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**SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW JSO PRIMARY FACILITIES
WORKING GROUP ON EXISTING FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

Meeting Minutes

**November 8, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

Location: Lynwood Roberts Room, 1st floor, City Hall

In attendance: Council Member Randy White,

Also: CM Michael Boylan; Circuit Judge Mark Borello; Rick Long – JSO, Assistant Chief of Jail’s Support Services Section; Sergeant Aaron Park – JSO; Roy Birbal – Public Works; Jordan Pope – JEA; Steven Libby and Rebecca Bolton – Legislative Services Division; Eamon Webb – Council Research Division

Meeting Convened: 10:02 a.m.

CM White thanked CM Boylan for his work in chairing the Special Committee to Review JSO Primary Facilities and called the meeting to order.

Sergeant Aaron Park provided the working group with a report of projects undertaken at the jail over the past five years. These projects in total cost \$12,311,773.32 over that time span. CM White noted that JSO has received quotes on the updates needed to sustain the jail in the near future, and these projects should cost an estimated \$7,301,747.53.

CM Boylan stated that the Special Committee should have a meeting the following week to communicate to the mayoral administration the urgency of the renovations. He asked JSO about a potential mold remediation, and Sgt. Park responded that JSO believes that unexpected costs would arise in the undertaking of this project. CM White asked Roy Birbal of Public Works whether the funds listed will be sufficient, and Mr. Birbal responded that Public Works maintains an operating budget for maintenance at the jail, separate from CIP funds.

CM White observed that the scope of the remediation will be large enough that Public Works might consider hiring a project manager; Mr. Bevel stated that Public Works has sufficient oversight staff to complete the project.

CM White requested that Jordan Pope of JEA speak on the potential for replacing water chillers in the facility. Mr. Pope reported that the replacement of two water chillers would likely cost three times than what was originally listed, and the three-year timeline that would be required to replace the water chillers would not align with the five-to-eight-year remaining lifespan of the facility. Mr. Bevel noted that modifications have kept water chillers in the facility running, but they would need to be replaced eventually if the facility were to still be in use. CM Boylan thanked Mr. Pope and JEA for this contribution and stated that JEA should be included in future conversations about the facility.

CM White opened up the meeting for questions, and it was noted that the health issues caused by mold in the facility were a serious issue and that mold remediation might pay for itself in reducing the instance of sick days needed by officers.

Sgt. Park stated that JSO could reach out to Simpson Environmental for a quote for mold remediation, and CM Boylan stated that the full Special Committee should meet next week to update and prioritize the project list and to communicate this priority list to the mayoral administration.

Meeting adjourned: 10:22 a.m.

Minutes: Eamon Webb, Council Research Division

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