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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council Members

FR: Randy White, President
Jacksonville City Council

RE: **20240715 Charge Memorandum for Special Committee on the Community Benefits Agreement**

As part of the discussion surrounding 2024-904-E, the Stadium Renovations legislation, as Council President, I am establishing a Special Committee to review the associated Community Benefits Agreement and any related legislation. The Community Benefits Agreement will be a historic investment between the City and the Jaguars, and it is imperative that the Agreement is thoroughly evaluated. As President, I want to ensure these key investments will pay dividends over the decades to come and that all residents of Jacksonville are positively impacted. The Special Committee Charge is included below. Additionally, I have outlined herein the Council process we will follow for the legislation. I am committed to ensuring a swift and robust review and discussion takes place.

Committee Charge:

The Special Committee of the City Council on the Community Benefits Agreement, is hereby charged to address the following questions/matters:

1. Explore all available options as they relate to the Community Benefits Agreement and legislation.
2. Review and recommend any necessary amendments to the Community Benefits Agreement and legislation.

The Special Committee may seek advice from both public and private subject matter experts and should encourage maximum public participation in its work.

I would like to thank Council Member Raul Arias for chairing this Special Committee. Thank you to each of the Council Members and staff who make the commitment to serve on this important committee.

Members:

Council Member Raul Arias, Chair
Council Member Jimmy Peluso, Vice Chair
Council Member Nick Howland
Council Member Will Lahnen
Council Member Ken Amaro
Council Member Clark-Murray

As Council President, I plan to participate in the meetings as needed.

Deadline:

The Special Committee on the Community Benefits Agreement is tasked to report its findings and recommendations on these matters on or before August 27, 2024.

Council Process:

The Community Benefits Agreement legislation will be introduced and the Council process for the review of the legislation is outlined herein. It is my intent to allow the Special Committee to act as the Standing Committee for the Community Benefits Agreement legislation and make any necessary recommendations as a Standing Committee would. All Council Members are invited to attend the Special Committee meetings to participate in the debate and offer amendments.

- **The Special Committee will meet between Wednesday, July 17, 2024, and Monday, August 26, 2024.**
- **Wednesday, July 17** – Legislation filed
- **Tuesday, July 23** – Legislation Introduced at Council
- **August 5 & 6** – Legislation on regular Committee Agendas for Second Reading
- **August 13** – Legislation on Council Agenda for required Public Hearing & Second Reading
 - Waiver of Council Rule 2.204 regrading requirements for Committee Reports
- **Week of August 19** – Legislation will be marked as deferred on regular Committee agendas
- **Tuesday, August 27** – Council takes final action on Community Benefits Agreement legislation
 - As Council President, I will discharge the legislation from regular Committees
 - The Special Committee will provide a final report, which will include all recommended amendments to the Community Benefits Agreement and legislation. These amendments will be offered as Floor Amendments.

cc: Council Members and Staff
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