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January 15, 2020 (5:00 PM)

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: The Honorable Scott Wilson

City Council, President

SUBJECT: Special Committee on Resiliency

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

Background:

Population growth and natural forces stress our infrastructure and threaten our special coastal and river areas more than ever before. Hurricane Irma caused record-setting flooding in Jacksonville, Florida.

Charge:

The committee will comprehensively assess the resilience and health of the beaches coastline and the St. Johns River system, including its tributaries, wetlands and riparian land. As part of this assessment, it will review city environmental, land use and infrastructure policies that affect these valuable and often vulnerable county assets and the health and safety of our citizens. The committee may propose policy recommendations for consideration by the Council and the Mayor and executive branch agencies. I am directing the committee to complement any proposals with definitive, practical actions plans. The committee may seek advice from public and private subject matter experts and will encourage maximum public participation in its work. It should consider recent work and recommendations of the planning department and its adaptation action area work group and the valuable work accomplished by the Northeast Florida Regional Council on resiliency and sea level rise. I am pleased and committed to lead this critical initiative and look forward to receiving the committee's work product as they move along.

Members:

Council Member Matthew Carlucci, Chair Council Member Michael Boylan Council Member Aaron Bowman Council Member Randy DeFoor Council Member Garrett Dennis Council Member Joyce Morgan Council President Scott Wilson

Deadline:

The Special Committee on Resiliency 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

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cc: Council Members/Staff

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