

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF JEA

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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 meeting on
4 The Future of JEA to order. This Committee
5 was extended by the current Council
6 President for the sole purpose of trying to
7 adopt this draft report into a final report
8 of the Committee. I don't know if everybody
9 brought their copies. I brought some extra
10 ones.

11 So let's start by having everyone
12 introduce themselves for the record.

13 Mr. Ferraro, will you lead that off,
14 please.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Al Ferraro,
16 District 2.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON: Greg Anderson,
18 at-Large Group 4.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER PITTMAN: Ju'Coby
20 Pittman, District 8.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER NEWBY: Sam Newby, Group
22 5.

23 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I'm John
24 Crescimbeni, at-Large Group 2.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER DENNIS: Garrett Dennis,

1 District 9.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BROSCHE: Anna Lopez
3 Brosche, Group 1.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BOYER: Lori Boyer,
5 District 5.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FREEMAN: Terrance
7 Freeman, District 10.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON: Scott Wilson,
9 District 4.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER HAZOURI: Tommy Hazouri,
11 Group 3 at-Large.

12 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Thank
13 you all for being here.

14 Ms. Sidman, I think at our last meeting
15 you said, when we had 17 council members, we
16 needed a quorum of 9. Assuming that quorum
17 number today, now that we're back up to 19,
18 it needs to be 10? Okay. I think we've
19 satisfied that. So we're good to go?

20 All right. Do you have an agenda over
21 there?

22 Okay. So this report, at our last
23 meeting, the only thing that changed was
24 some of Ms. Brosche's changes and then we
25 just kind of cleaned it up, made it a little

1 bit fancier version. So does anyone have
2 any additional comments about the report?
3 Which I'm sure you have probably read five
4 or six times by now because there is nothing
5 else to do really; right? Any other
6 comments?

7 All right. Mr. Peterson, did you have
8 anything you wanted to -- what wrench do you
9 want to throw in today?

10 MR. PETERSON: Through the Chair to the
11 Committee, just two small items. The report
12 references an approval date of June 27th.
13 That needs to be changed to today. And then
14 there is a misspelling on page 13 of impose,
15 it says "impost," get those corrected.

16 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Where is that on
17 page 13?

18 MR. PETERSON: It is in the second
19 paragraph under number 7, third line, it
20 starts, "IOUs to impost." Third line from
21 the bottom, I'm sorry.

22 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Third line from
23 the bottom. I don't see it. Page 13?

24 MR. PETERSON: Numbered page 13, yes,
25 sir.

1 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Under section --
2 oh, third line from the bottom of Section 7.
3 I gotcha, okay. You're suggesting that be
4 what?

5 MR. PETERSON: I believe it should be
6 impose.

7 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Any objections to
8 that change or the change of the approval
9 date?

10 All right. We'll just adopt that as a
11 scrivener's error, Ms. Sidman?

12 MS. SIDMAN: Sure.

13 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: All right. Any
14 other possible changes? Would anyone care
15 to make -- all right. Motion by Ms. Boyer,
16 second by Mr. Hazouri. Any discussion?

17 All right. If not, all those in favor,
18 say yes. Opposed, say no. By action you
19 have adopted this report.

20 This could possibly be the shortest JEA
21 meeting. But we do have an opportunity for
22 public comments. Anybody care to address
23 the Committee? Seeing no one, Mr. Hazouri,
24 do you want to address the Committee?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER HAZOURI: No. I just

1 want to ask you a question. I take it this
2 is going to go through the committee process
3 now or no, this is it?

4 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: This is it. I
5 had introduced a bill just in case we didn't
6 have a quorum today.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER HAZOURI: So you're going
8 to withdraw it?

9 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Yes. That bill
10 will be withdrawn.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER HAZOURI: Just checking
12 on it. I didn't know how this was going to
13 go.

14 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: I may wait a few
15 cycles just to make sure nothing --

16 COUNCIL MEMBER HAZOURI: I didn't know
17 if it was going to travel with that bill.

18 CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: -- no meteor hits
19 this or something between now and -- you
20 know, you never know what can happen around
21 here.

22 I want to thank everybody that
23 participated in this process. I know it was
24 long and gruelling. And I'm not sure how
25 many hours we put in, but it was a ton of

1 hours.

2 I thank Mr. Freeman and Ms. Pittman for
3 coming today. You're walking into the end
4 of a very long process. I know you probably
5 had some reservations about doing that
6 because you weren't up to speed on anything.
7 So thank you all for coming and helping us
8 establish our quorum to get our final report
9 out. I appreciate that very much.

10 I don't have anything else except thank
11 you. It was a nice ride. I'm proud of our
12 report. I think it's a good blueprint for
13 future councils and committees to look at.

14 A lot of us are leaving. You new guys,
15 this issue may not come up until the next
16 term, folks are termed out, but there is a
17 roadmap here of where we've been. I think
18 it will be a lot easier for any successful
19 council to pick up this topic for
20 discussion. Thank you again.

21 This meeting is adjourned.

22 (Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.)

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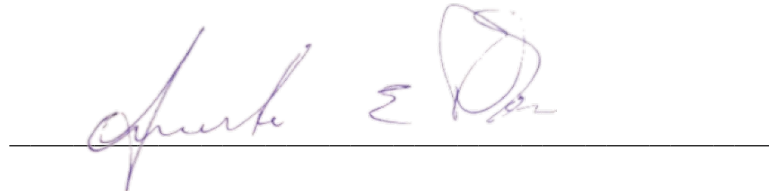
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