, affordable and safe 10 service to the million people that we serve. 11 Thank you. 12 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you. 13 Any questions from the Committee? 14 Councilman Love. 15 COUNCILMAN LOVE: Yes. Through the 16 Chair to Melissa, what things are we going 17 to do differently in hurricane season? 18 we going to do any hardening things to our 19 utilities? 20 Through the Chair to Council MS. DYKES: 21 Member Love, that's a great question. And 2.2 we have implemented programs starting all 23 the way back with Hurricane Matthew and 24 things that we learned during Hurricane

Matthew to better harden our system both on

1 the electric side and on the water and sewer 2 side. 3 COUNCILMAN LOVE: And sewer and water, because we had a big problem on 118th 4 5 Street. We didn't have that problem with 6 Irma, so thank you very much for that. 7 So are we doing anything with the sewer 8 and water extra? Are we having more 9 generators or backups or what are we doing? 10 Through the Chair to Council MS. DYKES: 11 Member Love, we have a storm hardening 12 program that we have implemented. We've 13 gone through the first phase of storm 14 hardening on the water and sewer side, which 15 involves distributing generators and 16 portable pumps to our largest pump stations, 17 the ones with the most flow. And that's 18 been largely completed. It's on schedule to 19 be completed before storm season this year. 20 And we continue efforts in the long term 21 on the water and sewer side to look at 2.2 things like elevating to the facilities to 23 make sure that as water rises, we don't have 24 some of the problems that we've encountered

in previous hurricanes.

1	COUNCILMAN LOVE: What about the
2	electrical? Are you going to get to the
3	electrical? Are we planning on long-term
4	undergrounding at all?
5	MS. DYKES: Through the Chair to Council
6	Member Love, there are two things I want to
7	mention: In terms of schedule, we are
8	scheduled to share with our Board hurricane
9	preparedness at the next meeting. And then
10	we're actually going to do a deep dive on
11	storm preparedness with them at the
12	following meeting to make sure that they
13	understand all the things that we've learned
14	over the last two storms, what we've done to
15	address some of those risks and what the
16	longer term plan is to address risks that we
17	haven't gotten to just because there simply
18	hasn't been enough time yet.
19	COUNCILMAN LOVE: Okay. Great. I hope
20	that undergrounding more utilities will be
21	part of that. All right. Thank you.
22	MS. DYKES: Thank you.
23	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Councilman
24	Becton.
25	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Thank you.

1	Through the Chair, Mr. Zahn, Ms. Dykes,
2	I certainly want to congratulate you on the
3	message that you delivered here today. We
4	had an excellent meeting, I believe it was,
5	yesterday. And I want to applaud your
6	be-bold initiative, because I think that's
7	what it's going to take here in Jacksonville
8	in order to and what I want to remind all
9	the shareholders of JEA is that, if JEA is
10	successful, we can be more successful in
11	expanding our utility services in all of
12	Jacksonville, in all of our neighborhoods,
13	because that will give us the resources to
14	do the things that we sit up here and say
15	every day that our residents are left behind
16	and that there are certain areas of
17	Jacksonville who don't get what everybody
18	else gets. But it is only by being
19	successful that we're going to be able to
20	achieve that.
21	So this be-bold initiative, my hat is
22	off, and I intend personally to help in
23	achieving that as well. So, you know,
24	touché and let's do it. Thank you.
25	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Council Vice

Τ	President Bowman.
2	COUNCILMAN BOWMAN: Thank you.
3	Through the Chair, Ms. Dykes, thank you
4	for being here, Mr. Zahn. But I have to
5	tell you, as someone who sells
6	Jacksonville's potential businesses, we did
7	not get hit by hurricanes. They came real
8	darn close, so just wanted to remind you of
9	that.
10	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you, Vice
11	President Bowman.
12	Councilman Gulliford.
13	His full weather report will be
14	available at 6:00 p.m.
15	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Through the
16	Chair, good job, Mr. Bowman. That was
17	really and, also, through the Chair, you
18	know, I think that if you if you say that
19	one of the benefits of a municipally owned
20	utility, which seems to be a theme lately,
21	is service to the community, then I would
22	suggest, when we are making lists of bold
23	movements, we absolutely have to address
24	this thing that we've been talking about for
25	years now with respect to septic tanks. And

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With all due respect to Mr. Love, I've seen the exercise in my neighborhood in a well -- a developed neighborhood, which is the real problem of trying to go underground with electric utilities. And we could not get -- and this was a fairly affluent street in Atlantic Beach. They could not get enough people that were willing to financially participate to bury it because it was so doggone expensive with respect to all the other utilities and the other problems you have in established neighborhoods.

While I'm not downplaying that, I think if you establish priorities, then the first priority should certainly be the issue with septic tanks. We kind of hit at it when we had our interlocal agreement, our interlocal agreement committee, but I think we need to sit down collectively.

The City is going to have to participate. It's not going to work with just JEA carrying that burden alone. But we

1	need to sit down and stop talking about it
2	and collectively move ahead and let's do
3	something. Let's have a strategic plan,
4	even if it takes 20 years to get it done,
5	let's do something about it, so.
6	MR. ZAHN: Through the Chair to
7	Councilman Gulliford, that is at the top of
8	our list on this next update to the
9	strategic.
10	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
11	Mr. Gulliford.
12	Let the record reflect, I think,
13	Mr. Hazouri has joined us, Mr. Wilson has
14	joined us, and, of course, Vice President
15	Bowman has joined us.
16	Councilman Anderson.
17	MR. ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
18	Through the Chair to Madam President,
19	how about that? That's kind of nice to say.
20	So, Melissa, you stay in your
21	previous job stayed in touch with the rating
22	agencies a lot. And really, in my mind,
23	were sort of a primary conduit for
24	information. And I'm interested, given all
25	the changes in the last couple weeks, have

you been in contact with the rating agencies? If not, is there a plan to be in touch with the rating agencies? Can you just kind of share around that?

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MS. DYKES: Through the Chair to Council Member Anderson, that's a great question, because our management team and governance structure is a big part of what supports our credit rating. So, fortunately, we have an interim CFO who has been very plugged in on our previous conversations with the rating agencies and is poised to be able to hand off that responsibility of being their primary point of contact with JEA, and a treasurer who is extremely experienced both here at JEA and a prior life.

One of the things that they're going to have to tackle pretty early on, after this organizational change gets settled in, is meeting with the rating agencies to get them comfortable with our new organizational structure and that we continue to have the financial discipline that we've demonstrated over the past decade to them. That will be very important in terms of having some

1	continuity with respect to our credit
2	rating.
3	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
4	Mr. Anderson.
5	Councilman Hazouri.
6	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Thank you,
7	Mr. Chairman.
8	We had a good conversation today. And
9	thank you, Ms. Dykes, and Mr. Zahn. Still,
10	I want to be able to get through what we've
11	been going through the last four weeks. I
12	want to get through this cloud of mistrust
13	and the credibility gap that has existed.
14	And, hopefully, this is going to be the
15	first day forward for the rest of the JEA's
16	life. And I hope it's a long life.
17	I just want to figure out how, when
18	you're doing this structure, which we talked
19	about, which I like, and you want to
20	coordinate it with the City Council, each
21	member, and how you're planning on going
22	about doing that. At the same time as
23	you-all start looking for an executive
24	director, while you're doing this process to
25	try to have a seamless move into that

direction, whether it's you or someone else or Ms. Dykes or anyone, how is that plan going to work as we're moving along?

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Because we have individual issues, as you heard, I think, Mr. Gulliford was -- we talked about it the other day at one of our meetings, TEU. There are a lot of individual issues we want to address, like septic tanks and a funding plan for how we're going to go about it instead of nickel and diming like we just did for the commercials in the northwest quadrant with their fund.

How do you see the cooperation working in keeping us informed and moving along and getting input from us while you're trying to put your strategic plan together? And at the same time make a seamless transition with the new director, letting them feel like they're part of that strategic plan as you draft, you or whomever ends up coming here, if that all makes sense? There is so much we have to get through, and that credibility has got to be gone so we can move forward.

MR. ZAHN: Through the Chair to Councilman Hazouri, so I do -- it is my understanding that the Board of Directors of JEA has commenced a search for a permanent They've initiated an RFP. I've just been informed of that by the Chairman. Certainly, they are going to manage that process.

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And one of the things that we'll do is continue to map -- this is really more of a transition, right. So if I go back to the steps, the first is really stabilizing the business. The second is more of an understanding with the shareholders of what would be the expectation as shareholder trustees, of you relative to the performance of JEA going forward. Much like any -- if you were to make a personal investment with a partner, you would have -- you and your partner would need to sit down and make sure you had alignment done on what you expect out of that investment.

So that process, step two, is really a process that, no matter who goes through it, ultimately, it's one that -- the way we

1 envision this is we'll take the first pen, 2 just to be helpful, we'll present it to the 3 directors, you know, for a discussion. Probably at the next Board meeting, we'll 4 5 get their feedback, reiterate, come back one more time and hope to finalize with our 6 7 Board of Directors on what we think a 8 partnership framework might look like. Then 9 we would submit it to this Council, the full 10 City Council, for review, input and 11 hopefully some level of consensus. 12 Once you emerge from then, effectively, 13 your shareholders have told you -- or have 14 told the company and the Board of Directors 15 what they expect from the business going 16 forward. 17 In all earnest, strategic planning, 18 although we can start white-boarding and 19 putting together ideas and talking about the 20

In all earnest, strategic planning,
although we can start white-boarding and
putting together ideas and talking about the
areas of the business to where we can
potentially grow and where we can
potentially improve, we can't really take
much action until that step two is done.
And I would think step two might, you know,
if we could accelerate it, be great, because

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1 the faster that would be done, the better.

But and so with the Chairman of the

Board of JEA, we're coordinating that

timeline to make sure that there is a

synchronism there, if that makes sense,

6 synchronize.

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councilman Hazouri: Just follow-up,
okay. I get that part. So individual
issues, while you're doing this, are not
going to go away, whether it's the
hurricanes or whether it's septic tanks.
That is a big issue with us. And I'm sure
there are other issues among us. And how do
you address those, how do you plan on
addressing those while you're putting your
strategic plan together? I don't want to
just say we put a stop to everything and
there is nothing going to be done with the
areas that have been left behind for so
long.

MR. ZAHN: Through the Chair to the Councilman, that's a great question. The answer is the instruction has been given to the entire senior leadership team and the employees of JEA to continue proceeding on

1	the 2013 plan as is.
2	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Would you make this
3	a priority, the septic tanks? I'm using
4	that again because that's a big issue with
5	me. Because it's not just northwest, it's
6	all over Jacksonville. And we just can't
7	keep doing it every year. We need to make
8	sure it's not just a plan, but there is a
9	funding mechanism to go along with it for
10	the next 20 or 30 years, however long it may
11	take.
12	MR. ZAHN: Through the Chair, we spoke
13	about the potential shift in how our
14	organization might reconsider some of the
15	opportunities with technology and other
16	approaches on a business model and start to
17	put together a white paper on that, yes.
18	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
19	Mr. Hazouri.
20	I have no one else in the queue.
21	Thank you, Mr. Zahn.
22	Ms. Dykes, thank you for being here.
23	We will move on to the action items that
24	are still outstanding, Mr. Pope.
25	Mr. Pope, we're distributing your next

1	four tabs, 11 through 14, so those will go
2	to the back of the notebook. And I believe
3	you're going to start today on tab 9.
4	MR. POPE: Yes, sir. Jordan Pope, JEA.
5	I very much hope to cover tabs 9 through 14
6	in relatively short order. And I'll wait
7	for you, Mr. Chairman.
8	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Before we begin,
9	you still have how many outstanding action
10	items from previous meetings? Do you have a
11	count on those?
12	MR. POPE: To the Chair, what I intend
13	to cover today will cover any action item
14	from any previous meeting except for the
15	last meeting. So I'm sort of on a two-week
16	cycle where it gives us two weeks to respond
17	to those action items.
18	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Very good.
19	Thank you. You can go ahead.
20	MR. POPE: All right. Thank you. So
21	behind tab 9 and thank you, Mr. Chairman,
22	for asking us to provide this information on
23	JEA's awards and recognitions. I will just
24	echo what you just heard Mr. Zahn and
25	Ms. Dykes say in that I work with a great

team of people. And they represent our community very well. And they strive to do all that they -- all of their tasks with excellence. And it is nice from time to time -- or really on a fairly regular basis, in JEA's case, to be recognized for the excellent work that they are doing.

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So I believe it's four pages here that you have of the various awards and recognitions that either JEA as an organization or our employees individually or as a group have received over the past number of years.

And as -- actually, as I was driving to work this morning, they're not specifically on here, but I did realize that this body over the last six months has recognized our employees for their outstanding work in storm restoration. They have recognized our employees that went to Puerto Rico for storm restoration after Hurricane Maria. And two weeks ago you recognized our outstanding champion linemen for the incredible work they did at the linemen rodeo. And they will be in Raleigh this weekend at the

1	national competition. And I'm sure you'll
2	join me in wishing them well.
3	I would be happy to take any questions,
4	but I don't intend to
5	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Are these in any
6	kind of order?
7	MR. POPE: They are actually in order,
8	alphabetical order, of the awarding
9	organization.
10	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Any questions on
11	this from anyone?
12	All right. I don't see anyone, Mr.
13	Pope, you may continue. But first, are you
14	going? Do you have tickets to the event in
15	Raleigh.
16	MR. POPE: I do not, but Mr. Hightower
17	does.
18	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Do you wear,
19	like, a JEA shirt? Wave a banner or
20	anything?
21	MR. POPE: We'll make shirts and all go
22	together next year.
23	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: We need to cheer
24	them on.
25	All right. Go ahead.

1	MR. POPE: Behind tab 10 is a page
2	responsive to Councilman Dennis' question
3	about JEA's responses to various
4	regulatory or market and regulatory
5	changes. I believe it was the request
6	was 1972. We start with 1970 on this page.
7	On the top half of the chart are the
8	are some notable market changes or
9	regulatory acts that have occurred since
10	1970. At the bottom half of the chart are
11	various JEA actions that would have been
12	taken in response.
13	And so I'll just draw your attention to
14	the time frame between 1970 and 1980 to kind
15	of show you how this works. Although the
16	St. Johns River Power Park was constructed
17	in the '80s, it was really in response to
18	what happened in the 1970s. So that's kind
19	of how we developed this chart. So although
20	it was built in the '80s, we put it under
21	that regulatory or market change that it
22	would have been in response to.
23	I'll note that
24	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Yes. They got
25	passed down at the last meeting. If you

weren't here, they were distributed to your assistant.

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MR. POPE: I will note that, as we approach this question, we didn't have this chart. So this was a very interesting exercise to kind of go and create and think about. And one of the -- really, the way we approach this is that fuel is the largest part of JEA's budget. It's roughly 30 percent of your budget this year. So it's, of course, one of the drivers -- or huge driver in what we charge our customers.

And so as we looked at this, when we went to 1980, JEA bills, utility bills in Jacksonville were 8.35 percent of average household income. So that's, I would say, a fairly significant burden on any household to have eight-and-a-half percent of your income going towards your utilities -- or to your electric bill, rather. Of course, we were the Jacksonville Electric Authority in 1980.

Today, of average household income, the JEA bill is 3.1 percent. And so I say that to just reflect on this chart in that I

1	believe we have responded, although we can
2	always talk about specific situations, we
3	have responded to these market and
4	regulatory changes in a with a positive
5	impact to our customers, realizing that in
6	1970 JEA's lone fuel source was oil. And
7	we're far more diverse than that today,
8	which is, of course, a benefit to our
9	customers. That concludes my remarks on
10	that tab.
11	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Thank
12	you, Mr. Pope. Of course, in the 1970s the
13	whole nation was struggling with an oil
14	embargo, which probably pumped up the
15	percentage of household income being devoted
16	to utility bills, wouldn't you agree?
17	MR. POPE: I would agree, yes, sir.
18	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: And as I recall,
19	I don't think you were probably around in
20	the 1970s, but
21	MR. POPE: No, sir.
22	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: there used to
23	be billboards in Jacksonville talking about
24	JEA that were purchased by citizens that
25	were quite frustrated with the sole source

1	of fuel that we operated our utilities.
2	Probably right about that; right?
3	MR. POPE: To the Chairman, I have heard
4	those stories, and I'm glad that's not the
5	case today.
6	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I have no
7	questions, though. Let's move on to tab 11
8	MR. POPE: Great. Tab 11 is in response
9	to question by Council Member Morgan
10	regarding the grants JEA has received. I
11	believe Council Member Morgan asked for the
12	last five years. We went back a little bit
13	farther than that just to illustrate some
14	other grants that we thought were important
15	relative to Cecil Field and our Northside
16	Generating Station.
17	The total reflected in grants received,
18	electric water and wastewater, on these
19	three sheets is roughly \$128 million. And,
20	of course, the availability of grants
21	fluctuates from time to time.
22	I will tell you, Council Member Morgan,
23	you asked specifically about grants for
24	older neighborhoods as well. And what I
25	would tell you is I think JEA needs to

refocus some of its effort, and I think some of you have heard this in the one-on-one meetings, on grants that are available for some of these issues we're talking about, like septic tanks. And that is something we certainly think that we need to partner with the City in looking for those and applying for those.

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But this is -- this illustrates the grants we have received over the last number of years from a Department of Energy grant that it's allowed us to deploy smart meters among many other things and the utility tracker that I hope all of us use or some of us use. We use the Department of Energy grant for that. You see the \$73 million grant for the clean coal technology at Northside Generating Station back in the late '90s. So not to go through all of this, but I hope that's responsive to the request.

CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,

Mr. Pope. I do have one Council Member on
the queue.

Councilwoman Boyer.

1	COUNCILWOMAN BOYER: Thank you. Through
2	the Chair to Mr. Pope, Mr. Pope, in looking
3	down on the bottom of the page where I see
4	under the page 2 of 3 and then going over to
5	3 of 3, the funding agency on the water
6	management district under water supply, it
7	looks like there are a number of cost share
8	projects, which would appear to be
9	extensions of water supply availability. Is
10	that what I'm looking at?
11	And the follow-up question is: If that
12	is the case, can we use those same cost
13	share grant opportunities to extend water
14	service in those inner city areas that don't
15	have it, as opposed to just in Nocatee and,
16	you know, outlying areas?
17	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to Council
18	Member Boyer, my understanding is that the
19	grants you're referring to are specific to
20	the reclaimed water system. And that is the
21	reason they are available, because it is a
22	new neighborhood, it's not retrofit. Those
23	grants are available.
24	I will certainly follow up on that to
25	specifically answer your question. But I do

think the short answer is this is specific
to the reclaim system.

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COUNCILWOMAN BOYER: And if that's the case, since I know I've participated, I think Councilman Crescimbeni was here, I mean, we've had some debates before where we were urging JEA to expand the reclaim system within the existing service area, and there was pushback and a reluctance to do so. And the suggestion was that you didn't think that made sense at the time.

So as JEA is investigating the future of JEA and opportunities, so I really want to understand both. If these are, in fact, water supply lines as opposed to purple pipe reclaimed water lines, I would like to know if there are grant opportunities out there for extending service that we could use.

And then secondly is, if it only applies to purple pipe and reclaimed water, put on your list of things to investigate for, you know, future business efforts, expansion of service, et cetera. Again, the discussion about extending reclaimed water back into the existing territory.

1	In some ways, this may be the same
2	argument about septic tanks just 30 years in
3	advance, because, you know, the fact that we
4	are letting the entire urban developed city
5	that doesn't have reclaimed water move
6	forward and not install any of that, but
7	we're installing it in newly developed
8	neighborhoods where it's going on, is the
9	urban city going to be left behind and out
10	of date, you know, two decades from now. So
11	thanks.
12	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to Council
13	Member Boyer, I will certainly look at those
14	parameters and follow up. I do believe,
15	though, it's specific this grant is
16	specific to new development and reclaimed
17	water lines, but we will research further.
18	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
19	Ms. Boyer.
20	Mr. Pope, are these grant opportunities
21	available to investor-owned utilities or are
22	they simply restricted to
23	MR. POPE: On the water and wastewater
24	side, I do believe some of these grants are
25	available to private utilities. Yes, I know

1	that some of these grants are available to
2	private utilities.
3	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: You think all of
4	them are
5	MR. POPE: I do not know that all of
6	these are available to private utilities.
7	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Can you help us
8	with that? Do a little bit more homework
9	and let us know what private utilities can
10	apply for? You don't have to do it at the
11	podium, I'm talking about follow-up.
12	MR. POPE: I can follow up. I will tell
13	you the drinking state revolving fund, which
14	is the third line on the first page, that
15	one is available to private utilities. I do
16	not know that the however, the clean
17	water I'm sorry, that was the third line
18	on the second page. I'll follow up. But I
19	do know that it varies.
20	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Thank you.
21	Councilman Gulliford.
22	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Thank you.
23	Through Chair to Mr. Pope, maybe I was
24	having a bad dream because of my wife's
25	cooking, but Ms. Boyer brought up the point

1	about the reuse water. Did I remember or
2	did I hear something along the way that
3	there was some plan, though, to inject
4	reused water back into the aquifer?
5	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to
6	Councilman Gulliford, we are piloting a
7	program that would treat wastewater to those
8	standards.
9	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: To the level, to
10	the standard, exactly where you go. So that
11	might not be an issue as far as reuse into
12	neighborhoods if that, indeed, becomes a
13	viable project; correct?
14	MR. POPE: Through the Chair, I'm not
15	totally familiar with the pilot. I do think
16	you ask a good question in that what if
17	there were no reclaimed water produced from
18	a wastewater treatment facility. I do think
19	there is a sense in which since you're
20	using it for irrigation, there may still be
21	some benefit to reclaim. So some of your
22	treatment facilities still produce that
23	water and others produce it to a higher
24	standard.

COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: And I understand

1	that. What's able to be used for irrigation
2	doesn't have to meet the kind of standard
3	that you're talking about injecting back
4	into the aquifer.
5	MR. POPE: Yes, sir.
6	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: But I think that
7	there it seems to me I read somewhere
8	there was a very strong move in the state of
9	Florida to pursue that and to push that, not
10	only for JEA, but all the utilities in the
11	state.
12	MR. POPE: And, sir sorry. Go ahead.
13	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Go ahead. No,
14	no, no.
15	MR. POPE: And through the Chair, that
16	pilot program is moving from our southwest
17	wastewater treatment plant to our Buckman
18	wastewater treatment plant right now. And
19	as soon as it's up and running, I've been
20	told I can offer a tour of what that looks
21	like to any Council Member. So we would
22	love to take you out there and show you what
23	that works.
24	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: In my earlier
25	life selling construction equipment to the

1	customers, including sewer and water
2	contractors, I did have the experience of
3	seeing water and sewer lines run through
4	established neighborhoods. And it's an
5	eye-opener, because there are no as-builts.
6	There are very little records. You don't
7	know what's under there. Contractors run
8	into things all the time in established
9	neighborhoods that didn't know it was there
10	and just drive the cost through the roof.
11	That's where I think we have some difficulty
12	with reuse in established neighborhoods too.
13	Thank you.
14	MR. POPE: Thank you.
15	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
16	Mr. Gulliford.
17	Let us know what take-out you get on the
18	way home tonight, because I'm sure nothing
19	is going to be waiting for you.
20	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Actually,
21	Mr. Crescimbeni, I am not eating at home
22	tonight, and for sure now; right?
23	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Yeah.
24	All right. Nothing else on that tab,
25	Mr. Pope. Go ahead and move on to 12.

1 MR. POPE: Tab 12 is in response to
2 Council Member Schellenberg's question
3 regarding JEA's -- number of JEA's power
4 purchase agreements. What you have here
5 just are different power purchase agreements
6 in the -- their size, basically.

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So I'll draw your attention to a few, and we'll start with solar. As you know, we've -- we did a solar project about 10 years ago in Baldwin that has been running for quite some time. And over the past, say, 18 months to 2 years, we've been entering into power purchase agreements for smaller solar farms, which you see there, the Northwest Jax, Jacksonville Solar, Blair Solar, et cetera. We have a couple of those under construction now. The Sunport Solar will actually have a battery, a three-megawatt battery, that can store some of the energy produced there.

And as we've talked about before, we have 5-50 megawatt solar purchase power agreements underway that I believe have been gone through the process and have been awarded. They have JSEB participation. And

so we're very excited to be at or perhaps

just over 300 megawatts of solar in the very

near future.

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There are some others on here I'll draw your attention to. We have, of course, Trailridge Landfill gas, some of that comes from the Trailridge Landfill, some of that comes from landfill in Sarasota. Together they make up the 15.6 megawatts you see there.

We purchase power from a wind farm in Nebraska. We don't actually take that power but we sell it. And that was our very first renewable project. I don't know what year, but I do know that it was our first.

And the 200 -- what is called the

Wansley Combined Cycle at the bottom of the

first chart there, the 200 megawatts, this

is somewhat in response to, Council Member

Becton, your question from last week

regarding the availability of power on the

grid if we needed to purchase it. This is a

200 megawatt gas plant near the

Georgia-Alabama line. That 200 megawatts is

dedicated to JEA. In the event we need to

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It's actually, along with our Brandy

Branch gas plant in Baldwin, one of our

lowest operating units. So we're actually

pulling that power all the time right now

because of the cost efficiencies.

But I hope that somewhat answers your question that, if we needed the power, this is a two-year contract, it's dedicated to JEA should we ever need to pull it in a capacity event. And those are my comments on this slide, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Pope, so,
like, the Jax Solar, Northwest Jax Solar,
Old Plank Road, are those not JEA
facilities?

MR. POPE: No, sir. Actually, thank you for that question. The reason JEA on the solar projects did not construct them themselves and instead entered into a power purchase agreement is because a private investor or utility who builds these can receive the 30 percent federal tax credit that's available for these installations right now. JEA, as a nontaxable entity,

1	would not. So it is more cost effective for
2	JEA to purchase that power from these
3	entities than to build it themselves, which
4	is why we enter into these power purchase
5	agreements.
6	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Are any of these
7	related to each other in terms of ownership
8	group?
9	MR. POPE: I do believe so I do know,
10	I'll tell you the 5-50 megawatt
11	installations that we're proceeding with
12	will all be built by the same contractor. I
13	believe so the Jax Solar, I don't believe
14	they constructed any of the other ones on
15	the list. And I can get you specifics, but
16	I do believe some of these solar
17	installations were built by the same
18	company, but not all of them. But, again,
19	the bottom of the list, the 5-50 megawatt,
20	those will all be the same contractor, or
21	company.
22	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Bottom of what
23	list?
24	MR. POPE: Of the page, the 5 times 50
25	megawatt solar, the 250 megawatts, last

1	line, that will all be the same company.
2	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I thought you
3	were saying 550 megawatts, okay. So can you
4	provide us with the so these companies,
5	these solar farms are all owned by third
6	parties, not JEA?
7	MR. POPE: Yes, sir.
8	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: And you can
9	provide us with the information on those?
10	MR. POPE: Sure.
11	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. You
12	think some of them may be related?
13	MR. POPE: When you say related what
14	I mean is
15	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Some of the
16	locations may be owned by the same entity?
17	MR. POPE: Yes, sir. I believe they may
18	be.
19	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right.
20	MR. POPE: But they were all bid. They
21	all went through an RFP.
22	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay.
23	Mr. Hazouri.
24	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Thank you,
25	Mr. Chairman.

Do you have a list of all those who are utilizing solar today, commercial, at least the commercial, that you can provide us?

MR. POPE: Through the Chair to

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MR. POPE: Through the Chair to

Councilman Hazouri, we have some entities

that would be utilizing solar through

rooftop solar and we have others who might

be on our various solar rates. So our solar

smart rate allows you to purchase solar

power by being on that rate. There's one

for residential customers. There is one for

our larger customers we call Solar Max. So

I just want to confirm I get you the right

information so there is --

make sure I'm asking the right questions too. Because we were just, for example, at a groundbreaking for Champion Brands the other day, and they're using solar. There were some concerns, and maybe Mr. Roman can recall, that the owner had mentioned to me of some difficulty they were having in negotiating a price and what they were putting there. I don't know how really that works.

1	And I don't want to run into other
2	questions like that if they feel like
3	they're being encouraged to use solar, then
4	getting penalized on the other end.
5	Do you keep records of these I'm sure
6	you keep records of them, but and what
7	the issues are or how you-all went about
8	establishing the rates and how you went
9	about and where they're located? I just
10	would like to see who all has solar
11	facilities here or utilizing solar, whether
12	they're residents and now and commercial if
13	you have that. Are there a number of them,
14	too many to list?
15	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Hazouri, what
16	you're looking for
17	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: I'm not sure what
18	I'm looking for yet.
19	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I think what I'm
20	hearing you say is you're looking for people
21	that may be generating their own electricity
22	through solar.
23	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Correct.
24	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Not necessarily
25	people buying electricity from these?

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: No. And those who are getting -- and those who are -- how you-all are charging for them doing that, what kind of rates do they get for doing that, because that seems to be -- and I wish I had the exact question, and I can get it for you if you would like. You can talk to the owner over there.

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Because it seems like -- I don't want to discourage anybody. And I know it takes away from you-all's ability to do other things, but I don't want to discourage anybody from using solar if they possibly can. And if they're having some difficulty, I want to know what it is, if there is anything we can do legislatively or through you-all to help move this along. I want to encourage solar if they possibly can. And they're building a 30,000 square foot or whatever it is facility over there. And that's a lot of power.

MR. POPE: Through the Chair to

Councilman Hazouri, I have a one-page

summary on JEA's net metering policy, which

is what I think you're referring to, that

1	I'll be happy to send you. And if that
2	doesn't answer your question, we can
3	certainly keep going.
4	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Okay. But at the
5	same time, I would still like to see what
6	commercial facilities, whether they're doing
7	individually or not, are using solar here in
8	Jacksonville today and if that's growing.
9	MR. POPE: Yes, sir.
10	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Actually,
11	Mr. Pope, if you could provide the committee
12	with a list that would include both
13	commercial and residential locations that
14	are generating their own solar power, I
15	think that would be interesting. And I
16	don't think we need the names of the
17	individual customers, but just maybe a
18	breakdown as of, you know, fiscal year 2018,
19	at present we have 36 commercial entities.
20	It might be good to also reflect in
21	recent years, because I would be interested
22	in how that's developing in terms of how
23	many new people are signing up for solar.
24	Is that any kind of geometric progression?
25	Is it a steady percentage increase each

1	year? My understanding in some parts of the
2	country, that is it's getting close to
3	almost doubling itself.
4	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: And, Mr. Chairman,
5	the impact that it's having on you-all as
6	far as your income is concerned.
7	MR. POPE: Yes, sir.
8	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Do you know how
9	much Mr. Pope, do you know how much
10	electricity those people are generating for
11	themselves or you just know what you have to
12	buy back?
13	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to
14	Councilman Crescimbeni, I believe at present
15	the total number of JEA customers that are
16	generating their own power stands at 14
17	megawatts.
18	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: In power?
19	MR. POPE: At peak power, yes, sir.
20	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: You'll follow up
21	with the individual quantity of those?
22	MR. POPE: Yes.
23	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Thank
24	you, Mr. Hazouri.
25	Councilman Boyer.

1	COUNCILWOMAN BOYER: Through the Chair
2	to Mr. Pope, just want to check my math on
3	one thing here so I'm following. So we had
4	a conversation before about Plant Vogtle and
5	Plant Vogtle was going to supply somewhere
6	around 12 or 13 percent of the power demand
7	that JEA anticipated in the future. So if
8	I'm looking down at the new pending solar,
9	which is 250, and Plant Vogtle is 206, would
10	I assume that the pending solar is maybe 15
11	percent? Somewhere in that vicinity? I
12	mean, is that a comparative number? If 206
13	is 13 I mean
14	MR. POPE: Yes, ma'am.
15	COUNCILWOMAN BOYER: So it's a
16	comparable consumption number, a little bit
17	greater?
18	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to Council
19	Member Boyer, there is a difference
20	between sorry, we're getting into
21	things there is a difference between base
22	load, which you would not want to rely on
23	solar power for. I don't even know if you
24	can, quite honestly, because if a cloud
25	rolls over or if it's raining, your

production goes down.
And so Vogtle, a unit that could run all
of the time and be that base load power,
it's kind of apples and oranges a little
bit, but, yes, that 13 and 15 percent, that
would be accurate.
COUNCILWOMAN BOYER: Okay. Thanks.
CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
Ms. Boyer.
Councilman Love.
COUNCILMAN LOVE: Thank you.
Through the Chair to Mr. Pope, Mr. Pope,
on this page, are these annual or monthly or
what kind of numbers are these megawatts?
MR. POPE: Those are daily.
COUNCILMAN LOVE: Daily, okay. How much
they can provide daily, all right. Thank
you.
CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
Mr. Love.
Councilman Gulliford.
COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Thank you.
Through the Chair, going back to the
request about looking at, say, commercial
businesses that are generating their own

1 solar right now, the other question that 2 comes to mind is how does their cost of 3 producing compare with the JEA's cost of producing, say, a kilowatt hour of 4 5 electricity? I mean, that -- if you read much about this thing, that's becoming a 6 7 bigger and bigger issue. You would think 8 that JEA, by taking advantage of the same 9 tax credit as these businesses are, with 10 respect to solar power, would have an 11 economy of scale that would make them more 12 competitive on that production. And are we 13 missing an opportunity to sell solar power 14 to commercial businesses in lieu of them 15 building or having their own? 16 MR. POPE: Through the Chair to 17 Councilman Gulliford, I think part of the 18 be-bold strategy, we will look at all that. 19 I will tell you the new 55 -- the 5-50 20 megawatt solar installations, the contract 21 price for those came in more than 20 percent 2.2 below our current fuel rate. So these 23 are -- so that's a great thing for our 24 customers and our community. And to your 25 point, solar is getting more efficient and

1	there may be opportunities.
2	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: On April 30th of
3	last year in Germany, 85 percent of the
4	power generated that day was by renewables,
5	from renewables. And so we know what the
6	trend is going to be.
7	MR. POPE: Yes, sir.
8	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
9	Mr. Gulliford.
10	Councilwoman Morgan.
11	COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Thank you so much.
12	Through the Chair to Mr. Pope, thank you
13	so much for the information. If I could
14	expand on what you're going to bring back
15	about the commercial businesses and the
16	residential, would it be possible not to
17	give us addresses, but to give us locations?
18	Because the reason I ask is because
19	sometimes, if one neighbor goes solar and
20	starts talking to others, some in that
21	neighborhood say, oh, I'm going to try as
22	well. So I kind of want to see where around
23	the city this is happening.
24	MR. POPE: Through the Chair, I think a
25	map might be appropriate to demonstrate

1	exactly what you're asking for.
2	COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Yes. I would love
3	that. Thank you so much.
4	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
5	Ms. Morgan.
6	Councilman Wilson.
7	COUNCILMAN WILSON: Thank you,
8	Mr. Chairman.
9	I understand we're at 14 megawatts now.
10	Can you maybe, in your document, explain the
11	progression of where we got to that 14
12	megawatts? And maybe if you're able to,
13	include the projection of where you think we
14	might be in 5 or 10 years?
15	MR. POPE: Yes, sir.
16	COUNCILMAN WILSON: Thank you.
17	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
18	Mr. Wilson. Anything else?
19	All right. Mr. Pope.
20	MR. POPE: Thank you. Behind tab 13 is
21	a one-page summary. This is in response to
22	Councilman Hazouri's question comparing JEA
23	to Tampa Electric. This slide compares
24	JEA's electric utility to TECO's electric
25	utility. Now, TECO has gas; JEA has water

and sewer. I can't really compare those two, but we can compare apples to apples on the electric utility. So you can see they're about a little over double the size of our service area. We both operate in four counties. They have roughly 300,000, maybe 280,000 more customers than JEA does.

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As far as comparing -- I think this was also part of Councilman Hazouri's question, what would make TECO attractive to a purchaser that -- as compared to JEA. To be honest, that -- there are so many variables when analyzing that, it really -- it wasn't an exercise we felt comfortable with doing. What we -- we really felt comfortable just saying, here is what TECO looks like as an electric utility, here is what JEA looks like. But going back in time to the market that was there when TECO was acquired as compared to what the market looks like today and what it could look like in five years, it gets a little difficult to make that comparison. So we felt like it might not be -- I don't want to say accurate, but maybe a -- not the best comparison for us to

1	make in regards to another utility.
2	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Councilman
3	Hazouri.
4	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Thank you.
5	When was TECO acquired? The reason I
6	brought this question up, because the
7	news and I don't want to get back into
8	sale/no sale kind of thing. The reason I
9	brought it up is because editorial after
10	editorial, and I mentioned this to Mike
11	Clark, is why are you comparing a private
12	company to the JEA and it sold for \$10
13	billion, it's half the size, and how we
14	expect to get whatever everybody has added
15	up and subtracted in three or four fold
16	times, you know. So I just didn't
17	understand what the comparison was with the
18	TECO. We're out of that ball game now,
19	hopefully.
20	But it did just kind of concern me, if
21	you had a private company that went for \$10
22	billion, it wasn't near the size, much
23	larger than Jacksonville, or the JEA, and
24	yet they're comparing that. And I never
25	it's almost like we're going to get \$10

1	billion or whatever it might be, and it
2	really does sound like it's moot. And I was
3	just curious when they did it and why we
4	would even be comparing it to a private
5	utility versus a public utility.
6	MR. POPE: Yes, sir.
7	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: No thoughts on
8	that?
9	MR. POPE: Well, again, through the
LO	Chair to Councilman Hazouri, as I mentioned,
11	you add in TECO has gas, JEA has water and
12	sewer. And you're really looking at two
13	different companies. And so we just wanted
L 4	to drill this down to what can we compare
L5	apples to apples, and these are some
L 6	statistics. And to your point, it's a
L7	private utility versus a public utility. We
18	think this is as far as we can take the
L 9	comparison right now in response to your
20	question.
21	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Last thing then, if
22	you were okay. Like I said, this is the
23	past, but why would a private utility I
24	don't know what kind of money they were

making or not making -- sell themselves for

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1	\$10 billion or whatever and get out of that
2	business, and we're a public utility and
3	we're trying to end up, not now, but selling
4	to a private utility? I didn't understand
5	the difference in that and why there would
6	be even any comparison at all. It just
7	didn't make sense to me.
8	And I didn't know whether you-all were
9	part and parcel of that comparison or not
10	when all this stuff was coming down. You
11	don't have any thoughts on that?
12	MR. POPE: Through the Chair, I do not.
13	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: That's a good
14	answer. Thank you.
15	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Hazouri,
16	according to the PFM report, TECO changed
17	hands in September of 2015, September 2015.
18	Councilman Dennis.
19	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Through the Chair to
20	Mr. Pope, thank you for being here. Thank
21	you for continuing to give us good
22	information.
23	Just kind of piggyback on Councilman
24	Hazouri, and just had an opportunity to look
25	through the market and regulatory changes

and how, you know, JEA has navigated over the years. And you provided, you know, close to 50 years of how the market has changed and JEA has adjusted to that.

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And in saying that, have you all had an opportunity or have started looking at 5 years down the road, 10 years down the road? And, you know, look at -- looking at the market changes and how the utility will adjust and adapt to those changes? Because, in my opinion, I think that's the bottom line, you know, being a forward thinker and having some very, you know, smart people -- I'm not saying that you're not smart -- but having smart people to kind of forecast and move forward. So you kind of -- you kind of share that, and then I do have a couple follow-up questions as well.

MR. POPE: Through the Chair to

Councilman Dennis, JEA certainly has always had its eye on the future. I think what you've seen in the last eight days is that JEA has a new set of eyes on the future.

And it's maybe -- while it is also market and regulatory changes, it's tech- --

1	technology is such a driver in what's
2	changing the utility market.
3	And to your point, that is what our
4	focus is on that, what does it look like 5,
5	10 and 20 years down the road, and how does
6	JEA fit into that. So that's the
7	conversation we want to keep having. That's
8	the conversation we need to have with all 19
9	of you on a consistent basis to know how
10	does JEA continue on into the future and
11	adapt to market regulatory, technological
12	changes.
13	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Through the Chair,
14	you said only in the last eight days you've
15	had different eyes look at it?
16	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to
17	Councilman Dennis, what I believe I said was
18	that JEA has always had its eye on the
19	future. But under our new leadership, which
20	happened in the last eight days, we do have
21	a new set of eyes on that. So to that
22	extent, we are, since we have a new leader,
23	looking at the way JEA fits into market
24	regulatory and technological changes a
25	little bit differently.

1	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: So through the Chair
2	to Mr. Pope, so I understand you said that
3	JEA has always looked at. In the past eight
4	days, you're looking at it differently.
5	What's different about a new look at it? I
6	mean, can you expound on that?
7	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to
8	Councilman Dennis, I cannot expound on that
9	only to the extent I'm not familiar with all
10	of the ways that we would look at it
11	differently. What I can tell you is JEA has
12	a new leader of its organization. And what
13	you have heard in one-on-one meetings and at
14	this Committee today and at this Committee
15	last week is we're going to focus on serving
16	our customers and preserving the value of
17	JEA. And to the extent that we need to
18	adapt to all of these changes that you asked
19	us to illustrate, we're looking at that.
20	And, naturally, when you have a new leader,
21	you look at that in a through with a
22	fresh perspective. And that, I think, is
23	what's happening at JEA.
24	And to illustrate that, eight days ago
25	you didn't hear the words be bold, you heard

that today. And I think that's reflective
of a different way we're looking at
preserving the value of JEA and continuing
to serve this community.

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COUNCILMAN DENNIS: So through the

Chair, do you see organization as being a

conservative brand organization or an

organization that's kind of cutting-edge?

Or do you look at the organization as being

a pioneer or -- I mean, how do you see JEA?

I mean, what is the culture? I mean,

because I would look at JEA as a very

conservative, well-ran organization.

MR. POPE: Through the Chair, I would answer that by saying and using the word that I think we heard earlier today in that JEA is a company in transition, partly because it operates in an industry that is in transition. And as we look at that transition and what that looks like for JEA, we recognize the importance of interacting with all of our shareholder trustees in making sure we understand what's expected of JEA so that we can transition if needed and we can continue to provide a central utility

1	services and preserve the value of JEA to
2	this community.
3	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: So through the
4	Chair, I wasn't here earlier and I'll I
5	had another engagement. But at the last
6	meeting, I know the new leader mentioned a
7	pause button. Is that still the same
8	sentiment of the organization and its
9	leadership?
10	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to
11	Councilman Dennis, I have not heard a change
12	in the sentiment from what you just
13	described.
14	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Okay. So through
15	the Chair, and I know my time is running up,
16	and I shared this with your new leader and
17	I'm going to share it publicly with my
18	colleagues. You know, the first time I
19	heard the word pause, my mind went to
20	Netflix. You know, I'm watching a Netflix
21	movie and I press pause. And I press pause
22	so I can go to the bathroom and come back
23	and start off, you know, continue the movie
24	where I left off; pause, not stopping.
25	So I'm sharing that so again

1	everything you know, we talk about words
2	and having to play on words. So I shared
3	that with your leader today to say, listen,
4	let's change that word from pause to what it
5	really is, stop or, you know, we're going to
6	continue. So those are all my questions.
7	Thank you.
8	MR. POPE: Mr. Chairman, may I say one
9	thing?
10	Through the Chair to Councilman Dennis,
11	while I have not heard that sentiment has
12	changed, I will also say that Mr. Zahn has
13	committed to continue to support this
14	committee in whatever way it has asked for
15	however long it continues to exist.
16	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
17	Mr. Dennis.
18	Thank you, Mr. Pope.
19	Mr. Gulliford.
20	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: With all due
21	respect, Mr. Chairman, through the Chair to
22	Mr. Pope, while we're getting into this
23	discussion about direction, I have to make
24	folks aware that may not be aware that, when
25	we were first elected, the JEA was in a

pretty tough -- it was in pretty tough shape because of the excessive debt burden that they were carrying.

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And I did go as Council president to the rating agency meeting that year in New York, as has every Council president.

And, you know, it's kind of hard to talk about building an addition onto your house when the living room is burning down, or on They had -- the rating agencies put fire. great pressure on the JEA with respect to that debt burden and a certain amount of threat that, had they followed through with some of that threat, it would have been very detrimental to the utility financially. while I applaud the direction now of being more bold, let's not forget the fact that in the past they inherited some pretty bad situations, financial situations, that I applaud them that they have dug out of that and it's been very, very difficult, I think Melissa will certainly tell you that, it's been very difficult for them to do that. So now we're in a position, better position, where we can go ahead.

1	But you can't lose sight of the fact
2	that they are a utility that's driven by
3	bottom line. And that bottom line is
4	scrutinized by such folks as rating
5	agencies. So there is some impediment
6	that's placed on them because of that. Is
7	that not correct, Mr. Pope?
8	MR. POPE: Yes, sir.
9	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Thank you.
10	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
11	Mr. Gulliford.
12	Mr. Dennis, for the second time.
13	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Through the Chair, I
14	just want to comment to what Councilman
15	Gulliford said. You know, Councilman
16	Gulliford, when you came in and it was at
17	it was at 2011, there were it was tough
18	times here in our city. And I do think
19	that, because of your leadership when you
20	were president and the conservative nature
21	of JEA, that was the reason why they were
22	able to navigate, pay off debt and be a
23	stronger company today.
24	And, you know, if you look at you
25	know, we talk about Plant Vogtle and how

1	much debt, was that a bold action? You
2	know, was that, you know, an action of not
3	thinking conservative and not thinking, you
4	know, you know, in the direction of, you
5	know, keeping the agency strong?
6	So, again, you're absolutely right, you
7	know, I think we need to be careful when we
8	talk about bold so we won't get into a
9	situation such as a Plant Vogtle.
10	But, again, I do want to, you know,
11	thank you and my other colleagues who were
12	elected in 2011 for your leadership in
13	helping guide and navigate JEA so when, you
14	know, the newbies on this committee, you
15	know, Councilman Hazouri, Councilman Wilson,
16	myself, Councilman Becton and Councilwoman
17	Morgan, that, you know, now we're in a
18	posture of an agency that's doing well,
19	that's financially sound and that's going to
20	definitely continue to grow and produce
21	electricity and provide, you know, clean
22	water for the ratepayers.
23	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
24	Mr. Dennis. No further questions.
25	Mr. Pope, you want to go on to the last

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2	MR. POPE: Thank you. Tab 14 is a
3	response to a question from Councilman
4	Becton asking how other utilities are
5	diversifying. So the seven bullets we have
6	on this slide are just they are
7	illustrations of what other utilities are
8	doing. This may not necessarily be what JEA
9	might consider down the road as we work to
LO	develop a framework and how that informs our
11	strategic plan on how JEA might diversify or
12	not diversify or grow revenues. And so this
13	is this is just what some other utilities
L 4	are doing, operating these as separate
L5	businesses. And so you see telecom on
L 6	there, that's something JEA, as we've talked
L7	about in some other committees lately
L8	regarding those revenues. And so to some
L 9	extent we're doing some of these, but it's
20	just a list to show what other utilities
21	might be doing. And we certainly plan to
22	keep talking about this diversity question
23	as we move forward.
24	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Can you help me

out with the definition of energy marketing

Τ	and distributed generation companies?
2	MR. POPE: Yes, sir. I'm glad you asked
3	about energy marketing. I asked the same
4	question this morning.
5	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I tell you what,
6	if you asked any other questions, go ahead
7	and include those in your explanation. Oil
8	and natural gas gathering, that sounds like
9	we're trying to clean up after a spill or
10	something.
11	MR. POPE: I shouldn't have printed the
12	packet before I asked the question.
13	Energy marketing, if you've heard of the
14	energy authority, these are companies that
15	buy and sell power on the open market. So
16	it's a JEA utilizes the energy authority
17	as part of its business to achieve, really,
18	cost savings for its customers in the energy
19	market. There are other companies that do
20	this apart from their core electric utility
21	business. And so there are some utilities
22	that are getting into that. It includes
23	natural gas marketing and hedging and things
24	like that.
25	Distributed

1 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Didn't you 2 mentioned earlier back on tab 12 that you 3 were buying some power from somebody and then reselling all of it to somebody else? 4 MR. POPE: The wind farm, that is a 5 power purchase agreement. We don't actually 6 7 take the power, but we purchased it at the 8 time. We entered into that contract at the 9 time for renewable energy credits, that we 10 consequently do not need at this current 11 time that the power was never --12 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I thought you 13 said you were buying it and reselling it and 14 we weren't actually -- you weren't selling 15 it to any of our customers, sounded like you 16 were doing this energy marketing thing. No? 17 MR. POPE: No, sir. It's not the same 18 thing. 19 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. 20 MR. POPE: The wind is -- that power 21 doesn't come here. We resell it. We really 2.2 entered into that for the renewable energy 23 credits. And we actually sell the power and 24 the renewable energy credits at this time 25 because we don't need either.

1	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I'm sorry. So
2	are we buying it or are we just assigning it
3	to somebody else?
4	MR. POPE: The power purchase agreement,
5	we take the power, we resell it in the
6	market, as well as the energy credits
7	associated with that power.
8	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Doesn't that
9	match your definition for energy marketing?
10	MR. POPE: Through the Chair or to
11	the Chair, I don't think so because the
12	what we are doing is through a power
13	purchase agreement. This is a company that
14	would
15	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: A commodity,
16	you're buying commodity?
17	MR. POPE: Yes, sir.
18	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Oil and natural
19	gas gathering, what is that?
20	MR. POPE: So that's the pipelines and
21	the physical infrastructure in even the
22	refineries that utilities are getting into,
23	actually, installing this infrastructure.
24	And, of course, they're operating that,
25	again, as a separate business from their

1	utility business.
2	Distributed generation, I think the
3	simplest explanation is solar panels on a
4	roof. That's distributed generation. And
5	there are companies getting into that, where
6	they maintain the solar panels, lease the
7	solar panels potentially
8	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Would the sale of
9	metered gas to your existing utility
10	customers be the second item?
11	MR. POPE: No, sir. I do not believe it
12	would. I believe that's just the
13	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Is that not
14	anything that is being considered with
15	regard to diversifying?
16	MR. POPE: On JEA for JEA?
17	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Yeah.
18	MR. POPE: So this list is just what
19	other utilities are doing. JEA may consider
20	all seven of these and we may go beyond this
21	list. This is what other utilities are
22	doing.
23	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Doesn't TECO sell
24	gas to customers?
25	MR. POPE: Yes, sir, they do.

1	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Is that a form of
2	diversification?
3	MR. POPE: Well, through the Chair, TECO
4	is a gas utility, I guess maybe at one
5	point, that was a diversification. I don't
6	have a good answer to that question.
7	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. I've got
8	some questions for you.
9	Councilman Hazouri.
10	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Thank you.
11	In looking at this list thank you for
12	doing this, Danny what is the
13	that's I hate to keep going back to
14	yesteryear, which was last month. Why if
15	we're trying to be competitive and looking
16	at other utilities, private utilities, it
17	seems like a while back we were throwing in
18	the towel because we thought that other
19	utilities may be able to do something
20	better. But these are the things that I
21	would expect you-all to be doing yesterday,
22	today and tomorrow, looking at other
23	opportunities.
24	And what is the difference in what
25	the competition, if they're doing this, we

Τ	can very well do the same thing. I never
2	understood why we were looking at the grass
3	on the other side when we have it right here
4	and we could be doing the same thing. And
5	this sounds like, in our bold new electric
6	authority of the South, that we're getting
7	ready to do what we should have been doing
8	all along.
9	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to
10	Councilman Hazouri, I apologize if I've
11	given the impression that we've never looked
12	at any of these.
13	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: I didn't think you
14	never looked at it. I didn't mean it that
15	way.
16	MR. POPE: JEA certainly has. We've
17	talked about natural gas, we've talked about
18	recently dark fiber and small cell and all
19	sorts of other businesses. But what I
20	think what I want to say out of that is
21	we want to have a serious conversation and
22	really look at which one of these can help
23	preserve the value of JEA as we move
24	forward.
25	COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Don't you think we

1	all I mean, you know how we did the oil
2	back in the '70s, we were paying normal
3	price and then oil went up and then we
4	started doing short-term contracts and we're
5	doing a good deal and then they went back up
6	and we had no more I mean, why wouldn't
7	we have a multiple choice out there like
8	you're doing right here instead of just
9	concentrating on one? Obviously, that's
10	what other companies are doing. Their
11	business models if they're doing that
12	great that we think that they we would be
13	appealing to them to do the same kind of
14	thing, why wouldn't we be competitive, and
15	why wouldn't we be doing that, and why
16	wouldn't we be just as competitive as
17	Florida Power & Light or Duke Energy or any
18	of the rest?
19	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to
20	Councilman Hazouri, certainly this is
21	looking at diversifying different business
22	lines. To your point about oil, we have
23	certainly diversified our fuel mix since
24	1970 and we're in a much better position
25	there. It happened sooner than today,

1	but
2	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
3	Mr. Hazouri.
4	Councilman Gulliford.
5	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Thank you,
6	Mr. Chairman.
7	Through the Chair, Mr. Pope, it's good
8	to hear you make reference to the
9	possibility that JEA might become a marketer
10	of residential and commercial solar panels
11	or solar installation or whatever else that
12	might where that might go, because it
13	seems like you are situated better than most
14	to be able to do that. And I think
15	utilities probably around the country are
16	learning, probably learning that. So I'm
17	glad to hear that you mentioned that.
18	MR. POPE: Through the Chair to
19	Councilman Gulliford, I hope I didn't sound
20	so excited about it that it sounded as if we
21	were moving in that direction right now, but
22	we are certainly evaluating that.
23	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: I'm sure you are,
24	Mr. Pope.
25	You have given us a list of things that

other utilities have either engaged in or looked in to drive their revenue. But as with any business, revenue is not the only component that needs to be addressed.

Because those of us that have owned businesses and run them know that you can drive 20 percent more revenue and have 40 percent more cost and the net effect is not good on the bottom line.

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So the question becomes is it something that also, in this strategic planning and in this assessment of JEA, that it might not be appropriate to take a really good look by somebody outside, because those of us in a business tend to not -- that are involved every single day with it, we lose sight sometimes of things. And would it not be appropriate to add to that plan for the future, the immediate future, to get somebody to do a strong assessment of our operating expenses and how we might be better served by initiating things that may lower those expenses? I don't know if you have the capability of coming up. I know it's very difficult, because many times

comparative information is not fair because

of the differences from one utility or one

business to another.

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But, certainly, one of the values we had in the industry that I was in was that we did have a national association that put together information where we could get comparative numbers, at least from a percentage standpoint with others in our industry and had some sense about how well we were doing on the expense side or the operational side of the business. And I haven't heard that discussed much. and I haven't heard that JEA has in recent years gone outside of the utility to have somebody really assess it in a meaningful way. So is that something that might be addressed by the Board and by JEA in the near future?

MR. POPE: Through the Chair, I don't know. It sounds perfectly reasonable. And to your point, I think any new business line should be fully evaluated, not just for revenues, but costs. So I'm happy to take that back.

1	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Good. Thanks.
2	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
3	Mr. Gulliford.
4	Councilwoman Morgan.
5	COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Thank you so much.
6	Through the Chair, Mr. Pope, I
7	appreciate you trying to give us a
8	definition of some of these different ways
9	to diversify, but if you would, could I have
10	definitions of all? And if I can get that,
11	I would appreciate it. And if there is any
12	kind of reference to it that could be an
13	example for me, I would greatly appreciate
14	that. And then that way, if I go back to
15	look over this information, I'll have it
16	right there, rather than trying to pick my
17	brain and go, exactly what did he say.
18	MR. POPE: I will be happy to do that.
19	COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Thank you. I
20	appreciate it.
21	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
22	Ms. Morgan.
23	All right. We are going to recess for
24	10 minutes for the court reporter, who is
25	not up front today, she's in the back room,

1	for some reason. So we'll reconvene at
2	it's 4:49 now. We'll reconvene at one
3	minute to 5:00. So we'll stand at recess.
4	Mr. Pope, will you I think Mr. Zahn
5	mentioned that the Board had authorized an
6	RFP for the search of a new CEO. Did I hear
7	that correctly?
8	MR. POPE: I believe that's the same
9	thing I heard, yes, sir.
10	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Can we get
11	a copy of that RFP when it's available to be
12	put on the street?
13	MR. POPE: Yes, sir.
14	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Thank
15	you.
16	We'll be in recess for 10 minutes.
17	(Brief recess.)
18	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: If we could have
19	everyone return to their seats, please.
20	All right. We'll go ahead and continue.
21	Thank you, Mr. Pope. Now you've given
22	us all the tabs that are outstanding as of
23	the last meeting; is that correct or
24	everything but the last meeting? All right.
25	Thank you. We'll see you here next week.

1	Moving on with our agenda, we have a few
2	reports from our Counsel Auditor's Office.
3	Mr. Billy or, Mr. Peterson, I'm
4	sorry.
5	MR. PETERSON: Not a problem. The first
6	document that you will be receiving is a
7	request that came from the Chair of the
8	dollar amount necessary or the dollar amount
9	increase to JEA customers to generate an
10	additional \$91 million on the electric side
11	and an additional \$25 million on the water
12	side. This would be equate to 116
13	million JEA contribution the City is
14	currently receiving.
15	The two sheets that are in this packet
16	are the impacts to a typical residential
17	bill, so 1,000 kilowatt hours on the
18	electric side and then 6,000 gallons of
19	water with a five-eighth meter on the
20	water/sewer side.
21	Keep in mind that, to get to this 91
22	million and 25 million, we also factored in
23	the increases that would result from
24	franchise fees, as well as public service
25	taxes. As we discussed in earlier meetings,

1	those compound upon each other.
2	So the impact to a residential bill
3	would be \$9.18 a month, a 7.4 percent
4	increase over a current bill. And then
5	flipping to page 2 on the water side, that's
6	the top section, \$1.27 increase per month;
7	and then the bottom section sewer, \$2.34.
8	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. So
9	I've had a lot of people ask about what is
10	the value of the JEA contributions, so I
11	asked them to perform this exercise. So,
12	essentially, the money that is coming to the
13	City in this year's contribution, 108
14	million, would equate to on a standard 1,000
15	kilowatts, 6,000 gallon water electric bill
16	would equal a contribution from the
17	customer residential customer a
18	contribution of \$9.18 on the electric side
19	and \$3.61 on wastewater.
20	And these would be in addition to
21	similar increases on water, wastewater on
22	the commercial side. He did not present
23	those.
24	MR. PETERSON: That is correct. The
25	numbers were factored in. We just presented

1	the residential.
2	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Councilman
3	Gulliford.
4	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Just a point, Mr.
5	Chairman, this includes franchise fees and
6	utility tax; correct? I mean, we're not
7	really talking about separate the actual
8	contribution, if you excluded those, is not
9	separated out in the impact that that's
10	shown in the way of a rate increase;
11	correct?
12	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: This exercise was
13	what would it take to offset or replace the
14	\$116 million that comes in as a
15	contribution. If we weren't making that
16	if that wasn't a contribution from earnings
17	and it was simply revenue from commercial
18	and residential customers, what would that
19	equate to in dollars and cents. So these
20	numbers do include the franchise fee and the
21	public service tax.
22	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: I understand
23	that. But my point is that would be
24	constant whether we had a private utility,
25	public utility, whatever kind of utility

1	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: That is true.
2	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Yes, it would,
3	Mr. Anderson, it absolutely would.
4	The franchise fee stays constant at
5	three percent regardless of whoever is
6	operating the utility or owns the utility.
7	So I just wanted to make that point, because
8	it has some validity to it. I'm not being
9	argumentative or saying that that's a big
10	deal, but I just think everybody needs to
11	understand that.
12	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Right. The JEA,
13	that was, I think, expressed at a former
14	meeting. I think we get about \$250 million
15	from the JEA, but only 116 of that is
16	revenue that actually comes from the JEA.
17	The balance is a franchise fee that the City
18	levies that anybody would collect on our
19	behalf. And the other is the public
20	services tax that
21	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Exactly.
22	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: anybody would
23	collect on our behalf. Those are constants
24	and it doesn't matter if it was the JEA or
25	FPL or Gulf Power or whoever. If they were

Ι	providing services in our jurisdiction, they
2	would be compelled to collect the franchise
3	fee or the public services.
4	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: And I think the
5	other significant number that the Council
6	Auditor has developed in the past is what
7	would be the shortfall if you had a utility
8	that was paying property tax versus the
9	contribution that we're getting now. And as
10	I recall, that was about \$60 million that
11	we'd be short; correct?
12	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: That's correct.
13	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: I just think we
14	want to throw all those numbers out there.
15	Peterson loves numbers anyway.
16	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Thank
17	you, Mr. Gulliford.
18	Councilman Anderson.
19	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: Thank you,
20	Chairman.
21	I'm trying to understand what we're
22	trying to drive at here. Does this say
23	that, if the City was not getting the \$116
24	million, that the bills would be \$12.79
25	less? Is that what the analysis is?

1	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: No. What
2	this means well, it could be, it could be
3	that direction as well.
4	But what this analysis was predicated on
5	is, if we needed to collect \$116 million and
6	we didn't want to do that through the
7	ratepayers, commercial and residential, what
8	would that equate to in residential
9	customers an average residential customer
10	on the electric side and water and
11	wastewater side. These are the numbers it
12	would take along with similar increased
13	monthly billings on the commercial side to
14	get us 116 million. These do include the
15	franchise fee and public utility.
16	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: So can I make sure
17	I'm so it goes either way, either way is
18	what you're saying
19	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: If we reduced our
20	rates by these amounts, we'd have JEA
21	would have 116 million less revenue and
22	they'd have a little bit less revenue and
23	then we'd also have the difference in less
24	franchise fee and public service.
25	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Peterson, is

1	that really what the analysis was driving
2	at?
3	MR. PETERSON: Through the Chair to
4	Councilman Anderson, yes, sir.
5	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.
6	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: No one else on
7	the queue.
8	Mr. Peterson.
9	MR. PETERSON: The second sheet with the
10	title JEA Membership Totals By Fiscal Year,
11	this was a result of a document JEA passed
12	out last week, tab 5 of your notebook that
13	had their memberships. And we were just
14	asked to add or foot those columns. And
15	so here are the fiscal year totals for each
16	of those memberships.
17	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: You can add this
18	to the back part. There is a section under
19	tab 5, I don't think it's the last section,
20	but there is a section in tab 5 that just
21	has memberships, who they were paid to, year
22	and the amounts, but there were no totals.
23	So if you add up I had the Council
24	Auditor add up all the totals. And you can
25	see what the JEA is spending each year on

1	membership fees to various organizations
2	that are identified on the back tab.
3	Any questions on that?
4	All right. Mr. Peterson.
5	MR. PETERSON: And then the last
6	document is another attempt to answer
7	Mr. Becton's question on JEA's investments.
8	There is a three-page kind of PowerPoint
9	looking slides. JEA's investment portfolio
10	as of $9/30/17$ , the page 1 shows total
11	portfolio of \$1.58 billion broken down into
12	various investment strategies.
13	And then pages 2 or page 2 is a
14	breakout of the municipal bonds. So if
15	you'll see on page 1 they have total
16	municipal bonds of \$320.9 million. Page 2
17	is a breakdown of those 320 million.
18	And then on page 3, same thing for the
19	commercial paper, page 1 total commercial
20	paper 170.9 million and you see that
21	commercial paper broken down on page 3.
22	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: These are
23	investments that are on the JEA books;
24	right?
25	MR. PETERSON: That is correct, yes,

1	sir.
2	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: And on page 2,
3	what were the universities listed on here?
4	Penn State University, University of
5	Kentucky, what would Texas A&M, what
6	would those be?
7	MR. PETERSON: Through the Chair to the
8	Committee, those universities would issue
9	bonds to do projects at their facilities.
10	And JEA purchases those bonds as investments
11	that meet their investment strategies.
12	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Indianapolis
13	Wastewater, we would be purchasing another
14	utility's bonds to develop their wastewater
15	facility or something?
16	MR. PETERSON: It would appear so. JEA
17	has a representative here if you have
18	specific questions about any of these
19	investments.
20	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: If you'll just
21	state your name for the record.
22	MR. ORFANO: Certainly. Good afternoon.
23	Joe Orfano, JEA Treasurer.
24	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: So JEA is
25	investing in bond sales from other utilities

1	that are financing infrastructure?
2	MR. ORFANO: To the Chair, correct, sir.
3	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: And there is a
4	lot of university bond investments here.
5	Are those for infrastructure improvements?
6	MR. ORFANO: Or refunding of existing
7	bonds that they've issued. Very highly
8	rated, I might add, for the university.
9	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Any
10	questions from the Committee?
11	Mr. Becton.
12	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Thank you.
13	Through the Chair, so what is kind of
14	give us an overview of what JEA's investment
15	strategy is and, you know, what kind of
16	retained earnings, if you want to call it
17	that, I guess, for a private municipal, what
18	is your strategy on that?
19	MR. ORFANO: Very good question.
20	Through the Chair to Council Member Becton,
21	we have an exhibit as well, I believe, that
22	Mr. Peterson handed out with our investment
23	policy itself. If I could read it, just a
24	couple of sentences from the first page.
25	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Where is that at,

1	before you begin? All right. We don't have
2	that, so we'll just listen to you.
3	MR. ORFANO: I'll read a couple of
4	sentences into the record, very important.
5	The first is, JEA's investment portfolio
6	shall be managed with the primary objective
7	of safety of capital. JEA will strive to
8	obtain the highest possible yields
9	consistent with safety of capital, liquidity
10	of the portfolio and prudent investment
11	principles.
12	So I can't stress that enough.
13	Preservation of capital is our primary
14	concern.
15	Our existing portfolio has a weighted
16	average life of just under two years at
17	present. The balances that you see on the
18	first page are a little bit high. At fiscal
19	year end, the cash balances reflect a full
20	year of principal payments that are due the
21	next day on all of our debt. We pay
22	principal pay principal on October 1st
23	and we pay six months of interest.
24	So just to give you a more
25	representative balance, as of March 31st, we

1	had just over 1.3 billion of total
2	investments. So you see, there is about
3	\$300 million of debt service payments that
4	came out of our total investments as of
5	10/1. And that happens every year.
6	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Okay. So
7	MR. ORFANO: But the investment strategy
8	is extremely conservative, largely
9	COUNCILMAN BECTON: I don't think
10	anybody is surprised, I guess. No surprised
11	looks up here that you might say that.
12	So what is JEA's strategy as far as how
13	much retained earnings that you hold versus
14	investing in how we're going to invest in
15	being bold or how we might use that capital
16	to further advance JEA's business strategy?
17	MR. ORFANO: To the Chair to Council
18	Member Becton, I don't get paid to be bold.
19	And just to be clear apologies.
20	COUNCILMAN BECTON: But you got to give
21	the fuel to the people who are, though.
22	MR. ORFANO: Correct, correct.
23	I want to clarify something on page 3,
24	commercial paper. For those that aren't
25	familiar with this instrument, that is a

1	debt instrument. Commercial paper are
2	securities issued from 1 to 270 days. You
3	might be confused seeing Apple at the top of
4	this list. That is a debt investment.
5	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Those are not cell
6	phones?
7	MR. ORFANO: We do not invest in equity
8	securities.
9	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Okay. But I still
10	go back. You haven't answered the question
11	that I'm asking in the sense of is there
12	a are you just squirrelling away cash
13	I mean, at what point do you have to take
14	the cash that you generate that you might
15	say, well, let's just go pay off debt is
16	there a point where you make that capital
17	work for you in a sense of growing the
18	company or paying off debt? I mean, is
19	there some kind of defined strategy as we're
20	going a percent of equity or, you know,
21	PE I'm not a financial analyst here, so I
22	don't know maybe the exact term to give you.
23	But is there an amount of cash that you
24	guys say we have to have this on hand
25	MR. ORFANO: We do.

1	COUNCILMAN BECTON: whether it's an
2	investment, short-term? And above this,
3	we're going to, you know we're going to
4	use this, perhaps, to make decisions to pay
5	down debt?
6	MR. ORFANO: Again, a very good
7	question. Through the Chair to Council
8	Member Becton, we also provided to the
9	Council Auditor our quarterly reserve fund
10	report. It's a detailed look at both the
11	electric system and the water and sewer
12	system.
13	All of our various reserve funds have a
14	specific purpose. Some of them are
15	unrestricted cash that are available to use,
16	as you say, to for further capital
17	expenditures or for debt repayment.
18	We then have restricted funds. Our debt
19	service reserve funds are restricted. Our
20	renewal and replacement funds are
21	restricted. So we have provided previously
22	to the Council Auditor our most current
23	quarterly reserve fund report. So we can
24	make that available as well.
25	COUNCILMAN BECTON: So your reserves are

1	separate from this. So this doesn't make up
2	reserves?
3	MR. ORFANO: The reserve fund balances
4	are this is just a summary of the overall
5	securities. But these securities actually
6	fund these various reserves.
7	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Okay. So through
8	the Chair, so it does include those reserve
9	allocations?
10	MR. ORFANO: Yes, it does. Yes, it
11	does.
12	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Okay. So I guess
13	somewhere then
14	MR. ORFANO: And we would be happy to
15	provide that to you.
16	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Okay. So somewhere,
17	though, there has got to be some level of,
18	you know, tucking away cash for the sake of,
19	you know, making your balance sheet look
20	good, where debt your interest rate on
21	debt is going to be higher than the interest
22	rate that you're bringing in, I'm sure, on
23	some of these short-term securities and so
24	forth where you say, hey, we would be better
25	off paying off this eight-percent or

1	five-percent interest debt than just
2	sticking it in a mutual bond fund that's
3	giving us a point and a half or something.
4	So I assume there is some strategy there
5	that says anything over this we should
6	consider higher debt interest payments.
7	MR. ORFANO: Through the Chair to
8	Council Member Becton, absolutely. We have
9	specific uses for all these funds. We
10	have we do have discretionary cash,
11	pardon me. But, again, we have a fuel
12	reserve, for instance. And that balance was
13	relatively high at yearend as well. There
14	was approximately 131 million in the fuel
15	reserve. At March 31st that balance had
16	dropped to approximately 75 million based on
17	a decision to drop that balance over time.
18	So, yes, we have specific objectives and
19	requirements for these various reserve
20	accounts. And we have a detailed
21	30-plus-page report that also includes all
22	of the bond resolution requirements and the
23	specific conditions around the use of that
24	cash. And we'll be happy to provide that.
25	COUNCILMAN BECTON: All right. I look

1	forward to maybe continuing that
2	conversation in the future. Thanks.
3	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
4	Mr. Becton.
5	Are you even allowed to be in the same
6	room as the new CEO?
7	MR. ORFANO: Yes, sir, I am.
8	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. I didn't
9	know if some kind of chain reaction would
10	happen because he's bold, bold, bold, and
11	you said you didn't get paid to be bold. So
12	I didn't know if you-all could even be in
13	the same room.
14	MR. ORFANO: Treasurers seldom get paid
15	to be bold.
16	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I understand.
17	They don't go around admitting that, though.
18	Mr. Dennis.
19	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Through the Chair,
20	so I'm looking at this sheet here. So kind
21	of help me understand. It says total
22	investment portfolio as of 9/30/17. So the
23	agency so the agency's let's get the
24	Federal Farm Credit Bank, right. That's
25	\$172 million. Is that how much money we

1	have in that or invested in that bank?
2	MR. ORFANO: Through the Chair to
3	Council Member Dennis, as of that date,
4	that's how much cash we had invested in
5	those particular bonds.
6	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Okay. So
7	MR. ORFANO: And to amplify on that,
8	those security the agency securities are
9	rated the same as U.S. Treasury securities.
10	So they are AAA by Fitch & Moody's and AA
11	plus by Standard & Poor's.
12	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Okay. So Councilman
13	Anderson, I know you're the banker. You're
14	the only banker here on our Council, yeah
15	no, not really. But you're the banker,
16	right, of the you're our banker, all
17	right.
18	And I know that my good friend,
19	Councilman Love, you are an insurance guy.
20	But you all sell investments at your
21	company; right?
22	Okay. So what strikes me on this piece
23	of paper, if you go down to PFM, money
24	market fund, so we have \$65 million invested
25	in PFM money market fund. But then a few

1 months ago we had PFM going out soliciting 2 an RFP to help whatever you want to call it. 3 And then we had PFM come before this body to give us a valuation, evaluation. 4 5 So I'm curious to know if the PFM money market fund that we have \$65 million is the 6 same PFM down in Orlando that is doing 7 8 business over at JEA. 9 And then once you answer that question, 10 if it's yes, then I want to turn to my 11 banker, you know, insurance guy over here 12 and -- because I'm curious, to me, it seems 13 like a conflict. But before I, you know, 14 jump to conclusions, can you answer that 15 question? 16 MR. ORFANO: Through the Chair to 17 Council Member Dennis, they are affiliated. 18 This is actually PFM Asset Management, an 19 affiliate of PFM Group. Apologies, we 20 probably did a poor job of labelling this fund. This is actually the Florida 21 2.2 Education Investment Trust Fund. And that fund is administered by PFM, but that is 23

entities, municipal entities in the state of

open to various education, tax exempt

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Florida. They currently have \$1.1 billion
under management in this fund. But it is an
affiliate of PFM, the advisor.

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But they have, for regulatory purposes, split out. I can't get into the legalities here in front of you today. I could provide further information if need be.

COUNCILMAN DENNIS: So Google is so, so, so amazing. So I Googled PFM money market fund. And when I Google that, it says PFM funds managed by PFM Asset Management, LLC. So I was like, wow, that sounds like the company out of Orlando. So I Googled again --

MR. ORFANO: They have an office in -through the Chair to Council Member Dennis,
they do have an office in Orlando. To give
you an idea of the total -- and this is,
again, just one fund administered by PFM
Asset Management. They currently administer
a total of approximately \$79 billion in
assets as of 9/30. And because it's NFL
draft day, about a year ago or so, they just
were awarded the investment advisory
services for the NFL's pension

1	contributions. So this is a legitimate
2	79 billion under management.
3	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Through the Chair,
4	I'm not questioning they're legitimate. I'm
5	questioning is there a conflict of interest
6	here, because if this \$79 billion asset
7	management goes under, guess what, we lose
8	65 million; am I correct? So I don't care
9	about the 79 billion, I care about my 65
10	million. Likewise, you know, a small
11	investment.
12	So I want to turn to my banker and my
13	insurance guy, and I would love to get your
14	thoughts on it. And should we be concerned
15	as a body on having a \$65 million part with
16	PFM and then PFM is also doing, you know,
17	business with JEA?
18	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: I guess you're
19	asking me. And you're asking me a lot of
20	questions about something that I don't think
21	we have a lot of information about. I
22	understand where you're going.
23	I think what you said was that this is
24	administered by PFM, but that the fund
25	itself is another fund; is that right?

1	MR. ORFANO: That's correct.
2	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: And the fund is
3	MR. ORFANO: And the fund is through
4	the Chair to Council Member Anderson, the
5	fund is comprised of, again, AAA, AA rated
6	municipal securities. It is a very
7	conservative fund.
8	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: Yeah. And, you
9	know, I don't know how the rate compares,
10	but it strikes me as being is it a daily
11	money market rate?
12	MR. ORFANO: The average life of the
13	portfolio, I believe, is approximately 80
14	days.
15	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: Is it fully
16	liquid?
17	MR. ORFANO: Yes, sir.
18	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: It's fully liquid,
19	okay.
20	You know, Mr. Dennis, we ought to look
21	more into it. But it would not be unusual,
22	in my mind, that this would be a separate
23	part of the company. And, frankly, it's not
24	the investment portion itself. It's just
25	the administrative portion of it.

1	So I know that JEA has a very strict
2	investment policy, which is approved by the
3	Board and which is not bold in the way that
4	you said. It's conservative, so that's
5	appropriate. So, anyhow, that's kind of my
6	thoughts.
7	COUNCILMAN DENNIS: So if I can just
8	because I think I had, like, about two
9	minutes. So as the banker on the Council,
10	nothing gives you pause having seen the 65
11	million PFM money market funds, and then we
12	also have PFM doing business in and around
13	JEA that's totally separate from this, but,
14	again, we have one company managing 65
15	million as well as advising, because I would
16	think that I would advise for the best
17	interest of my company and the bottom line,
18	not for the best interest of
19	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Anderson, do
20	you want to respond to that?
21	COUNCILMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Dennis, I'm
22	not familiar with this, so I don't want to
23	pretend that I have information that I don't
24	have. I will say that my sense of it is
25	that it's not unusual.

1	As a matter of fact, you would imagine a
2	company like Bank of America, which owns
3	Merrill Lynch, would provide services in the
4	same way. They provide multiple services
5	across business lines and they have very
6	strict guidelines around that.
7	The financial service industry is highly
8	regulated. And I would not find it, in my
9	impression, unusual. Again, I'm not
10	familiar with the specifics.
11	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
12	Mr. Anderson.
13	Are there any other things listed on
14	this report that might be managed or
15	administrated by PFM or is this the only
16	one?
17	MR. ORFANO: To the Chair, this is the
18	only one. I would point out the next fund,
19	Florida Prime Fund, we actually pulled out
20	of this fund this was administered by the
21	state. It had liquidity issues. JEA pulled
22	out of this fund back, I believe, in '08
23	or '09. At that time Federated Investments
24	took over the administration of this fund.
25	We elected to get back into this fund

1	about a year ago. The performance is,
2	frankly, a little better than PFM. But I
3	believe the fees that we pay on this fund
4	are a little bit lower. That's what's
5	driving the Florida Prime Fund. Again,
6	highly rated AAA, AA securities, federated,
7	it is Pittsburgh based. They have \$11
8	billion under management right now.
9	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Not related to
10	PFM?
11	MR. ORFANO: Not related to PFM. And I
12	will double check with my counterpart at the
13	City, Mr. Greive, but I believe the City is
14	investing through a PFM asset management as
15	well. And I will get
16	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I tell you what,
17	we'll just ask the Council Auditor, who may
18	be looking for that, make sure you copy all
19	the appropriate people in that email.
20	All right. Thank you.
21	Mr. Gulliford.
22	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: Through the
23	Chairman, following Mr. Dennis' questioning,
24	should we be concerned about Wells Fargo
25	bank handling some of our accounts in light

1	of all the bad publicity and fines and the
2	like that they've gotten in recent months
3	with their mortgage operation, et cetera?
4	That might be a little tongue-in-cheek, sir.
5	It might even be rhetorical. I don't see
6	whether it's at all germane to the issue,
7	because it is so heavily regulated, as
8	Mr. Anderson has said.
9	The other thing that I think may have
10	been lost on members of the Committee is
11	that you mentioned the heavy regulation
12	that's imposed on JEA, but also some cash
13	maintenance requirements that leave some
14	latitude. But the rating agencies look
15	very, very strongly at cash on hand, do they
16	not?
17	MR. ORFANO: Through the Chair to
18	Council Member Gulliford, absolutely. Our
19	days of cash on hand and days of liquidity
20	are closely scrutinized by the rating
21	agencies.
22	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: And that's a
23	significant consideration?
24	MR. ORFANO: Absolutely.
25	COUNCILMAN GULLIFORD: And I think

1	everybody needs to be aware of that. Thank
2	you, sir.
3	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
4	Mr. Gulliford.
5	Councilman Becton.
6	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Thank you.
7	Through the Chair, so if someone asked,
8	you know, so we have all of this cash that
9	we use to, you know, for retained earnings
10	and, you know, for rainy days and future
11	needs, and someone were to say, okay, we see
12	all these investments and special munies, a
13	lot of different other states and colleges
14	within other states. And their concern was,
15	why not take these type of funds and invest
16	them into Jacksonville. How would you
17	respond to that?
18	In other words, we're not using you
19	know, we're sending this money out of state,
20	nationally and so forth. And there might
21	could be some synergies with things that we
22	do right here in Duval County that these
23	funds might make good investments in to our
24	own community.
25	MR. ORFANO: Through the Chair to

Council Member Becton, are you speaking 1 about specific bond -- debt investments or 2 3 capital -- to invest actual capital? COUNCILMAN BECTON: I'm probably just 4 5 backing -- probably backing debt, you know, 6 probably backing projects -- you know, just 7 doing the same thing, but having something 8 there that says Jacksonville rather than 9 Ohio or Texas, you know. Whether it's --10 however you want to define it, kind of all 11 of the above, but something that's within our 850-mile confines here. 12 13 MR. ORFANO: Through the Chair to 14 Council Member Becton, a valid question. 15 have a significant presence here in the 16 state of Florida. There are various Florida 17 either municipal or education entities. 18 Diversification is key. There is a number 19 of names here both in the state, outside the 20 state. And, frankly, at times it's subject 21 to availability. 2.2 These bonds are, when they're sold, 23 similar to when we went to the market in 24 December with the refunding transaction, the

demand often exceeds the supply by multiples

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So our chief, our investment specialist and manager of cash investment struggled to even find homes for some of these investments, frankly. It's a very competitive -- and JEA, while a sizable entity here in Jacksonville, is up against investment portfolio analysts for major corporations both here in the U.S. and in the world, frankly.

So we're doing the best we can. I could follow up at a later date to talk about specific Jacksonville or North Florida investments, but, again --

and say this, our treasurer, just like you, you know, we're kind of on the other end to where, if there is a demand for our paper, then our interest rates go low. It becomes competitive where -- and I think we've got just about as good of a credit rating as probably anybody on this sheet that might say, you know, the Jacksonville munies are a conservative investment. But I don't see any of those on this sheet to where we can

say, you know what, we at least own a little bit of our own city. You know what I mean?

And I think that's just been a dialogue that I've had with constituents to say, look at this and see if we're investing in our own home turf.

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Now, obviously, you don't want all your eggs in one basket. And you certainly want to be careful and buy too much of your own stock, so to speak. But, once again, we're talking about just a safe of debt, you know, within our own confines as you might see in some of these other states and counties.

And, you know, just, surprisingly, I see none. But JEA could help by reduce -- you know, by making more demand on our buying issuances saying, hey, we would like a little bit of the action too in helping us get a bigger bang for our buck.

MR. ORFANO: Through the Chair to

Council Member Becton, appreciate the

feedback. Again, we have credit rating

threshold levels as well. And the City,

Mr. Greive and his team are issuing revenue

bonds that are below the AA -- while the

1	City has a AA GO rating, the AA minus rating
2	on revenue bonds is slightly below again,
3	there are other considerations, as you say,
4	around investing in our owner.
5	But I'll be certainly to take that to
6	take that on and discuss this with our
7	interim CFO leadership here and with
8	Mr. Greive. We have a terrific
9	relationship.
LO	COUNCILMAN BECTON: Thank you for that
11	answer. And I understand maybe we don't
12	live up to the level of expectations that
L3	JEA has. But, still, there is just a little
L 4	bit of pride in saying, you know what, we
15	may not have a significant liability in
16	this, but at least there is a line item here
L7	that we try, you know, that as long as
18	it's not, you know, beyond the risk
19	tolerance that you guys just say, you know
20	what, it's not even worth having it on our
21	balance sheet to say Jacksonville there.
22	But just a thought. Thank you.
23	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
24	Mr. Becton.

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Anybody else on the Council Auditor

1	report? I don't have anyone else on my
2	queue.
3	All right. Thank you, sir.
4	Next is public comments. I only have
5	two speaker cards. Does anybody wish to
6	speak that hasn't filled out a speaker card?
7	If you do, you need to do that now. The
8	first speaker card I have is Dwight
9	Brisbane. Mr. Brisbane here? Followed by
10	Jason is it, Baber or Baber
11	(pronouncing)? I do not remember from last
12	time. I can't remember yesterday. It's
13	been a long day. Baber, okay.
14	MR. BRISBANE: Dwight Brisbane, 5056
15	Johnson Creek Drive. I just have a couple
16	questions for pretty much for Council
17	Members, as well as JEA executives that are
18	still remaining. So now that the
19	conversation is over about the sale or no
20	sale of JEA, what I'm speaking for, you
21	know, from a community perspective, is what
22	are the plans for the Council to address the
23	\$2.5 million contractor construction
24	agreement that JEA currently has with Plant
25	Vogtle, question number one.

1	And kind of going along the lines of
2	Councilman Becton, why not take those
3	resources and invest those back into the
4	community and provide infrastructure, better
5	service and lower rates? That's what I have
6	for you.
7	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you, sir.
8	Any questions for Mr. Brisbane?
9	I suspect those will be questions that
10	we'll be addressing shortly as we try to
11	turn into the home stretch of this
12	committee's work, so stay tuned.
13	MR. BRISBANE: Thank you.
14	THE COURT: You're welcome back at any
15	time.
16	Mr. Baber.
17	MR. BABER: Hello. Jason Baber, my
18	address is on file. Hopefully, I'll keep
19	this short too.
20	I had two comments: One was the email I
21	already sent to all of you earlier in the
22	week, I wanted to say that for the record.
23	Councilman Dennis, your legislation you
24	introduced about revamping the JEA Board,
25	I'd just like to state that there is a lot

of us that don't think that goes far enough.

One, it should not just by the JEA Board.

We've seen, sitting here in these meetings and watching the Council meetings since this started talking about Kids Hope Alliance and the other boards, where similar things have happened. I would like the Council to think about expanding that to fix this across the city. And maybe including not just mayoral appointees and council appointees, but also having some elected representation and maybe even employee representation on each of those boards.

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earlier -- and I didn't mean for this to be responding to Councilman Dennis the entire time. But earlier he was asking Mr. Pope about if JEA is conservative or how they're going with that. Part of what I do in my job every day at JEA involves analyzing the solar stuff that comes into our distribution system and how it affects the customers around it. And part of that I'm paying attention to how the solar stuff is going in the rest of the country.

1 I was sitting here trying to find the 2 original article. I could not find the one I saw from 2015, but a simple Google search, 3 what I just did, top solar cities in the 4 5 United States, the very first thing that came up was from some place called 6 7 Environment America and they did a shining 8 cities of 2017. And in their top 20 cities 9 of 2017, Jacksonville was already number 19 10 for solar, just two years ago. That's not 11 including what you saw today with the 250 12 megawatts, all that. 13 I scanned through real quick. Number 14 one in the entire United States was San 15 Diego with 303 megawatts. 16 Now, I don't know what their methodology 17 is, or how they came up with those numbers. 18 Looking what they had for us, it looks like 19 they were only including in their stuff for 20 2017 the Jacksonville solar that we've had 21 for years out by Brandy Branch. But you saw

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that.

So I would say in some things we're not very conservative; we're leading. On other

today how much more we already have from

1	things we're changing over software when
2	Microsoft stops supporting it and a building
3	that's 40 years old, so maybe that's
4	conservative. Thank you very much.
5	CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Thank
6	you, sir.
7	Any questions for Mr. Baber?
8	All right. Anybody have any
9	announcements? If not, then we'll wrap this
10	up. Our next meeting will be two I'm
11	sorry, one week from today, 3:30 p.m.,
12	Thursday, May 3rd here in Council chambers.
13	Thank you all for being here,
14	particularly everybody that started at the
15	beginning and stayed to the end. I
16	appreciate your commitment to this process.
17	This meeting is adjourned.
18	(Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.)
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