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COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Good afternoon, everyone. We're going to call the Special Committee on the Future of JEA meeting to order. Today is Thursday the 17th of May, and it is approximately 2 -- I'm sorry, 3:32 p.m.

We have a light crowd today, so, Mr. Wilson, if you'd like to lead off with the introductions.

COUNCILMAN WILSON: Scott Wilson, District 4.

COUNCILWOMAN BROSCHIE: Anna Lopez Brosche, Group 1.

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COUNCILMAN FERRARO: Al Ferraro, District 2.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Thank you-all for being here today. I do have excused absences from Councilman Newby,
Anderson, Schellenberg, Carter, and Gulliford.

They will not be joining us, and maybe the others will join us.

All right. With that said, we have a couple of outstanding reports from more than the last meeting. Mr. Pope, you're going to take care of this quickly? This should be a fairly short meeting today, I hope. Mr. Pope, if you'd like to come up and address those.

Let the record reflect that Councilwoman Morgan is here and Councilman Hazouri.

All right. Mr. Pope, I think everybody's settled in.

MR POPE: Jordan Pope, JEA. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you said, just two follow-up items today which are on a one-page handout which you should have. The first one is response to a request from the chairman regarding water and sewer grants that would be available to both investor and utilities as well as municipal utilities. A couple that would fit that, the first is the water management district's cost-share program which offers assistance in four projects that, for example, would help create sustainable water
resources, provide flood protection and enhanced conservation efforts, et cetera.

The other state appropriation projects, which I believe we're all familiar with, many of the programs the applications process can be cumbersome, and due to the limited availability of funds whether at the water management district, the state level, or even the federal level, in the cyclical nature of those funds they can be difficult to secure; but specific to your question, Mr. Chairman, those are the two we're aware of that would be available to both entities.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. And in the previous meeting, I think one of the tabs in the notebook, you gave us a listing of grants that the -- that JEA had procured in recent years, though, do you have in-house grant writing folks or do you use an outside agency, or how do you pursue grants for JEA?

MR. POPE: To the chairman, we have had a more robust staff in the past regarding grant opportunities. We do not currently employ that staff, but I think as I stated a few weeks ago, we need to, along with the City of
Jacksonville, refocus our efforts on finding grant opportunities and having the staff to pursue those.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Was there a relationship between staff levels in the amount of grants coming in as those -- as the staff levels changed over the years?

MR. POPE: To the chairman, I don't know specifically. I think, again, a lot of that may not necessarily be due to staffing levels more than it is due to the availability of those funds.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Any questions from the committee on this first item?

Mr. Pope, I'll tell you I had the -- what turned out to be the privilege -- at first I thought it was the misfortune of chairing the St. Johns River Ferry Commission, and we used an outside grant writer to help us at the early onset. There were a lot of comments from the public that were trying to figure out a way to contribute to saving the ferry. They were suggesting that there are all these grant opportunities available out there that the
previous owner had never pursued. And we felt like using the city grant writers, we weren't going to get the top billing, the priority, the attention that we thought we deserved and have immediate response with, so we went out and hired our own grant writer. And I think over a three-year -- not quite a three-year period. I think we expended about $45,000 in grant writing fees, and I think that person brought in -- I want to say it was just under $10 million, not counting some assistance with Tallahassee, some appropriations that weren't technically grants, but a good bit or a little bit of lobbying work. So I hear you thinking about partnering. You may just want to try to do your own thing, but that way you're getting the attention that you probably want.

MR. POPE: Yes, sir. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Do you want to move to the next item?

MR. POPE: Yes, sir. The second item is in response to information requests from Councilman Becton comparing JEA to a investor utility or private utility when it comes to water and sewer. Expansion -- in the majority
of water/sewer utilities in Florida, as you see there in the first bullet, follow the philosophy of growth should pay for growth and so the statutes -- the Florida statutes have allowed utilities to employ upfront fees and necessary to fund those infrastructure deployment projects. And with that growth-related plant expansion costs, as you know, are typically paid by developers that are acquiring new connections to the water and sewer system and so both municipal and private utilities follow that philosophy of upfront fees paying for growth within the system and not capturing that on the back end.

I will tell you that Ms. Kilgo is working on a far more lengthy response to this issue, and the broader issue of water/sewer expansion that we hope to circulate to the council members in the coming weeks that I think will be a far more detailed response than what you see here, but as a general rule, the growth should pay for growth. The upfront fee for expansion is followed by water and sewer, both utilities, both private and public.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Any questions

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for Mr. Pope?

Mr. Becton?

COUNCILMAN BECTON: Thank you, through
the Chair.

Mr. Pope, thanks for being here today.
When it comes to expansion opportunities with
JEA and being a municipal utility rather than a
private, are there restrictions on the private
sector that there may not be on the municipal
level for water, sewer and electricity?

MR. POPE: Through the Chair and to
Councilman Becton, there are. I really think
if the PSC will be here next week, and it's
probably best for them to answer that question.
I mean, I'll just say yes in general, but I
really think they can give the better response
to that question.

COUNCILMAN BECTON: Yes, that the private
sector --

MR. POPE: That there's differences.

COUNCILMAN BECTON: -- has more rules, so
there could be some advantages there in the
municipal side that we should explore?

MR. POPE: I think that would be a good
-- yes, sir. I think it would be a good

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question for the PSC staffer commissioners if they're coming as it regards to the difference between the regulation of a private utility and a municipally-owned utility.

COUNCILMAN BECTON: Okay. Thank you very much.

MR. POPE: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you, Mr. Becton.

Councilman Hazouri.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If anybody has any questions about the expansion, they can go ahead. I just want to ask him another question, if I can.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Sure.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Okay. Jordan, thank you for sending the consultant's RFE that you sent out. Now, will we be able to see what you're going to ask them to do? Will you be sending them something out after you pick your consultant and decide what you're going to be looking for in the next chief executive officer? I'd like to -- I hope the whole council does want to see what the whole criteria is for in your search, not just who
you're hiring, but you'd certainly want to see their background but also what y'all are going to be looking for in the job description.

MR. POPE: Through the Chair to Councilman Hazouri, at the JEA board meeting Tuesday, the board instructed staff to schedule a workshop to work with the company who will be handling the CEO search --

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Have they already picked them?

MR. POPE: They have, yes, sir, and so that they can work on the job description for that search along with the board. I mean, that will be, I anticipate, in a workshop within the next month. And I'll be happy to keep the council informed of that.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Did you -- have I gotten who the consultant is? Have you sent that out?

MR. POPE: No, sir, I have not. I'll be ready to send that this afternoon.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: And their background, if you don't mind.

MR. POPE: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Thank you.

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COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: For the RFP that went out to the consultant, you've already hired a consultant?

MR. POPE: Yes, sir. That was approved by the board on Tuesday.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: What's the name of the consultant? You don't remember? That's okay. Don't guess.

MR. POPE: I'll mess up -- I'll mess up the name if I say it now.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Any other questions for Mr. Pope?

All right. Let the record reflect that --

MR. POPE: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: -- I think Councilwoman Boyer has joined us and Council Vice President Bowman have now joined us.

Mr. Pope, now you're not going to be here at the next meeting; is that correct?

MR. POPE: To the Chair, no sir --

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: No, sir, that's incorrect?

MR. POPE: I will not be here next week at the meeting.
COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: But you will be watching our streaming video; correct?

MR. POPE: To the Chair, I will be in a line in the Magic Kingdom watching diligently from my phone.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you for that effort, Mr. Pope. I appreciate that. We may have a question and we're just going to call it out. We expect you to -- when the ride's over to give us a buzz back and see if you can answer it.

MR. POPE: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: I'll give you the chamber's telephone number.

All right. Ms. Brosche, do you mind if I skip over and go to Mr. Hogan? We have a presentation, a brief presentation by Supervisor of Elections Mike Hogan who I had the privilege of serving with for eight years on another council.

Thank you, Mr. Hogan.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. Crescimbeni, Councilman Crescimbeni and members of the council. I'll tell you one thing I miss as a Supervisor of Elections; I
count votes. I don't have a vote. I really
miss my vote, especially when I come before you
with my budget. I would like to have one vote.

So today I called Bill Gulliford. I
found out he was not going to be here. He's in
Montana. We talked for a while and he gave me
his proxy. So if anything comes up and there's
a tie, I guess I can --

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Once he leaves
-- crosses the county line, his proxy is no
longer valid. He didn't tell you that, did he?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: That's not good. I've
got a ballot I want to show you first, and I
want you to pay special attention to the next
to the last candidate -- the next to the last
candidate. And this was actually a sample
ballot in Afghanistan. And this was -- that's
what you're going to see, I think.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: It's just a
mustache, Mr. Hazouri. They all --

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: This was 2014. This
was the purple finger. Those folks gave up a
lot to vote. It wasn't really something to
joke about, but this was their sample ballot.
And when I first saw it, I'm thinking
Crescimbeni must be a citizen of two countries.
Do you see the next to the last one, John?
Does that look like you?

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Yeah, it does kind of look like me, actually.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: And if you would, I've got another ballot I want you to give out.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Take it easy, Mr. Hogan, I've got stories I can tell about you from the podium.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Yeah. I'm on the wrong side of the mic. Council President Brosche and I have talked a little bit about what's coming up in these next two elections. Obviously, we have one in August and then a general in November. And it's going to be a very big ballot. And you're looking at our mock-up right now of what we know.

Qualifying doesn't end till June 22nd, so there could be additional items on there as special candidates. This is an 8 1/2 by 17 ballot. It's -- we call it one ballot. It's really two pages. We're concerned. We were very concerned with what the CRC was doing because we weren't sure exactly how many
constitutional amendments they were going to propose.

The good thing is right now it looks like they're reducing some of their language. What you have in front of you is the latest, but what we do know that they're reducing some of the language which will make space a little bit larger for us as far as usable.

If other items are added to this ballot, additional paper for a second page or a second ballot will cost a little over $100,000, just the paper. One of the things that our voters don't like to do is wait in line. And feeding two ballots into the tabulator will take a little longer, and so there are a lot of things that we've been concerned about over the last six months as it relates to the size of this ballot.

Right now 8 1/2 by 17 1/2 should be a little bit of a delay because it's more for the computer to read, but folks won't notice it, I don't believe, especially if we're going to promote mail ballot very hard on the radio and other methods of getting that word out. And, of course, the citizens have been very kind to
us. More and more citizens are voting early, and that's been very helpful.

So with that, I think the other thing that Council President wanted me to share, right now we're expecting about a 20 to 22 percent turnout in the primary, and about a 50 percent turnout in the general. And that's based on historical data. So it gives you a little picture of what we're looking at. I know that you're talking about perhaps there being an amendment one of those two and -- either the primary or the general. And so I wanted to bring it to your attention that it could create a second page, a second ballot if anything happens between now and June 22nd, just to give you a heads-up.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Well, Mr. Hogan, we did send that to you. You should have gotten that. It did come out of council that's set up for the November ballot, but I want to make sure I'm hearing you saying that that item would cause the need for a second page because there may be some other things that happened between now and when that item was approved like calling of a special election that would
add items to the ballot, so even though those
items might proceed what's already been
approved in pecking order, you're not
suggesting that we do anything with the -- with
the item that this council has already
approved, are you?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: No. What I'm sharing
with you is that right now everything fits.
We've actually -- if you'll look at the back
page counter referendum 1. That's just a
placeholder for -- of the referendum that
you're talking about right now. So there is a
lot of white spaces still left. And this is
better than what we expected. It's been a
concern of every supervisor in the state
because of the cost and the time. So it's just
an alert. If there's additional candidates, I
don't know what you're going to do with the
vacancies that are going to occur from the
council.

John, if I'm correct, when you and I
served, Matt and Jenny resigned to run for
senate. I don't think we replaced them. I
think that Matt Large was directed to handle
Jenny's district, but I don't remember a
special election. So if you have council
member elections, it would come on this ballot
as well.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Well, I'm
guessing the CRC doesn't have any kind of
budget to pay for their excess consumption of
ballot space.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: There's no restriction
on that constitutional revision commission.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: And no funding
to pay for the paper?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: They're through. We
think they're through. The only thing that
they may continue to do is reduce the size of
the tech.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Because, I mean,
just looking at this, it looks like one whole
size of this document is devoted to CRC.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Yeah. And I can tell
you when I've seen that in the past, a lot of
people don't even go to the other side.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. We have a
couple of questions.

Councilwoman Morgan? I said
Councilwoman, didn't I? Councilwoman Morgan.

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Make sure I didn't say councilman.

Councilwoman Morgan.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Thank you so much, Mr. Chair. I probably don't look like a guy today.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: No, I think I had it right, but just in case I messed it up.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: No, no problem. Thank you so much, through the Chair.

To Mr. Hogan, I do have to ask you this: Looking at this ballot you're saying that these are all the ones that are going to be on for August?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: No, ma'am. This is the general.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Oh, okay. I see. I see.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: The top official general. I should have alerted you more to that.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Yeah. Okay. I see -- I do see it at the top because what I was looking for was -- so you're saying that in the -- in the state senate race that will have been decided and so it would not be on the general?
SUPERVISOR HOGAN: If there was only two candidates in that race or no opponent and no write-in, yes, ma'am, that would be the case.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: So that one won't be --

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: We're anticipating that the tax collector will be in this race because there are four candidates right now, and this is going to be difficult, I think, to get 50 percent of the vote with four candidates on the ballot.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Okay. Let's see what else I was looking at. And so I guess you're saying that that's the same way with the governor and the lieutenant governor's race?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: That's correct. And, again, to my point earlier about -- this is what we know, and until June 22nd we won't know for sure when qualifying ends. There may be others. There may be a libertarian running for governor. There may be someone else challenging in the senate race. Some people use it as a strategy. They wait till the last day and just before 12:00 bring in their qualifying papers -- Councilman Gary -- and
then it's really -- has some background knowledge about it. So June 22nd is the deadline. That's it. The ballot will be complete, but I don't know what we may or may not receive.

COUNCILWOMAN BOYER: Okay. Then you were talking about you were hoping that people would come out and vote early. So through the Chair I do want to ask the question, early voting sites, have they decreased or are you increasing? Are you moving? What's going on?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Well, we budgeted for 18, that's how many we'll have, 18 sites. And they'll be in the same locations. Those are mostly libraries, as you know. We'll have some changes in our election day precincts. We have, I think, nine or ten, and we lose six, seven, eight, nine or ten in just about every site.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: And what about the hours? Will you have pretty much the same hours? Are you looking to do something different with the hours?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: The hours will be the same.
COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you, Ms. Morgan.

Councilwoman Boyer.

COUNCILWOMAN BOYER: Thank you. Through the Chairman to Mr. Hogan, just -- I think I understand the answer that you gave, but I just want to be sure. So before we have to go to an additional page, the white space I see at the bottom of the front page and all the white space I see on the back could be used, it's just you don't know how many other things are going to come in and take up that space?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: That's correct.

COUNCILWOMAN BOYER: Got it.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you, Ms. Boyer.

Councilman Dennis.

COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Through the Chair to Supervisor Hogan, thank you for being here. I know in some elections the State kicks in dollars. This is a federal election with state races. Does the County cover the entire cost of this election or does the State kick in some dollars as well?
SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Not unless it's a special election, and the special election in this case is the County, so we wouldn't see any additional dollars.

COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Also, when was the last time we had a double ballot because it has happened recently.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: It happened before I came, but I think it was 2012.

COUNCILMAN DENNIS: All right. And so in saying that, I know you're sounding the alarm or just alerting us that we can potentially have a second ballot. What are you-all doing as far as staffing kind -- you know, kind of piggyback what Councilwoman Morgan -- you know, are you doing as a backup plan as far as staffing hours because the trend has gone to early voting, voting by mail? You know, more people vote before election day, so we've seen less crowds and less lines on election day. So have you-all taken a step back and say, okay, we're not just going to wait to see if we have a second ballot? We're going to start putting things in place or start to look at what we're going do to reduce lines and make it easy for
our -- you know, for the general public?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Well, we've been doing a number of things. Number 1, because we might have to buy additional ballot paper, we're probably going to go ahead and do that for the simple reason that we are going to turn right around after November and have the city election. So we'll have that and not have to spend it in the next budget cycle. So we're preparing for materials. It will also be more toner because, as you know, the ballots are on demand in the early voting because the printer prints them and we don't want to run out of toner.

So we've already done everything we can as it relates to what we expect to happen with what we have in front of us now, which is a -- could be some more costs, obviously.

COUNCILMAN DENNIS: So -- to Supervisor Hogan, so do you not -- so are you only stocked up for 100 percent of ballots and toner in your stock, or do you have 120 percent or 150 percent? And what is your stockpile because I know you just don't have 100 percent, you know, one ballot for every voter. You have
to already have paper and toner already in your stockpile.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: We'll have more than enough for these next two elections. I can't tell you the exact percent, but because early voting has increased so generously for us, we're not having to spend as much money on ballots because I'm able to reduce that -- that estimate. When you have 50 percent already in the book, why would you, you know, put 100 percent of the ballots out.

COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Right. So through the Chair to the committee to Supervisor Hogan, if more people are voting early and you have that ballot on demand, then your cost -- and that's what I was saying. Your cost should go down as far as, you know, preprinting ballots on election day --

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: That's right.

COUNCILMAN DENNIS: -- so if we have to go to a double ballot, and I know it's in the next budget year, November being the next budget year, but you're -- get through August and November with what you have in your stockpile as well as what you have budgetwise,
because if you have more money or carry over
dollars, now you can go ahead and start
spending that or spend that for the forecast of
November; am I correct?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Right. And the
balance for August will be an 8 1/2 by 11. It
won't be as large.

COUNCILMAN DENNIS: Okay. All right.
Thank you.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,
Mr. Dennis.

Councilman Love.

COUNCILMAN LOVE: Thank you through the
Chair to Mr. Hogan. Mr. Hogan, I'm glad you're
here today. You've got your work cut out for
you on this one. You've mentioned that a lot
of people won't vote on the other side, or make
a choice on the other side, I should say. I
assume we only do black and white; is that
correct?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Yes. These ballots
are -- it's all covered by statute, even to the
font size.

COUNCILMAN LOVE: Even to the color,
because I was thinking in red have them vote
both sides of the page. That might help, but
then again maybe some people choose not to vote
on the other side.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: We put a note in every
precinct --

COUNCILMAN LOVE: Okay.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: -- make sure you vote
on every side.

COUNCILMAN LOVE: Right.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Poll workers will
announce that to the -- as they give them the
ballot, make sure you vote on every side.

COUNCILMAN LOVE: Right.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Now, sometimes it's
not because they forgot it. It's because
they're not interested in the down ballots --

COUNCILMAN LOVE: I understand.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: -- so those numbers
will reduce as you go down --

COUNCILMAN LOVE: Sure.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: -- naturally.

COUNCILMAN LOVE: Okay. And have you
thought about doing extra advertising or
whatever for mail-in absentee ballots?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Yes. Every year -- I
mean, every election cycle we join in with our compadres, the counties that surround us. We're in District 5 in our association --

    COUNCILMAN LOVE: Okay.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: -- and we've already sent a bit out for radio spots --

    COUNCILMAN LOVE: Sure.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: -- and we're going to make sure that we -- any piece that we send to the voters, we're constantly changing up new voter information cards and that type of thing. We're going to push mail ballots.

    COUNCILMAN LOVE: Perfect. That's the way I do it, and it just makes it easy for me and I think easier for you, too. Thank you.

    COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you, Mr. Love.

    Council President Brosche.

    COUNCILWOMAN BROSCHÉ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through the Chair to Mr. Hogan, thank you for being here.

    SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Thank you.

    COUNCILWOMAN BROSCHÉ: We had the opportunity as you had mentioned to talk about the referendum, the straw ballot item that we
passed as a council, and it was through that
discussion that you were referencing the length
of the ballot and our discussion about turnout.
And you just mentioned -- you said it was about
20 percent for August and about 20 to 20--

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: 20 to 22.

COUNCILWOMAN BROSCHÉ: 20 to 22 for
August and about 50 percent for November and so
things may change. And I just wanted to
provide the context that should there be
anything that we need to talk about and as
things change, that you would let us know just
in case there's anything that we need to
consider about that.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Certainly.

COUNCILWOMAN BROSCHÉ: And you're saying
on the back you didn't necessarily at the time
of this printing have the language for the
straw ballot that the counsel passed, but you
just put one in here from a prior?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Just as a placeholder.

COUNCILWOMAN BROSCHÉ: Okay. Very good.

Thank you so much.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: You're welcome. Did I
cover everything that you and I talked about --
through the Chair. I'm sorry.

COUNCILWOMAN BROSCH: I think you did.

Yes. Thank you so much.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you,

Councilwoman Brosche.

Mr. Councilman Hazouri for the first time

and then Councilwoman Boyer.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Thank you,

Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Hogan, just on the 22 percent, are

you basing that on previous elections or --

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Yes.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: And so you're

thinking that's the minimum that you'll get on

a turnout, and 50 percent based -- again the

general election -- on previous elections as

well?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: That's correct.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: When you were

talking about advertising, you're talking about

promoting just the early ballots or the mail-in

ballots? Do y'all do any PSAs in general to

encourage people to vote in general?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Oh, yes. That's all

part of it.

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COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: What -- it's all part of that? Do we spend any money from your office? I know you do it jointly you said with District 5 or whatever it is, but do you have -- I mean, you get a lot of PSAs as well?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Yes, hundreds.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Are we getting more registered voters or more -- just since you're here, are we getting more millennials, more others -- have we increased our voting numbers since, say, you've been in office?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Yes. It's constantly moving up. It's just creeping. I don't see any big splurges, but I think we're at 630-, 630,000 that's active, and inactive about 500 -- I didn't look at the numbers. I should have looked at the number today, 580- that I think that are active. And then we're constantly doing registrations. We're working with all the Duval County schools. We've been going into the schools and getting those done. The schools, Tommy -- excuse me, Councilman Hazouri, you might be able to help us since you were there once before. We find great results when we're allowed to go classroom to
classroom. If they just put us in a room with a cafeteria with a table, they don't walk up to us. You know, it's not cool; but to give you an example, I think they had about 1400 one year when we got to go to the classroom, last year we had about 200 register -- preregister.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: So they cut it out?
SUPERVISOR HOGAN: No. They just said that we couldn't do that. And like several of the schools are letting us set up at a graduation in the preparation for graduation for seniors. Well, we're missing all the juniors because some of them could be 16 or 17 years old.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: You may miss some third graders, too.
SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Huh?
COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: You may miss some third graders, too.
SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Well, I'm not sure about that --
COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: I am.
SUPERVISOR HOGAN: -- but that would help us. It's much more successful when we can go and speak to the children -- students.
COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: So how often are you purging the ballot?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: We don't purge. We do list maintenance and they're requiring --

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: List maintenance?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Yes. There are requirements under state laws to how you maintain your list.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: How often do you do that?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: That's constant. People die. People move out of the city. People don't vote. If you don't vote --

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: That's what I referred to and I'll end with this: How many years do they have to not vote? Is there a set number still?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: It's four years total before we take them from the roll, but two years they go on inactive.

COUNCILMAN HAZOURI: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you, Mr. Hazouri.

Councilwoman Morgan.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Thank you so much.
Through the Chair, I think I need to make an apology because he discombobulated me, and I need to make an apology because I think I called you by the wrong name, so just --

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: I didn't catch it.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Oh, good. I'm glad you didn't hear that.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: I can tell you this, I'm still always introduced, Joyce -- this happened just last week -- as the tax collector.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Okay.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: I give up.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: Okay then. Great, great, great. If nobody heard it, I will not say anything. Thank you so much. Thank you, Mr. Hogan, for being here.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN MORGAN: We do appreciate it.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. That's all the questions, Mr. Hogan. In 2000 there was a -- in the November 2000 ballot -- that was a presidential election --

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Yes.
COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: -- and there was a charter amendment on that ballot.
SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Yeah, I think you were involved in that.
COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: I was involved in that. I think it was the next to the last on that ballot, and you remember that ballot was a two-page ballot, too. Remember all the controversy that came with that two-page ballot?
SUPERVISOR HOGAN: We had two pages of presidential candidates.
COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: But do you know what item received the most votes on that ballot? It wasn't a charter amendment.
SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Well, it would have been a presidential.
COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Actually, it was not. It was the U.S. Senate race which followed the presidential race.
SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Well, you know what, that's probably true because 27,000 folks in Duval County voted for more than one person for president so that race did not count.
COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: They weren't the
only county. But the charter amendment was, I think, second to last was right there with the presidential numbers. That was pretty efficient.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: I think the charter amendment was actually four or five pages of reading.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Well, not on the ballot. It was a 75-word summary on the ballot.

All right. Well, if we have any other questions, we'll just call the Tax Collector's Office; right?

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: That's right. Do that. Thank you very much.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you, Mr. Hogan.

SUPERVISOR HOGAN: Good to see all of you.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Good seeing you. All right. Ms. Brosche, you wanted to give an update?

COUNCILWOMAN BROSCHE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

At our last meeting, I did hand out to
everyone the communication that I sent to board Chairman Howard. I did not have the chance to read that. As of our meeting, I've not yet received a response; although, I understand that he is working on a response, and I just wanted to read into the record the questions that I asked because there's some confusion about them.

So the first question is, "Does JEA have a documented CEO selection process and/or documented CEO qualifications?"

Number 2, "Are there standard operating procedures regarding employees screening practices at JEA?"

Number 3, "Between Mr. Zahn's resignation from the board on Friday, April 13th, 2018, and his selection as interim CEO on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, what employee screening activities did JEA conduct?"

Number 4, "Were any employee screening activities for Mr. Zahn conducted before Friday, April 13, 2018?"

Number 5, "Is there any documentation of the meetings between Mr. Aaron Zahn and the JEA board members between Friday, April 13, 2018,
and his selection as interim CEO on Tuesday, April 17, 2018?"

Number 6, "Were you made aware of Mr. Zahn's intention to resign and/or seek the interim CEO role by anyone prior to Friday April 13, 2018; if so, by whom and when?"

Number 7, "Since naming Mr. Zahn as JEA's interim CEO, what employee screening activity has JEA conducted?"

Number 8, "Was Mr. Zahn subjected to a background check?"

Number 9, "What other vetting or verification procedures did JEA employ to evaluate the accuracy of Mr. Zahn's resume?"

And No. 10, "What reference checks did JEA make regarding Mr. Zahn?"

So I just wanted to put that in the record. As of yet, I haven't received a response. When I do, I'll make sure that I forward it to my colleagues.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you, President Brosche.

All right. Public comments. I have one speaker card. James Taylor.

MR. TAYLOR: Good afternoon. My name's
James Taylor. My address is on file. Just a clarification from last week's meeting:
Mr. Pope was asked to show the cost running SJRPP versus the purchase power agreement, and there was some inaccuracies in that or it wasn't really clear and I verified this with him earlier. Running SJRPP for two years, the cost analysis on the sheet was for producing 1350 megawatts for every two years versus the purchase power agreement that was only 200 megawatts every day, so it's not comparing apples to apples because the biggest cost is fuel.

So if you're producing a whole lot more power, you're using a whole lot more fuel which makes the numbers, you know, a whole -- because I mean, it looked like, oh, it's so cheap to buy the 200 megawatts, yeah, but, versus producing 1350 megawatts. So I just wanted clarification for that. And that's all I ask. Thanks for your time.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right.
Thank you, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Pope, do we need to amend that? Do you need to amend that report, or do you want
to comment on that?

MR. POPE: Through the Chair, the comparison -- the cost figures provided for SJRPP were actual costs for fiscal year '16 and '17. I do not know how many megawatts or megawatt hours that produced; although, we could certainly show that. It is true that it was not a 200-megawatt comparison at the power part to a 200-megawatt comparison at the purchase power price, but those were actual cost figures to run SJRPP against actual cost figures to purchase the power we actually need. I can -- what I could do is amend that to show how many megawatt hours were produced at SJRPP in fiscal year '16 and fiscal year '17 so you can compare that to the 200 -- it's 200 megawatts.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Let's do that.

MR. POPE: I'll do that.

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: Think about that and if you can help kind of get that down to a comparison -- a better comparison basis, that would be appreciated.

MR. POPE: No problem.
COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. That means you have to come back next Thursday.

MR. POPE: How about June 7th?

COUNCILMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Any other public -- any other individuals want to address the committee with a public comment?

All right. Seeing none, any announcements? I will remind the committee next week will be a long meeting. The meeting time starts at 2:00 p.m. That's going to be on May 24th, I think, and we'll have a presentation from the Public Utility Research Institute. Is that right? Yeah. No, center. Public Research Center from University of Florida and then four individuals from the Public Service Commission are coming over. They're going to probably have at least a 30-minute presentation. I suspect there's going to be a lot of questions for that, so be prepared for the long haul.

I'm giving you your time off at this meeting, but the next one's going to be a little bit longer.

Anything else to come before the committee? All right. Thank you-all for being
here. And thank you to the audience for attending as well.

This meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.)
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