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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Good afternoon.  
3 We're going to call the Special Committee of  
4 the Future of JEA to order. Today is  
5 Thursday, June 7th, 2018, about 3:31 in the  
6 afternoon.

7 We'll begin by having everyone introduce  
8 themselves for the record. I would start on  
9 the right, but there is no right. So we'll  
10 start over here on the left.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Al Ferraro,  
12 District 2.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BOWMAN: Aaron Bowman,  
14 District 3.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON: Greg Anderson,  
16 At-Large Group 4.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MORGAN: Joyce Morgan,  
18 District 1.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BECTON: Danny Becton,  
20 District 11.

21 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: John Crescimbeni,  
22 At-Large Group 2.

23 PRESIDENT BROSCHE: Anna Lopez-Brosche,  
24 Group 1.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BOYER: Lori Boyer,

1 District 5.

2 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: That is it. I  
3 think I did have a few -- few, I say that  
4 lightly -- excused absences. I have one  
5 from Council Member Love, he's excused;  
6 Councilman Schellenberg; Councilman  
7 Gulliford; Councilman Newby; Councilman  
8 Hazouri; Councilman Carter; and Councilman  
9 Wilson. They are all excused and will not  
10 be here today.

11 We have a few residual items on our  
12 agenda that are left over from JEA.

13 Mr. Pope, I think you're going to handle  
14 those. And I'm not -- I didn't get a  
15 postcard from the Magic Kingdom. I don't  
16 know if anybody else -- did anybody else get  
17 a postcard? No. So how was the reprieve  
18 from the May 24th meeting?

19 MR. POPE: Jordan Pope, JEA. It was  
20 very nice, thank you. Although, I did watch  
21 part of the meeting on my phone. I really  
22 did.

23 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Sure, you did,  
24 Jordan.

25 MR. POPE: Your postcard is --

1           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I was hoping  
2           you'd say that, because I have a little quiz  
3           here that has 10 questions from the last  
4           meeting. So can we give this to Jordan and  
5           have him complete this? No, I'm just  
6           kidding.

7           MR. POPE: How about we do that one next  
8           week? Then I can go watch the video.

9           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Do you have a  
10          copy of the agenda?

11          MR. POPE: Yes, sir, I do. Thank you,  
12          Mr. Chairman.

13          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Welcome back.

14          MR. POPE: Thank you. I believe you  
15          should have a handout. And my goal today is  
16          to finish the outstanding items from  
17          previous weeks. And so we'll get right into  
18          that.

19          The first one is tab 8, which is a  
20          follow-up to a question from Council Member  
21          Anderson. So the first two slides that say  
22          JEA Electric Sales and Water Sales you  
23          previously were given. I thought it would  
24          be good to include those in case someone  
25          didn't have their notebook.

1           But the slide that says Revenues is  
2           responsive to a question from Council Member  
3           Anderson who wanted to see projected  
4           revenues in line with the sales projections  
5           that we had previously provided. So the  
6           revenues relate to the 2017 sales  
7           projections on the prior slide, so the  
8           orange, or red, line depending on how you  
9           see it. And you can see that those revenues  
10          slightly increase consistent with the slight  
11          increase in sales projections from the prior  
12          two slides.

13           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: You're going to  
14          have to back up. I think you lost me. So  
15          on the revenue slide, you have three  
16          different -- you have electric base,  
17          electric fuel, and water/sewer. And how is  
18          that relating to the sales graph?

19           MR. POPE: Yes, sir. So these are  
20          projected revenues based on the sales  
21          projections from the prior two slides, the  
22          2017 sales projections.

23           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I see what you're  
24          saying, okay.

25           MR. POPE: Yes, sir. Which would be the

1 red, or orange, line.

2 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Any  
3 questions on that? Mr. Anderson, did that  
4 answer your --

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON: It did.

6 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Go ahead,  
7 Mr. Pope.

8 MR. POPE: Behind tab 4 is a revised  
9 rate comparison chart that the Council  
10 Auditor asked us to redo. On a previous  
11 chart that we had provided, the first few  
12 years we compared the rates at 1,250  
13 kilowatt hours, which was more in line with  
14 a typical bill at the time. As usage came  
15 down a bit, the comparison went to 1,000  
16 kilowatt hours.

17 So what we did at the Council Auditor's  
18 request is provided a comparison across all  
19 of the years at 1,000 kilowatt hours. So  
20 this is really not much different from the  
21 prior version given other than to reflect  
22 only 1,000 kilowatt hours in the first  
23 couple of years.

24 And this would include all of the fees,  
25 storm fees included. And this is only a

1 comparison to investor-owned utilities in  
2 the state of Florida.

3 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: So on your line  
4 that says Miami FP&L, that's just FP&L  
5 anywhere in Florida; is that right?

6 MR. POPE: My understanding is it's FP&L  
7 with the taxes that would be levied in the  
8 city of Miami.

9 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I see what you're  
10 saying, okay.

11 MR. POPE: Or other charges.

12 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Any  
13 questions on that?

14 All right. Mr. Pope.

15 MR. POPE: Behind tab 2, during public  
16 comment a few meetings ago, I said that we  
17 would follow up on a bit of a different  
18 comparison when looking at the cost to  
19 operate the St. Johns River Power Park  
20 versus purchasing power from Plant Wansley  
21 in Georgia. And so what we've added at the  
22 bottom of this comparison is a cost to  
23 produce that energy on a megawatt hour  
24 basis. So you can see that there is still  
25 quite a significant difference in the cost

1 to produce that power even when you compare  
2 it on a megawatt hour basis, even though the  
3 power park could produce 1,000 -- was at  
4 1,000 megawatts and we're purchasing 200  
5 from Plant Wansley, there is still quite a  
6 difference in the cost to produce that  
7 power.

8 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Ferraro, I  
9 think you had a question about this. Does  
10 that satisfy your question?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Anybody  
13 else have a question on that one?

14 All right.

15 MR. POPE: Behind tab 12, Councilman  
16 Becton had requested some additional  
17 information on solar installations and cost.  
18 It's my understanding that, from the meeting  
19 two weeks ago, a public commenter provided  
20 some cost information to you all. So what I  
21 have provided here is not necessarily cost  
22 information since JEA, we're not installing  
23 solar panels on private -- or in private  
24 applications at this time; although, we've  
25 talked about perhaps doing that down the



1 road. But what I thought would be helpful  
2 is to provide our consumers guide to solar  
3 power. This is a great resource we provide  
4 to our customers on our website. And so I  
5 just -- I pulled this, what is really a  
6 booklet, from our website. You can go to  
7 JEA.com, and I will be happy to send you the  
8 link to this and many other pages on there  
9 that will provide information.

10 And I don't intend to walk through this  
11 presentation necessarily, but there is a lot  
12 of information, we give customers a lot of  
13 information to think about in the  
14 considerations before they would make the  
15 decision to install solar panels on their  
16 roof.

17 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Do you all  
18 recommend any -- is there any kind of solar  
19 certified contractor or anything, I mean,  
20 for -- is there any commentary in this  
21 material on your website that steers people  
22 to specific types of contractors, not  
23 necessarily a specific company, but just  
24 specific qualified contractors?

25 MR. POPE: To the Chair, we do provide a

1 list of additional resources. And I think  
2 it's the last page of the -- of this  
3 particular presentation in the handout we've  
4 given.

5 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. I see  
6 that.

7 MR. POPE: But it is not specific to any  
8 one installation company.

9 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Do you have any  
10 idea how many people in the Jacksonville  
11 area install solar arrays for residential  
12 and commercial applications?

13 MR. POPE: No, sir, I do not.

14 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right.  
15 Mr. Becton.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BECTON: Thank you.

17 Through the Chair, Mr. Pope, so you had  
18 mentioned that we did receive some  
19 information from some -- you know, an  
20 outside source in terms of showing us some  
21 different installations. Did you happen to  
22 see that?

23 MR. POPE: I've looked at it, yes, sir.  
24 I haven't -- I mean, I've looked at it; I  
25 haven't necessarily studied it.

1           COUNCIL MEMBER BECTON: Okay. I guess  
2 my question was going to be did you have any  
3 disagreement or did you find it factual  
4 enough to consider it being something that I  
5 can count on, since my question here didn't  
6 specifically get answered?

7           MR. POPE: Through the Chair to  
8 Councilman Becton, I would be happy to have  
9 some of our internal groups look at that  
10 handout if you wanted to maybe determine the  
11 factual basis for inclusion in a report that  
12 this Committee might produce.

13           But again, as far as the costs go, there  
14 are so many variables. And again, JEA is  
15 not in the business of, you know, putting  
16 those panels on in a private application at  
17 this point in time. So it's really  
18 market-driven. You know, if you asked a  
19 different contractor if you have a certain  
20 type of roof, if you lived in a certain part  
21 of town that had more trees than others or  
22 wasn't southern facing. There are so many  
23 different factors that, without knowing all  
24 of the specifics of what was handed out, I  
25 don't know that we could make a true

1           determination.

2           COUNCIL MEMBER BECTON: Well, through  
3           the Chair, since this Committee is now the  
4           future of JEA, the question was certainly  
5           trying to understand where the -- you know,  
6           what opportunity there was. And I  
7           understand on anything there is always  
8           factors that change things, but usually not  
9           that dramatically. And, yes, while that's  
10          true, I was just hoping for this Committee  
11          to just get an understanding what the  
12          opportunity was.

13          In other words, on a typical  
14          installation that I might see my neighbor  
15          do, I can sit here and make an observation  
16          that I usually see, I think, four or five  
17          panels. And I was trying to just understand  
18          how much electricity does that generate in  
19          comparison to what do we as consumers in our  
20          households generate on a daily basis and  
21          how, you know -- and what percentage of that  
22          generation is part of that demand that we're  
23          occurring and -- you know, just that whole  
24          mechanics of, if someone has never done it,  
25          like myself, put a solar panel on my roof,

1           you know, what could be my expectations and  
2           how much could I expect to generate in a,  
3           what I'll call, typical situation, or an  
4           average situation, that one might employ  
5           here in the state of Florida with the type  
6           of weather that we have.

7           So that was really just the core, not  
8           holding your feet to the fire, as they say,  
9           to give me a price that you have to hold to  
10          for the next 90 days and sell me on, but  
11          just to help us understand what the  
12          opportunity was for a residential  
13          installation. Do you follow me?

14          MR. POPE: Through the Chair to  
15          Councilman Becton, it might be helpful if I  
16          and two other people from JEA come meet with  
17          you and let's get those specific questions  
18          answered and make sure we can -- we really  
19          understand and can provide that. And of  
20          course, we're happy for you or us to bring  
21          it back to the Committee.

22          COUNCIL MEMBER BECTON: Through the  
23          Chair, I thought the information that I got  
24          was to that end, you know. I just would  
25          like to see JEA kind of look at it and say,

1           yeah, we kind of agree with that. I think  
2           it was probably from someone who worked at  
3           JEA that sent that to us. It's been a few  
4           weeks now since I've looked at it, but I  
5           thought it was, you know, well if somebody  
6           kind of looks at it and says, yeah, we kind  
7           of agree with that.

8           MR. POPE: We'll take a closer look at  
9           it and respond.

10          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Becton, are  
11          you talking about the information that was  
12          sent to us following someone that spoke  
13          during public comment period?

14          COUNCIL MEMBER BECTON: Yes, sir.

15          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. And that  
16          was just a couple of quotes on some -- on an  
17          installation at two different residential  
18          properties, if I recall.

19          COUNCIL MEMBER BECTON: Something like  
20          that.

21          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: So who do you  
22          have at JEA that would have expertise on  
23          whether those numbers were accurate or not?

24          MR. POPE: Through the Chair to  
25          Councilman Crescimbeni -- or to the Chair,

1           rather, we have program managers who are  
2           responsible for this document and work with  
3           our customers who are coming in to install  
4           these systems at their homes who would have  
5           a good idea of the market. I think it's  
6           going to be the JEA analysis. We're not  
7           going to say it's firm and, yes, this is  
8           perfect. But I think we can give a test to  
9           reasonableness.

10           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: So you'll work  
11           with Mr. Becton on that?

12           MR. POPE: Yes, sir.

13           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Thank  
14           you.

15           Any other questions on item D, the solar  
16           installation?

17           All right. Mr. Pope.

18           MR. POPE: Behind tab 6 is a list of  
19           technology services projects from our water  
20           capital budget. And I'll just preface this  
21           by saying that the JEA Board has not yet  
22           proposed the FY '19 capital budget, which  
23           will happen in 12 days, I think.

24           But Councilman Anderson had asked what  
25           was included in a line item that I think was

1 in the amount of \$4.1 million in our capital  
2 budget. So what you have here is a list of  
3 various technology services projects. The  
4 first three are specific to our water  
5 system. The following are all shared.

6 And what that means is, when we  
7 undertake a project in our technology  
8 services group that has benefit to both the  
9 electric system and the water and sewer  
10 system, there is a split that happens  
11 between those projects. Part of it is taken  
12 up by the electric system and the other part  
13 by the water system. And so what may be  
14 included -- what is included in that line  
15 item are some of these projects where that  
16 cost would be shared.

17 And so we can provide additional detail  
18 as the budget is finalized and, of course,  
19 as we go through the process. But this is  
20 just a list of projects that may be included  
21 in that line item as we move forward.

22 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Anderson, did  
23 you have a follow-up?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON: These were  
25 capital items; right?



1 MR. POPE: Yes, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Any other  
3 questions on that?

4 Mr. Pope, you have a couple things from  
5 the meeting of May 24th.

6 MR. POPE: Yes, sir. There were two  
7 questions asked at the last meeting that we  
8 have provided responses to. I'm happy to  
9 read them into the record if you would like  
10 me to. Otherwise, we provide these as a  
11 response to the questions.

12 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Well, you can  
13 either read them into the record or  
14 paraphrase them, but, yeah, we're going to  
15 need you to kind of, like, respond on the  
16 record.

17 MR. POPE: Yes, sir. I'll be happy -- I  
18 will just read this page if you're agreeable  
19 to that. These are additional questions  
20 from the May 24th, 2018, JEA special  
21 committee meeting -- or the Special  
22 Committee on the Future of JEA. Council  
23 President Brosche referenced an email  
24 received by all Council Members this week  
25 from the JEA stating that, absent any future

1 Board action, no further action would be  
2 taken on potential privatization of JEA.  
3 Ms. Brosche asked whether that implied that  
4 the JEA would not be providing information  
5 or otherwise cooperating with the special  
6 committee or other ongoing studies of the  
7 JEA.

8 Nancy Kilgo of the JEA said that she  
9 will convey the question to the Board, but  
10 understands that the JEA will continue to be  
11 cooperative with the ongoing studies. JEA  
12 provides this response --

13 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Hang on one  
14 second. I have to let my court reporter  
15 catch up, because you were doing a FedEx  
16 commercial there.

17 MR. POPE: I'm sorry. I'll slow down.

18 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Ready? Okay.

19 All right. Go ahead, Mr. Pope.

20 MR. POPE: JEA will continue to provide  
21 information and support to the Council  
22 Special Committee on the Future of JEA, the  
23 duPont funds consultant and the Civic  
24 Council. JEA staff will strive to provide  
25 what each group is asking on the various

1 information requests. This response was  
2 approved by interim CEO Aaron Zahn as there  
3 have been no JEA Board meetings since the  
4 May 24th Special Committee meeting.

5 Council Member Dennis requested  
6 information from the JEA on how the JEA  
7 Board established the compensation for Aaron  
8 Zahn and Melissa Dykes, the interim CEO and  
9 COO.

10 JEA provides this response: Interim CEO  
11 Aaron Zahn proposed the compensation for  
12 Melissa Dykes and himself. He derived the  
13 proposed interim CEO's salary by reducing  
14 the salary earned by Paul McElroy in order  
15 to provide an appropriate salary increase  
16 for the President COO position held by  
17 Melissa Dykes and to provide additional  
18 salary for the interim CFO. The JEA Board  
19 reviewed and approved the recommended  
20 salaries for Mr. Zahn and Ms. Dykes at the  
21 Board's compensation committee and at the  
22 full Board.

23 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. So are you  
24 saying that there was no -- there's no net  
25 increase or decrease in salary expense for

1           those three positions, that aggregately  
2           they're using the same salary dollars?

3           MR. POPE: To the Chair, I don't know  
4           that that is necessarily what it means. And  
5           I would have to ask on the aggregate of  
6           those three salaries to see where it ended  
7           up compared to Mr. McElroy's.

8           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Because I  
9           think what I'm reading there in that  
10          response is that today's A, B, and C equals  
11          the same total as two months ago, A, B, and  
12          C. Is that the way you read it?

13          MR. POPE: Yes, sir.

14          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. But  
15          you can give us a clarification on that via  
16          email or something?

17          MR. POPE: I'll be happy to do that.

18          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Dennis.

19          COUNCIL MEMBER DENNIS: Through the  
20          Chair, Mr. Pope, thank you for being here.  
21          Go back to that response. Did you say that  
22          Mr. Zahn came up with the compensation for  
23          all three positions?

24          MR. POPE: Through the Chair to  
25          Councilman Dennis, the response says he

1 derived the proposed interim CEO salary by  
2 reducing the salary earned by Paul McElroy  
3 in order to provide an appropriate salary  
4 increase for the President COO position held  
5 by Melissa Dykes and to provide additional  
6 salary for the interim CFO.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER DENNIS: Now, through the  
8 Chair, I thought you said that Mr. Zahn --  
9 read the entire statement.

10 MR. POPE: Sure. Interim CEO Aaron Zahn  
11 proposed the compensation for Melissa Dykes  
12 and himself. He derived the proposed  
13 interim CEO salary by reducing the salary  
14 earned by Paul McElroy in order to provide  
15 an appropriate salary increase for the  
16 President COO position held by Melissa Dykes  
17 and to provide additional salary for the  
18 interim CFO.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER DENNIS: So through the  
20 Chair to Mr. Pope and maybe to the  
21 Committee, so is that common for a CEO to  
22 propose their own salary or is it the board  
23 sets the salary? I'm not just talking about  
24 JEA, but across the spectrum when you have a  
25 board, CEO or executive director

1 relationship. I don't know if you can  
2 answer that or one of my colleagues can help  
3 me out.

4 MR. POPE: Through the Chair, I'm not  
5 familiar with what is most appropriate in  
6 these cases. I can simply tell you what  
7 happened in this case.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DENNIS: All right.  
9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: You don't want to  
11 ask him if he sets his own salary?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER DENNIS: That's a good  
13 question.

14 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I know the  
15 answer.

16 All right. Any other questions for  
17 Mr. Pope? Any other JEA questions? Because  
18 this is the end of the line on JEA  
19 questions.

20 All right. Mr. Pope, I have two things  
21 for you.

22 MR. POPE: Yes, sir.

23 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: First of all,  
24 you're familiar with, like, I think the  
25 Chamber of Commerce each year takes a trip

1 to another city to kind of see what that  
2 city is doing, what is working and what  
3 they've learned doesn't work and we try to  
4 bring back ideas to --

5 MR. POPE: Yes, sir.

6 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: -- plagiarize or  
7 steal and implement over here. Does JEA  
8 ever visit -- like, do the electric folks  
9 ever go visit the other electric utilities,  
10 whether they're municipals or investor  
11 owned, and on the water side, do they go and  
12 visit other water or wastewater utilities to  
13 kind of see what their best practices are  
14 and bring things home to try to implement?  
15 Or do you glean information like that from  
16 some sort of national meetings or  
17 conferences or something? How is that --  
18 what kind of activities does JEA partake in  
19 those arenas?

20 MR. POPE: To the Chair, JEA undertakes  
21 both. So we're certainly a part of  
22 different industry associations where we go  
23 to different conferences and there are other  
24 utilities there. And we can learn from each  
25 other in their presentations and so forth

1           about things that are happening in the  
2           utility industry. I don't know with what  
3           frequency, but I do know of cases, even  
4           recently, where JEA has gone to other cities  
5           or utilities to learn what they are doing  
6           with different technologies and best  
7           practices, as you said. So we employ both.

8           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Do we have other  
9           utilities that come and see what we're doing  
10          in the wastewater and wastewater (sic)  
11          business and/or the electric business?

12          MR. POPE: To the Chair, I'm sure we do.  
13          I can think of one instance. There are  
14          probably more going on the operational side,  
15          so I may not be involved as much or hear  
16          about that as much. But I would be happy  
17          to -- I'm sure that that has happened. I  
18          can think of one instance and I'm sure it  
19          has happened many others.

20          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Can you give me a  
21          two-year history on electric and water side  
22          of, you know, where JEA has been and who has  
23          been to visit us?

24          MR. POPE: I will do my best, yes, sir.

25          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I know when this



1 city first abandoned the private ambulance  
2 model and went to a municipal fire -- a  
3 municipal rescue service, we had cities  
4 coming here almost weekly to see how did you  
5 come up with this idea, is it working. It's  
6 kind of become the national model. But we  
7 were, like, one of the original pioneers in  
8 that concept. So I didn't know if there was  
9 anything like that going on in the electric  
10 or water/wastewater business, so if you can  
11 kind of help me out.

12 MR. POPE: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: The second thing  
14 I want to talk to you about was you  
15 submitted to us previously a list of  
16 sponsorships, contributions, I forgot what  
17 word we were going to decide to use with  
18 regard to that. And I wanted to make sure  
19 that that was a comprehensive list. I  
20 thought it was a comprehensive list, but I  
21 went to do some yard work a couple of weeks  
22 ago and I put on my original Tire & Snipe  
23 Sign Buyback T-shirt, and I noticed on the  
24 back all these logos, one of which was the  
25 JEA logo. And I went back to my report and

1 I didn't see any reference in there. So how  
2 did you guys get a logo on the Tire Buyback  
3 shirts if you didn't make some sort of  
4 contribution to that.

5 And then I went back and looked at my  
6 successive years T-shirts, I think the first  
7 one was in 2015, and my successive years  
8 T-shirts also had the JEA logo. So I want  
9 to make sure that list was comprehensive.  
10 And maybe I missed it on the report, but I  
11 checked it a couple of times and I didn't  
12 see anything in there about the City's  
13 Annual Tire & Snipe Sign Buyback.

14 Do you see it, Ms. Kilgo? It looks like  
15 you -- or Mr. Bruderly, whoever you are.

16 MR. POPE: To the Chair, as Ms. Kilgo  
17 walks up, it was meant to be comprehensive.  
18 And Ms. Kilgo spent a lot of time, as did  
19 many others on this, but I'll let her  
20 respond.

21 MS. KILGO: Thank you. Nancy Kilgo. To  
22 the Chair, I would say that there is high  
23 possibility everything might not be on that  
24 list, because it happens out of different  
25 call centers, et cetera. We try to do the

1 most comprehensive list we could. There are  
2 other programs like our partnerships with  
3 water management where we have an obligation  
4 to provide conservation messaging,  
5 et cetera, that may not be on that list.  
6 We'll certainly find out on Tire Buyback how  
7 that happens. And go look at the list one  
8 more time. But I would be hesitant to say  
9 absolutely it's a totally inclusive list.

10 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. If you can  
11 go back and just at least check on that one  
12 item. If you're looking for that and you  
13 see anything else that we might need to  
14 amend that list with, I would welcome an  
15 updated list.

16 MS. KILGO: We'll do it. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Thank you all for  
18 being here today.

19 Anything else from the Committee?

20 MR. POPE: Mr. Chairman, I just -- I  
21 believe it's actually an in-kind for JEA  
22 placing each year on their bill insert the  
23 Tire Buyback as a promotion. But we'll  
24 confirm that.

25 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Is

1           there value to that? Do you do anything  
2           else on your bills in terms of  
3           notifications? That's not a purchasable --

4           MR. POPE: No, sir. It's only JEA  
5           information, from time to time the City.

6           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Okay. Thank you,  
7           Mr. Pope. If you can clarify that, that  
8           would be excellent.

9           All right. We had talked at our last  
10          meeting about a draft report from this  
11          Committee. Mr. Clements -- he's not here  
12          today. Mr. Clements drafted an outline and  
13          it's a long way from a final report or a  
14          final draft report. So he and I are going  
15          to have to kind of spend some time together  
16          and see if we can get back to a finished  
17          product. I doubt we can get that done by  
18          next week.

19          So I don't have anything else really.  
20          There is no residual items at this point.  
21          The Council Auditor is up to date on  
22          everything. JEA is now up to date on  
23          everything with a couple of little minor  
24          things we've talked about today.

25          So the only thing I see that's

1 outstanding is kind of a draft completion  
2 report from the Committee. So my  
3 recommendation would be that we not meet  
4 next Thursday. And hopefully we can get  
5 something out to the Committee by either  
6 late next week or early the following week  
7 that will give you something to read prior  
8 to Thursday the 21st.

9 Unless anybody else has anything they  
10 want to add to our list of things we need to  
11 follow, I think we're at a point where we're  
12 just going to have to get the report drafted  
13 and submitted.

14 Any comments or questions on that? Does  
15 anybody have heartburn not meeting next  
16 Thursday? I mean, I can go ahead and  
17 schedule a meeting if you want.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BECTON: I'm good.

19 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: You're good,  
20 okay.

21 Also, I think we heard from a guy last  
22 week from the University of Florida,  
23 Mr. Kury. And there was an interesting  
24 article that came out in Popular Science  
25 magazine yesterday about undergrounding.

1           And he was really downplaying the benefits  
2           of -- he was quoted in the article and he  
3           seemed to be downplaying the benefits of  
4           undergrounding as compared to costs  
5           associated with undergrounding, which I  
6           thought was interesting. I'll send that  
7           article out to everybody.

8           All right. If that's everything for  
9           today, anybody else have any comments or  
10          anything? Do we have any public speaker  
11          cards?

12          COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: I do have a  
13          comment.

14          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Ferraro, go  
15          ahead.

16          COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Mr. Chairman, I  
17          would like to ask Mr. Pope if he could come  
18          up and speak, if it's all right with you --

19          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Sure.

20          COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: -- about the  
21          implosion of the towers. We're getting a  
22          lot of calls right now to find out about the  
23          time, which road closures, what phone  
24          numbers to call and things like that.

25          So, Mr. Pope, if you can help get some

1 of these answers.

2 MR. POPE: Yes, sir. As you all know,  
3 JEA and Florida Power & Light retired the  
4 St. Johns River Power Park in January of  
5 this year. And part of that is the -- part  
6 of the decommissioning of the plant is the  
7 implosion of the two large cooling towers  
8 that you're probably all familiar with. And  
9 you will all be getting additional  
10 information in email form from me tomorrow.

11 But just as a way of general information  
12 that Councilman Ferraro has asked for, the  
13 planned implosion is Saturday, June 16th at  
14 approximately 8 o'clock in the morning.  
15 There will be some limited road closures on  
16 New Berlin Road as part of the implosion  
17 event. And I will send a map so that you  
18 all can see that. The road closures are  
19 planned from approximately 6:45 in the  
20 morning to 9:00 in the morning. Some local  
21 businesses will be impacted by the road  
22 closure. We will be working with them to  
23 make sure they have the access they need  
24 during that time, but our real concern, of  
25 course, is public safety down New Berlin

1 Road as that's taking place at roughly  
2 8 o'clock in the morning.

3 The towers are each about 464 feet tall,  
4 so it will be a noticeable difference in the  
5 skyline and it will be a noticeable event.

6 But we will be taking every precaution  
7 and we will -- you'll, again, be getting  
8 more information from me tomorrow.

9 This is a significant event for the St.  
10 Johns River Power Park and all the great  
11 people that worked there and the great 30  
12 years of service that plant gave to this  
13 community.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Mr. Pope, can  
15 you give us the phone number for residents  
16 or businesses who want to contact JEA to  
17 find out information, how this would affect  
18 their employees or their homes?

19 MR. POPE: Yes, sir. Any businesses or  
20 residents who have questions or concerns can  
21 call our Project Outreach Team at 665-7500.  
22 And I'll be sure to include that in my  
23 written communication.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: And the final  
25 question, after this is all over, will this



1 be the same number that people would call if  
2 they have any other problems or questions?

3 MR. POPE: Yes, sir. Any issues after  
4 the fact, same number.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Okay. So  
6 Tuesday night you will have a map showing  
7 this so people during Council will be able  
8 to look at this visually and see where the  
9 road closures would be and things like that?

10 MR. POPE: Yes, sir. I'll send the  
11 Council the road closure map tomorrow and  
12 Council Tuesday night will have it available  
13 on the screen so that everyone can see where  
14 those will take place.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Thank you for  
16 your help.

17 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Pope, while  
19 we're on this topic, let me ask you a  
20 question: Last time there was an implosion  
21 anywhere around here, it was across the  
22 street. And the Council had moved into this  
23 building. This building had opened and  
24 downtown was packed with people to watch the  
25 Old Robert Meyer hotel come down so that the

1 federal courthouse could be built.

2 Are you making accommodations with JSO  
3 to, I mean, anticipate traffic from --  
4 because I think the traffic constraints in  
5 and around the St. Johns River Power Park  
6 are probably going to be a little bit more  
7 challenging than a city block downtown.  
8 Have you put that into the plan?

9 MR. POPE: To the Chair --

10 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I suspect people  
11 are going to -- once you advertise this,  
12 they're probably going to show up early on  
13 Saturday morning to watch this.

14 MR. POPE: To the Chair, we are  
15 notifying approximately 3,300 property  
16 owners within the vicinity of the power  
17 park.

18 And back up a little bit on the road  
19 closures, that's coordinated with JSO. They  
20 will be out there helping us with that.

21 But as far as the notification to those  
22 in the general vicinity, that is happening.  
23 They will be notified of the road closures.  
24 We are letting people know that there is no  
25 general public viewing area and that, should

1           they choose to view this from somewhere, to  
2           please make safety their number one  
3           priority. With the road closures, we will  
4           be keeping people the required distances  
5           away for that safety, but we still want to  
6           make sure they understand that there are  
7           many, many places you can see the towers  
8           from, so we hope that people will take  
9           advantage of some of these viewing areas as  
10          opposed to clogging New Berlin Road, but  
11          that is part of our outreach to the --

12                   CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: And what are the  
13          road closures again?

14                   MR. POPE: It's New Berlin Road from  
15          Faye Road to Port Jacksonville Parkway. And  
16          I believe Island Drive, which is within that  
17          distance. So it's a very limited road  
18          closure. I'll send you the map.

19                   CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: That brings me to  
20          my second point. When the cruise ship first  
21          arrived here in Jacksonville, when it made  
22          its first port of call to the terminal west  
23          of the Dames Point Bridge, they closed the  
24          Dames Point Bridge when it arrived. Do you  
25          know why they did that?

1           MR. POPE: To make sure the boat wasn't  
2 going to hit the bridge when it went under.

3           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Well, no. They  
4 did that because they didn't want motorists  
5 freaking out with a boat looking like it was  
6 going to hit the bridge.

7           So there are no plans to temporarily  
8 close I-295? Because I can only imagine  
9 somebody from Virginia making their way home  
10 from Jacksonville at 8 o'clock in the  
11 morning and they see two 400-foot concrete  
12 towers crumbling off their passenger window.

13          MR. POPE: To the Chair, I believe we  
14 have reached out to FDOT to ask if they  
15 would help us with their electronic signage  
16 along 295 to notify people it is an  
17 implosion event.

18          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Well, I suspect  
19 you'll have cars lined up on the emergency  
20 lane with their cameras ready to capture  
21 that event. I would hope that you would  
22 encourage FHP to consider a temporary  
23 closure, because that's a recipe for -- you  
24 know what happens when there is an accident,  
25 right. I mean, this is like an accident to

1 the 15th power. That's all I'm going to say  
2 about that.

3 MR. POPE: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Thank  
5 you, Mr. Pope.

6 We have two speakers, Raymond Diaz,  
7 followed by Dwight Brisbane. Mr. Diaz.

8 MR. DIAZ: Raymond Olan Diaz, IBEW 2358,  
9 vice president. My address is on record.  
10 Glad to see you guys are doing well. Glad  
11 to (inaudible).

12 The only thing that I was concerned  
13 about is that I saw an article that came out  
14 by Eye on Jacksonville this last week about  
15 how they select the procedures. And my  
16 question was to you guys, if the procedures  
17 were not followed, is it legal? Is there  
18 any consequence behind it? Because they  
19 deny there was procedures, but according to  
20 Ms. Fisher -- if I'm correct -- yep, there  
21 are some procedures there from before. So  
22 somebody broke the rules and there is no  
23 follow-up on it. And I just want to make  
24 sure that, if we're going to follow the  
25 rules for everybody, it does follow them

1           too. If you guys are willing to forward and  
2           look into it, I would appreciate it.

3           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Diaz, are you  
4           referring to the selection process for the  
5           current CEO?

6           MR. DIAZ: Yes, sir.

7           CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Yeah. I'm not  
8           sure that quite fits into the charge of this  
9           Committee at this point. I appreciate your  
10          concern. And I think there may be a couple  
11          Council Members that are probably looking  
12          into that. But I don't think it's going to  
13          be the topic of this Committee.

14          MR. DIAZ: So do you recommend some way  
15          I can follow through so I can do legal  
16          action or should I go through --

17          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I would ask if  
18          there are any Council Members here present  
19          today that are working on that, if they  
20          would reach out to you. And they certainly  
21          have access to your information.

22          MR. DIAZ: Yes, sir. They sure do.  
23          Thank you very much.

24          CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I think that's a  
25          little bit beyond where we're supposed to be

1 going.

2 MR. DIAZ: Okay. I understand.

3 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Mr. Brisbane, he  
4 doesn't want to speak.

5 Okay. Well, that's it. I appreciate  
6 everyone being here today. Anybody have  
7 further announcements?

8 He did have some notes on here. You  
9 want me to read these notes into the record?  
10 Okay. So Mr. Brisbane's card, he checked  
11 comments from the public, subject Plant  
12 Vogtle, when will the City Council look into  
13 recovering the money spent on Plant Vogtle,  
14 also JEA should be given the assistance of  
15 the Council to get out of the contract with  
16 Plant Vogtle. That's, I guess, maybe what  
17 he would have said if he had wanted to  
18 speak.

19 All right. Thank you all for being  
20 here. We'll not have a meeting next week.  
21 If that's noticed, we'll need to cancel that  
22 meeting. And we'll reconvene here Thursday  
23 at 3:30 on the 21st. Thank you all for  
24 being here. This meeting is adjourned.

25 (Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.)

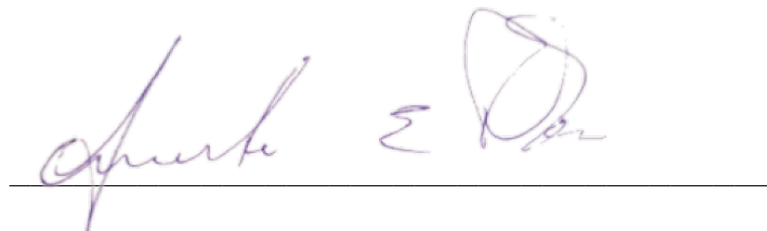
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