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CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Good afternoon. We're going to call the special meeting on The Future of JEA to order. This Committee was extended by the current Council President for the sole purpose of trying to adopt this draft report into a final report of the Committee. I don't know if everybody brought their copies. I brought some extra ones.

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBER FERRARO: Al Ferraro, District 2.


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

COUNCIL MEMBER NEWBY: Sam Newby, Group 5.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER DENNIS: Garrett Dennis,
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COUNCIL MEMBER BROSCHÉ: Anna Lopez Brosche, Group 1.

COUNCIL MEMBER BOYER: Lori Boyer, District 5.

COUNCIL MEMBER FREEMAN: Terrance Freeman, District 10.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON: Scott Wilson, District 4.

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

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

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

All right. Do you have an agenda over there?

Okay. So this report, at our last meeting, the only thing that changed was some of Ms. Brosche's changes and then we just kind of cleaned it up, made it a little
bit fancier version. So does anyone have any additional comments about the report? Which I'm sure you have probably read five or six times by now because there is nothing else to do really; right? Any other comments?

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

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

CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Where is that on page 13?

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

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

MR. PETERSON: Numbered page 13, yes, sir.
CHAIRMAN CRESCIMBENI: Under section -- oh, third line from the bottom of Section 7. I gotcha, okay. You're suggesting that be what?

MR. PETERSON: I believe it should be impose.

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

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

MS. SIDMAN: Sure.

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

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBER HAZOURI: No. I just
want to ask you a question. I take it this is going to go through the committee process now or no, this is it?

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

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

CHAIRMAN CRESCEMBENI: Yes. That bill will be withdrawn.

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

CHAIRMAN CRESCEMBENI: I may wait a few cycles just to make sure nothing --

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

CHAIRMAN CRESCEMBENI: -- no meteor hits this or something between now and -- you know, you never know what can happen around here.

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

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

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

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

This meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.)
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I, Amanda E. Robinson, Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that I was authorized to and did report the foregoing proceedings; and that the transcript, pages 1 through 7, is a true record of my stenographic notes.

DATED this 1st day of August, 2018.

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