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Subject: COJ/JEA - Update to the Committee

Special Investigatory Committee Members,

Absent further direction from the Committee or the Council President, we are on track to complete our investigation and provide the Committee our report by December 31, 2020.

1. <u>Since our last interim report</u>: We prepared for and participated in Committee meetings on September 28, October 12 and October 26.

We interviewed Michael Mace, Managing Director of PFM Financial Advisor LLC. Mr. Mace said he did not help prepare the City's December 20, 2017 request for proposals (the "RFP"), but confirmed circumstances regarding the City's and JEA's February 2018 selection of Morgan Stanley as a consultant for JEA's privatization and other circumstances regarding the City's privatization initiative.

We interviewed Husein Cumber, the JEA Board member who made the motion at the May 2018 JEA Board meeting to stop any further JEA privatization activities. Mr. Cumber addressed a number of issues regarding JEA Board action, including circumstances surrounding Mr. Zahn's selection as JEA's CEO.

We are prepared for Patrick Grieve's November 17, 2020 interview. Patrick Grieve was Jacksonville's Treasurer during the City's privatization efforts.

We prepared our October 8 memorandum opinion for the Committee regarding subpoenas for Timothy Baker and affiliated entities, and our November 3 memorandum regarding the Rules Committee's issuance of the subpoenas.

We have begun preparation of the Committee's report and related appendices.

2. <u>Matters to complete</u>: We are attempting to arrange interviews with Allen Maines (Holland & Knight) who represented JEA in the Plant Vogtle litigation, and former JEA Board members Lisa Weatherby, April Green, Fred Newbill and Camille Johnson. Paul McElroy, Jody Brooks and Michael Hightower have agreed to talk with us further as we complete our report.

3. Preparation of the report: We envision a report of approximately 90 pages, accompanied by a more than 350 page chronology, which will in turn be supported by hyperlinks to thousands of pages of documents and transcripts. We propose to print and bound the report and chronology in two volumes (without the supporting documents). We also propose to publish the report, chronology and supporting documents on a publically available website, which we will discuss further with the Committee.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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