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**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL JEA FACT-FINDING**

**WORKSHOPS BEGIN NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

The Jacksonville City Council announces a series of fact-finding workshops on the JEA, beginning on Wednesday, November 6th and continuing twice monthly through May 2020. The City Council will meet in the Lynwood Roberts Room on the first floor of City Hall at 11:00 a.m. on the Monday of City Council meeting weeks (weeks of the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month) to perform an intensive review of the history and current condition of the JEA, its relationship to the Consolidated City of Jacksonville, and various factors relating to a potential recapitalization, privatization or reorganization of the utility. Council Member Michael Boylan (District 6) will chair the workshop process. The public is welcome to attend and observe the workshops.

Planned topics for the workshops include:

November 6, 2019 The Role of the Independent Authorities vis-à-vis City Council (only Wednesday meeting)

November 25, 2019 The PFM Report; Council Auditor’s 2018 Report; 2018 City Council Special Committee on the Future of JEA report

December 9, 2019 A Review of the JEA’s Strategic Planning Process & Outcomes Leading Up to the Release of the Invitation To Negotiate

January 13, 2020 A Review of the 2019 JEA Audit & an Analysis of the Factors Leading to the Consideration of the Need for Restructuring the JEA (The McKinsey Report)

January 27, 2019 Rationale for and Advantages/Disadvantages of Moving Forward with Scenario #1: Status Quo Plan

 February 10, 2020 Rationale for and Advantages/Disadvantages of Moving Forward with Scenario #2: Traditional Utility Response Plan

February 24, 2020 Rationale for and Advantages/Disadvantages of Moving Forward with Scenario #3: Community Ownership Plan

March 9, 2020 Rationale for and Advantages/Disadvantages of Moving Forward with Scenario #4: Initial Public Offering Plan

March 23, 2020 Rationale for and Advantages/Disadvantages of Moving Forward with Scenario #5: Strategic Alternative from ITN 129-19

April 13, 2020 The Administration’s Vision of How the Sale Proceeds Would be Utilized Should Scenario #5 be Implemented

April 27, 2020 Water Rights: How Would the Restructuring of JEA Impact our Ability Meet Present and Future Water Needs?

May 11, 2020 Understanding the Florida Legislative Process, Specifically Florida Statutes Chapter 180-301

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