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**October 21, 2019**

**AMENDED MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Honorable Members of the City Council**

**FROM: The Honorable Scott Wilson**  
**City Council, President**

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**RE: Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic**

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In accordance with Council Rule 2.103 (a), as President of the Jacksonville City Council I hereby appoint a Special Committee on the opioid epidemic.

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 21, 2017 the City Council established a Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic. On July 6, 2018 the special committee was extended. This committee with the help and guidance of professionals from the substance abuse organizations and Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) developed a pilot program called Project Save Lives. This program is dedicated to assisting patients with severe addiction. Since its inception Project Save Lives has proved to drastically reduce the number of opioid related deaths.

**CHARGE:**

Project Save Lives has been successful in reducing opioid related deaths as well as calls for service from JFRD. It is important that we continue to ensure the success of this program. I am asking this new committee to monitor the progress of the opioid epidemic and recommend suggestions for improvement and/or expansion of program Project Save Lives. It will remain the legislative body's vehicle in fighting the opioid crisis while working hand in hand with members of the Opioid Abuse Prevention Committee established by ordinance 2019-56-E. Study and make recommendations in regards to vaping or using electronic cigarettes.

**MEMBERS:**

Council Member Ronald B. Salem, Pharm. D-Chair  
Council Member Michael Boylan  
Council Member Tommy Hazouri  
Council Member Brenda Priestly-Jackson  
Council Member Randy White

**DEADLINE:**

The Special Committee on the Opioid Epidemic is tasked to report its findings and recommendations by June 30, 2020.

Thank you to each of the council members and the staff who make the commitment to serve on this important committee.

SAW/jl

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