

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2020
TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 11:22 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers
First Floor
City Hall at St. James Building
117 West Duval Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lindsey Brock, Chairperson
Jessica Baker, Board Member
Frank Denton, Board Member
William W.C. Gentry, Board Member
Nick Howland, Board Member
Heidi Jameson, Board Member
Emily Lisska, Board Member
Betzy Santiago, Board Member
Hon. Ronald V. Swanson, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

CRC Staff:

Jessica Smith, Legislative Assistant
Juliette Williams, Legislative Services
Jeff Clements, Chief of Council Research
Anthony Baltiero, Council Research
Steve Cassada and Melanie Wilkes, Information
Systems Administrator.
Kealey West, Office of General Counsel

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Good morning,
4 everyone. We will call the meeting to order of
5 the Charter Revision Commission on March 5th,
6 8:30 a.m. We are going to go ahead and get
7 started and go through those things that we
8 can, waiting to see if we get a quorum here.
9 But we will go ahead and -- since we can't
10 approve the minutes, we can have public
11 comment.

12 Mr. Scott, I see you have delivered a
13 card.

14 MR. SCOTT: You're saying that's within
15 the rules?

16 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: To accept public
17 comment, yes. In fact, I had that confirmed
18 with the Office of General Counsel.

19 MR. SCOTT: But will it be on the record?

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes, sir. We started
21 the meeting. The meeting has been called to
22 order. We just can't vote on anything until we
23 have our quorum. We can certainly listen to
24 you.

25 MR. SCOTT: Stanley Scott. My address is

1 on file.

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Clock him.

3 Go ahead. I'm sorry. I was speaking to
4 the staff folks.

5 MR. SCOTT: Okay. The reason I'm here
6 this morning here because after talking with
7 numerous people, especially my mentor,
8 Mr. Edward Exson, I have decided that we do not
9 see any progress with the Charter Revision.
10 This will be his fifth time and this will be my
11 third time participating in this process. And
12 when it comes to the consolidation -- before
13 consolidation, the reason -- when I was coming
14 up, we assumed -- well, I assumed the reason
15 why this city was in bad shape before
16 consolidation is because it was under African
17 American leadership. But as I grew older and
18 did my own research, I found out that you have
19 the same problem that you have today.

20 During that time, there was a lot of
21 commissions, and the commissions was stealing
22 money, doing everything they wanted to do.
23 Now, today, as you look around, you see the
24 same thing. You've got the DIA. You got all
25 these different commissions, authorities, task

1 forces, and equality of outcome for the
2 community is in bad shape.

3 Now this is not something I came up with.
4 It's national research, Times Union, WJCT,
5 Melissa Ross Show that show that you have a
6 leadership problem. And you continue to
7 operate with the strong mayor-type mentality,
8 and you see nothing changing in the city.

9 People say, yeah, well, things are
10 changing for me as an individual. Well, yes.
11 There's quite a few people in this city doing
12 pretty good. There's many corporations,
13 billion dollar corporations. But when you're
14 talking about equality of outcome, especially
15 if you look at downtown and use it as an
16 example, it will show you that leadership is a
17 problem.

18 Ethics is a problem. The last Charter
19 Revision talked about ethics, but you're not
20 talking about ethics here. You are not taking
21 that knowledge and fine tune it to today.
22 That's a leadership problem. And you think
23 about JEA, JTA, the ignorance of JTA to put the
24 new terminal down there in a flood zone shows
25 poor leadership. You've seen it all over the

1 city here.

2 And then we talk about the murder rate
3 here, and a lot of the issue with the murder
4 rate here when it comes to the African
5 Americans is because of disenfranchise.
6 African Americans in this city still make 30
7 percent less than Caucasians in this country.
8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Thank you, sir.

10 Okay. Well, remarks from the Chair will
11 be brief because the primary remark is we're
12 waiting for one more so that we can take
13 action.

14 But I do believe it would be helpful at
15 this point for us to kind of skip down to 5(a)
16 on the proposed Charter language with the Urban
17 Core. If you recall -- just to kind of set the
18 stage for Ms. Johnston -- we had the
19 subcommittee meeting was it last week --
20 Monday. It only felt like that. And during
21 that meeting, we looked at Section 55 of the
22 Ordinance Code and between several of us
23 divvied up portions of the proposed Charter
24 language that would pattern itself after the
25 DIA and be applicable for Urban Core. And all

1 that has been compiled and put together by
2 Ms. Johnston.

3 Excellent work on it. Can you walk us
4 through -- for those of you, it should be the
5 separate one. It's the thicker thing that
6 says: Proposed Amendment to the City of
7 Jacksonville Charter.

8 Does everybody have that?

9 All right. We're doing business now.
10 Good morning. I will call you number eight.

11 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I made it, huh.

12 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: You did.

13 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: What power I have
14 here.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: So where we are --
16 you probably heard us as you were coming in --
17 we're having -- Ms. Johnston has gone through
18 and she compiled all of our various portions
19 and massaged it where it needed to be massaged
20 and trimmed where it needed to be trimmed.

21 So the floor is yours.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: All right. So the
23 document in front of you, I tried to format it
24 as it would be a Charter Article, and so you'll
25 see a blank number. I know there was some

1 discussion at the noticed meeting about
2 possibly taking Article 20, which we believe is
3 no longer necessary in the Charter, and
4 actually using that number. But I just left it
5 blank for now for discussion purposes.

6 So it is set up as it would be a Charter
7 amendment. As such, what I really did was just
8 format the various sections based on what I was
9 sent. I'll just walk through the different
10 sections with you, and then the person who
11 worked on the substantive section material
12 can answer questions if there are any
13 questions.

14 There were a few places where I put notes
15 into the text that I thought either could be
16 part of discussion or explanation. And I know
17 Mr. Brock also put a note in a section, so I
18 left that note in the section for the CRC to
19 review.

20 So if you look, the first section is
21 called Authority Created Purpose. This
22 material was sent to me by Mr. Gentry, so I
23 included the purpose language that he provided.
24 I did add the second section, which is
25 Authority Created, because in looking at the

1 way the DIA was established, it has similar
2 language under the Authority Created. So I did
3 add that section, and it is based primarily off
4 language that it's in the DIA.

5 The structure of the DIA is that it
6 created a Community Development District under
7 Chapter 163, so I referenced Chapter 163. I
8 suppose it's possible that this ultimately
9 would not be a CRA, but I went ahead and just
10 inserted the language for you-all to look at.

11 The next section under -- it's called
12 Findings. This material was also provided by
13 Mr. Gentry, and I did not make any changes to
14 the language, just if there were typos or
15 things of that nature. However, I did note --
16 if you look at page 3, there's some language
17 that he provided. It is in italics. He did
18 not put it in italics. I did, and I put a
19 note. The language in italics is somewhat of
20 the findings of the Charter Revision Commission
21 as to the creation of this special district.
22 And so my note was that this seems more
23 appropriate in the final report of the CRC, but
24 not necessarily in the Charter Ordinance Code.
25 So I just put that note in for discussion by

1 the Commission for you to determine if this was
2 language you would want in the Charter or if
3 you would want to just put it in the final
4 report that Mr. Brock is preparing.

5 The next provision is the boundaries of
6 the Urban Core area. I have a note in this
7 section that I will provide a better written
8 description. I simply used language based off
9 the map, but it's not specific or particular,
10 so it does need to be cleaned up, but I didn't
11 have enough time to do that. So -- and you'll
12 note, the last page of this document actually
13 has the boundary map of the proposed
14 development authority. But this will be
15 cleaned up and will look a little better.

16 The next section is definitions. And
17 most of the definitions were provided by
18 Commissioner Baker. However, Chair Brock also
19 had a few definitions from his section on
20 funding that I incorporated into this
21 definitional section. And Mr. Brock has
22 provided -- on page 4, you'll note that
23 Mr. Brock had made comment regarding the
24 definition of program, and so I left his note
25 in for discussion. Otherwise, I just used the

1 language that was provided for the definitions.

2 The next section at the bottom of page 4,
3 Urban Core Development Authority Board, this
4 information was provided by Commissioner Baker.
5 And, again, I did not attempt to make
6 substantiative changes except where it may
7 implicate a legal issue.

8 For instance, in the board membership,
9 she had originally listed that one of the
10 council members who is in that impacted area
11 would serve on the board, and I believe that
12 that could possibly create a dual office
13 holding position for that council member. So I
14 changed the language to the fact that the
15 council member would select a designee to serve
16 on the board. Another alternative is you can
17 have liaisons to the board, and you could make
18 one or more of the council members for that
19 area a liaison. So that's something for
20 discussion, but I did change it to designee
21 rather than the actual -- one of the council
22 members sitting on the board. So that language
23 is mainly what was provided by Ms. Baker.

24 So at the meeting on Monday it was
25 discussed whether the board would be seven or

1 nine, and I believe Ms. Baker chose the number
2 nine, so that is what's in the language.

3 Next page, on page 6, is Functions and
4 Duties, and I believe that also came from Ms.
5 Baker. And, again -- I think she relied on
6 language in the DIA from the Ordinance Code,
7 but I didn't attempt to make any changes to
8 that either.

9 And then at the bottom of page 7, Funding
10 and Operations, this language was provided by
11 Chair Brock, and I just formatted it. I didn't
12 make any changes. I wanted to keep the
13 integrity of what the Committee had worked on
14 without putting my own thoughts or edits into
15 it.

16 So that's the document you have. You can
17 discuss whether you want to make any changes.
18 If you do want to make changes after today, I
19 can incorporate changes or, ultimately, Chair
20 Brock, when he's working on the final report,
21 if there's any changes that come up in the next
22 several weeks, they can also be made through
23 that mechanism as well.

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Did anyone who
25 worked on the draft language have anything to

1 add before we go into public participation and
2 then debate and discussion?

3 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I want to talk
4 about the substantive stuff.

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Well, no. Was there
6 anything you wanted to add in addition to what
7 Ms. Johnston has said?

8 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I think she did a
9 great job. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Then we will
11 have our public participation.

12 Oh. I'm sorry. Oh, yes. I see
13 Mr. Denton.

14 COMMISSIONER DENTON: Just so that I'm
15 clear, the final report of the Charter Revision
16 Commission that you will put together,
17 Mr. Chairman, will include the report of the
18 subcommittees, including this subcommittee as
19 amended by the Commission?

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER DENTON: And so the language
22 that we're looking at here is the language that
23 would actually -- that Ms. Johnston has put
24 together will be the language that we recommend
25 going into the Charter?

1 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER DENTON: One of the things
3 that surprised me -- and, again, in the meeting
4 Monday I was one of the non-lawyers in the
5 group. But looking at the draft, I went back
6 to the Charter a little bit. Generally, are
7 there -- is there information in the Charter
8 like what you have here in Section 02,
9 Findings, sort of a background? Is that
10 unusual to put that actual language in the
11 Charter down to -- and you made a note of that
12 on page 3, but just for those three bullet
13 points. That whole "Findings" section, is that
14 normal to put, you know, the background of
15 reasons for something in the Charter?

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Through the Chair, I don't
17 think it's unusual. I don't recall -- most
18 articles probably don't have that language, but
19 I think there is some language in other
20 provisions of the Charter. You do see that in
21 the Ordinance Code sometimes with particular
22 sections, and I think DIA had some legislative
23 findings and other references.

24 You could look at this language and
25 determine whether you want to pare it down

1 somewhat. My comment on page 3 was just
2 because it listed specifically the Charter
3 Revision Commission and the findings that you
4 had during your term on the Charter Revision
5 Commission. And, again, I just thought, to me,
6 that seemed like something that would be in the
7 final report and not necessarily in the
8 Charter. It it's up to you as to what language
9 you would like to recommend. I don't think
10 it's inappropriate to have a findings section
11 in the new article.

12 COMMISSIONER DENTON: If I may,
13 Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Sure.

15 COMMISSIONER DENTON: Then that's fine.

16 And one thing I would offer to do -- and
17 maybe you already know this -- but I seem to be
18 the only member of the subcommittee here right
19 now. But I am familiar with the changes we
20 made in the map, and there are three of them.
21 So I'm happy to -- we can talk about it now,
22 but I would be happy to talk to you later about
23 that just so you're clear when you're drawing
24 the actual streets.

25 MS. JOHNSTON: Sure. That would be

1 helpful. I'd be happy to talk to you about
2 that area and just get your comments before I
3 finalize the document and send it to Mr. Brock.

4 I think there was also a conversation on
5 Monday about some of the additional information
6 that I think everyone thought was very helpful
7 but maybe wouldn't necessarily go into the
8 Charter amendment. There was a discussion
9 about a white paper, and I think Ms. Knight had
10 talked about maybe preparing some information
11 that would be in a white paper. I would see
12 that as going into the final report, and that
13 probably would take a lot of the information
14 that you put together originally and put it
15 into the final report. So that information I
16 would see possibly going into the CRC's final
17 report.

18 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. And we have --
19 Mr. Clements has been working diligently on
20 that and sent me a revised draft. I'm going to
21 be tweaking that. But, yeah.

22 The short answer is all of the
23 information that each of the committees have
24 provided is going to be incorporated into the
25 final report as findings and support and all

1 the efforts that were done.

2 There are a couple of sections -- the
3 tree protection provision that's in the Charter
4 actually does have a section on findings. So
5 not all of them do, but some them do. And I
6 think how these have been pared down by
7 Ms. Johnston is probably good. And then the
8 things that are specific as to what we did as a
9 Charter Revision Commission are probably, as
10 she said, more appropriate to move and pull
11 out. We'll start parsing it after we get into
12 our debate.

13 Mr. Gentry and Ms. Jameson, is it on
14 general stuff or --

15 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Well, in light of
16 Frank's question, I was going to respond.

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Why don't we
18 do that so we can keep things moving. Is
19 everybody okay with that?

20 All right. So, Mr. Scott, you're here
21 for public participation on the proposed
22 language for Urban Core Development Authority.

23 MR. SCOTT: Yes, sir. Stanley Scott with
24 the African American Economic Recovery Think
25 Tank, and my address is on file.

1 I'm still concerned as I spoke at the
2 meeting -- Urban Service meeting last week.
3 I'm a little concerned about the language
4 because income -- because you make more money
5 than another part of a community doesn't make
6 you better. You know, I'm having a problem
7 with the language that y'all are using in the
8 Urban Core area because, once again, because of
9 racism -- and WJCT I think in 2001 did a report
10 that they say African Americans make 30 percent
11 less than Caucasians in the city. Well, if you
12 take that same 30 percent and they had the same
13 opportunity to use that money to help empower
14 they family, they would have almost the same
15 income.

16 Now, we need to stop marginalizing
17 certain areas of town. Yes, certain areas of
18 town have different income levels, but they are
19 still good people. If we look at the numbers
20 when we start talking about crime, it's around
21 one to two percent in this city. Most people
22 in this city are good people. So you have to
23 be very careful when you use language here
24 because there's people that live in the Urban
25 Core that have master's degrees. And then you

1 still turn around and put this language right
2 back in here, still using simple language to
3 say that certain areas have different income
4 levels. Some areas need more, what I would
5 say, care, need more education.

6 When we talk about education -- let's
7 talk about it. You talk about education in the
8 City of Jacksonville, there has not been any --
9 when they talk about education, you have
10 Stanton right there in that community. But
11 those students -- and we did the research.
12 Some of those kids, the reason why they get the
13 grades that they get is because of racism.
14 Yeah, because of their parents connection.
15 Most of those kids are dumb as a rock. I do
16 the work. I do the work. I do the numbers on
17 a national level, especially in Jacksonville.

18 So you have these problems here. You
19 need to change the language. I'm going to be
20 writing concerning this here because I wouldn't
21 use the language. I would use the language
22 here that we have a disparity problem. That's
23 something that's been going on for many years,
24 almost 100 years, in this area over here. So
25 be careful about how you use that language

1 because God can see evil. Evil is evil. It's
2 just appalling to me.

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Thank you. I will
4 tell you the intent is not to marginalize
5 anybody but is to actually do our best to
6 create this language to help this area of the
7 community.

8 All right. We have the proposed language
9 for the Charter amendment. Do I hear a motion
10 to approve the language so that we can go into
11 discussion?

12 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: So moved.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Motion second.

14 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Second. All right.

16 We are now in discussion. I've got
17 Ms. Jameson.

18 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: I had a
19 clarification question first. Are these two
20 documents moving forward or is the document
21 that was provided last week no longer?

22 Sorry I was late. So is this the new
23 document?

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: So we approved the
25 report subject to the language of the Charter

1 amendment. Now, there are two versions, so
2 make sure you've got the longer one in here.
3 There's a shorter version that --

4 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: There was a
5 document provided last week.

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: And this new
8 document today. So is this replacing the
9 document from last week?

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: No. It is in
11 addition to the document from last week.

12 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: And I have a
13 couple questions.

14 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: But I wanted to make
15 sure -- we're not voting -- this is the short
16 one. This was only partial. It's in your
17 packet. So basically if your heading on the
18 Urban Core has three lines, that's the short
19 one. If it has two lines for the heading,
20 that's the longer one that we're voting on.

21 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Got it. Okay.

22 So the millage rate adjustment that was
23 suggested in the document provided last week, I
24 don't see that in this document this week,
25 which correct me if I'm wrong. But I would

1 like to perhaps discuss this millage rate
2 adjustment proposal. I have some strong
3 concerns with that.

4 Also, then also I have a question related
5 to -- let me see where it is in the new
6 document. I apologize.

7 The idea that the UCDA should acquire,
8 manage, lease, operate, and sell property. I
9 would like to hear from those that have worked
10 on this as far as the rationale for both of
11 those; so, again, the millage rate adjustment
12 and the requirement to have properties managed,
13 leased, owned, sold, by a city entity.

14 So if anyone can speak to those two
15 items, that's really what my two main questions
16 are around.

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. I see
18 Ms. Johnston.

19 MS. JOHNSTON: Through the Chair to
20 Commissioner Jameson. In the original report
21 that was offered by the subcommittee, they
22 provided several examples of possible funding
23 sources. I don't think it was their intention
24 to say one of those was the ultimate way to go,
25 and so I think that millage rate adjustment was

1 just an idea.

2 I'll let Mr. Denton speak to this as
3 well.

4 But that was giving ideas for the Council
5 to consider if the Council creates this Urban
6 Core Development Authority. Since the document
7 that I went through this morning is what the
8 language would look like in the Charter, it
9 doesn't go into details as to suggesting one
10 way or another as to funding. Obviously, in
11 order to have this move forward, the Council
12 would have to fund it in some fashion, but I
13 think we're leaving that to the Council to
14 determine how they're going to fund this
15 development authority.

16 If you look at DIA, for example, because
17 they're a CRA, they are able to pull revenues
18 from the tax base, but you do have to go
19 through multiple steps to get to that process.
20 So I have, somewhat, in my language, at least
21 where the authority created on the first page,
22 does talk about this being possibly a CRA under
23 163, and that would be a potential funding
24 source.

25 We didn't go into specific detail from

1 the noticed meeting on Monday as to providing
2 funding. We just simply said, Okay. If the
3 Council decides to move forward with this, it
4 will have to be funded. We want the provisions
5 in the Charter language to establish just the
6 basic parameters of how it would operate, but
7 we're not going to tell them how they're going
8 to fund it.

9 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Okay. Thank you
10 for that clarification. Sorry. Thank you for
11 that.

12 And then also with that same question
13 because you brought that up, if there was a CRA
14 created through this entire area and there
15 already is a CRA within that area, how does
16 that work together?

17 MS. JOHNSTON: Through the Chair. It's
18 interesting you mentioned that because I was
19 speaking with Chair Brock about that. I
20 honestly don't know at this point whether they
21 could be merged into one or whether we would
22 keep that separated or how that actually would
23 work. But I think that somewhat goes beyond
24 the scope of what the CRC needs to have for
25 their consideration now. But that would be an

1 issue that the Council would have to look at as
2 to the establishment of the CRA and whether the
3 CRA would somehow fold into it or whether they
4 would keep it separated. That would be
5 something that the Council would have to look
6 at and determine.

7 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: All right.

9 Mr. Denton, and then I can add a little more
10 onto that answer.

11 COMMISSIONER DENTON: Just to clarify
12 Ms. Johnston on top of what she said. You have
13 two documents. And we talked about this a
14 little earlier. The first one that we approved
15 last week, that is the report of the
16 subcommittee, or the Committee on the Urban
17 Core Development Authority, and we approve --
18 the Commission approved that last week. That's
19 the report that will be included as amended by
20 the Commission in the final report of the
21 Commission to the City Council.

22 The other document, the new one today,
23 that is longer. I think what the Commission
24 asked to happen this week, which was the
25 subcommittee met again, this time with some of

1 our lawyers on the Commission, and this is the
2 language that we propose to go actually in the
3 Charter. So the two documents together, one
4 part of the report and the other is, I believe,
5 the legal language that would actually go in
6 the Charter.

7 As to the millage rate adjustment, the
8 subcommittee was just trying to list all
9 possible sources of funding for it and no
10 one -- neither the subcommittee nor the
11 Commission, I'm sure, is recommending a millage
12 rate increase specifically. We're just saying
13 a source of things the City Council might look
14 to to fund it.

15 And on the authority that you asked
16 about, that language, that section, came from
17 things in the Ordinance Code and maybe the
18 Charter as to the responsibilities of other
19 people in similar positions to the CEO of the
20 UCDA, if that helps.

21 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: It does. Thank
22 you.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: And I'll go to
24 Mr. Gentry next.

25 With regard to the funding, what I saw in

1 regards to the DIA was that there was an
2 ordinance. I apologize we don't have that
3 ordinance attached. But there was an ordinance
4 when it was created -- that authority was
5 created by ordinance. There was another
6 ordinance for the funding that took the
7 Northbank and Southbank CRAs and put all of
8 those into the DIA. There were existing funds
9 in those accounts from those CRAs that were
10 then, by ordinance, appropriated over to the
11 DIA.

12 That's the purpose of my note in there
13 saying that, if they move forward with this,
14 just to let them know that we've thought
15 through it, and that, yes, the CRA that does
16 exist there would likely have to be just
17 incorporated into and managed by this Urban
18 Core Authority. And I believe having a CRA
19 created by ordinance for this area is going to
20 likely be the continuing funding process for it
21 in addition to appropriated funds through the
22 budgeting process, which is why you'll see in
23 the funding section that it mentions funds from
24 the CRA trust fund as well as those funds that
25 have been appropriated through Council in the

1 budget process.

2 Mr. Gentry.

3 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Thank you,
4 Mr. Chairman.

5 Going to the question raised by
6 Commissioner Denton about half the report
7 relates to background and findings. In our
8 meeting the other day that we had with the
9 joint group, I heard, I thought, fairly loud
10 and clear some concern that once this is
11 proposed as legislation, as I think has
12 occurred in the past, there would be an
13 opposition potentially from other areas of town
14 or from other Council members that why are we
15 doing this and, you know, we're spending this
16 extraordinary -- once the money starts rolling,
17 particularly because it's going to take a lot
18 of money to fix this problem over time or to
19 resolve it, that other areas would say why,
20 why, why.

21 And so -- and I took from that that it
22 was felt to be very important to try to make
23 the case why this area of town is unique and in
24 great need of special care and treatment.
25 That's why I put findings. There are other

1 articles in the Charter that have findings.
2 And the tree ordinance, for example, goes to
3 some extent explaining why it's important that
4 we do this. So that's why I took -- tried to
5 take what the committee had said throughout.

6 I have circles all over the place where
7 it was randomly -- someone would make a
8 reference and speak to it. So I tried to
9 capture that, and obviously reframed it
10 somewhat. That's the main purpose. And the
11 more I thought about it -- and particularly
12 when I looked back and saw that this first
13 commitment and recognition of the need to have
14 a viable and healthy Urban Core was the spouse
15 of 1966 and then again, of course, in 1968 when
16 the special -- in the article itself that
17 provided additional services to this area, and
18 then again in 2014 with the second Blueprint.

19 So it seemed to me, yes, this is
20 important. We need to get this out there so
21 the case is made. And my hope was that by
22 doing this and putting it in the article, it
23 wouldn't get lost again like the '66 Blueprint
24 and the one article in the 1968 Charter and the
25 2014 Blueprint, that it would be out there and

1 it would -- my concern about having the report
2 is that's another document over here that kind
3 of gets shuffled aside. People are looking at
4 the body of the document.

5 As to the italicized findings, you know,
6 I don't know that we -- that the Charter
7 Revision Commission itself has to make findings
8 as opposed to having the background information
9 that's not italicized. I did that -- the
10 specific ones really is in response to saying,
11 yes, we find -- yes, these things are true.
12 And we are -- hopefully this body has some
13 credibility and prestige and so we're saying,
14 yes, this is true. It is a specific finding.

15 Again, for me, I'd like -- you know, I
16 like speaking the truth and, I think,
17 hopefully, if it's said enough, the City will
18 step up and do what it said it wants to do.

19 So that's why I was there. I'm not sure
20 all of it needs to be in here. I agree with
21 that. I do think there needs to be findings in
22 the Charter itself so that people understand
23 the history of this and why it's being done,
24 because we all know the amount of resources
25 that will have to be allocated are huge over

1 time, and there will be pushback.

2 The other thing is, about the language,
3 it's interesting. Last night I was talking
4 with my fiance, soon to be my wife, I keep
5 saying. She keeps reminding me.

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Should we hold the
7 date?

8 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Soon. Soon.

9 But, anyway, we were talking and she
10 said, I don't understand. You know, why? Why?

11 And my response to that was -- for me, I
12 think there are two reasons why. One, when you
13 start looking at the extraordinary needs, you
14 deal with extraordinary costs, which means the
15 City as a whole has to step up and make a major
16 financial commitment to this community and for
17 the reasons expressed by the committee.

18 At that point, when you start talking
19 about why here as opposed to over here?
20 There's problems on the westside, problems
21 here, and problems there. So you start getting
22 into some real contentious arguments about why
23 here. At this stage, 50 years later, I think
24 the why here is very clear, but that's -- will
25 be an argument.

1 The other problem is, when you start
2 naming the problems, as we do here, then you
3 get pushback from some areas of the community
4 itself saying, Now, wait a minute? Most our
5 people aren't criminals. Why are you talking
6 about crime? Now, wait a minute. We have
7 master's degrees and highly educated people.
8 Why are you talking about poor education? Wait
9 a minute. We've got really nice homes over
10 here.

11 And there are very nice homes in that
12 area. I mean, there are some very affluent
13 communities. Many parts of the north west
14 section of Jacksonville are well-developed and
15 comparable to or exceed many other areas in
16 Jacksonville in terms of socioeconomic
17 resources.

18 And they say, Well, why are you talking
19 about us like this? This is racism.

20 And so then that comes from the other
21 direction, from the people who don't want to do
22 something, and it just goes boom and nothing
23 happens. And we had that conversation. I
24 said, There will be pushback.

25 And then the question is: So do you name

1 it? Do you identify it? Do you speak to it?
2 And do you try to then fix it, or do you keep
3 sticking your head in the sand and saying we
4 don't want to have to have this hard
5 conversation?

6 I think we need to have the hard
7 conversation, so that's -- but that will be an
8 issue. And I personally don't have a skill set
9 to know how to talk about something in
10 euphemisms that communicate a positive
11 situation when it is a negative problem that
12 has to be fixed. I can't do that. I'm just
13 not smart enough to do that, and I personally
14 object to that sort of thing. I object to
15 calling kids who are at risk kids at hope,
16 because right off the bat it's not a problem
17 anymore. I think you call it what it is if you
18 want to fix it. If it's a problem, you
19 identify it.

20 So that's -- that's what we've done here.
21 I'm responding to a lot of issues that,
22 obviously -- and these comments. But it will
23 be difficult to do this, so we need to put our
24 best foot forward.

25 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yeah. I think we all

1 agree to that. It will be difficult.

2 Ms. Jameson.

3 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Thank you.

4 And I appreciate your comments, and I
5 really do appreciate all the hard work that's
6 gone into this and your special meeting on
7 Monday. I really do appreciate that.

8 My question, I don't think, was answered,
9 though, about the rationale that establishes
10 the duties and responsibilities of the board --
11 excuse me -- the functions and duties on page
12 6.

13 The board shall have the following powers
14 and duties, subject to appropriated funds,
15 within the Urban Core area.

16 Then on page 7, No. 6, about acquire,
17 manage, lease, operate, and sell property.

18 I have a question about that being in the
19 Charter as well as, is that a duty of City
20 government to acquire, sell, manage properties?
21 So I would like to hear maybe someone that can
22 walk me through that rationale for that
23 specific piece of language.

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I believe -- I'll
25 turn it over to Ms. Baker. But I believe that

1 that is the exact powers and authorities that
2 the DIA was provided as part of that.

3 Ms. Baker.

4 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Through the Chair.

5 Well, I'm not necessarily sure if that's
6 the case. I took this language from the
7 recommendation that the subcommittee had.
8 There are a lot of powers and duties that the
9 DIA have in the Ordinance Code. And so instead
10 of just copying and pasting all of that, it's
11 much more in detail than just this. I just
12 took what the subcommittee recommended, so I'm
13 not really sure I can answer your question.

14 However, I will say that I think one of
15 the reasons OGC does recommend that all of this
16 language be in the Ordinance Code is probably
17 for the fact that it's easier to amend. So if
18 there's power and duties, if it's in the
19 Charter, it's hard to amend that. If it's in
20 the Ordinance Code, it's easily amended and
21 added to or deleted.

22 So I just want to make that comment about
23 the Ordinance Code. So I don't think I'm the
24 right one to answer that question. Maybe Ms.
25 Johnston can answer that.

1 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: So are the
2 functions and duties in this document not a
3 recommendation to be in the Charter but to be
4 in an ordinance?

5 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Well, I was just
6 making that comment just -- I wanted to put
7 that out there. I think as far as what we're
8 recommending is a Charter change, but the
9 Council can ultimately decide what should be in
10 the Charter and what should be in the Ordinance
11 Code.

12 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Got it. Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Ms. Johnston.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Through the Chair to the
15 Commission. I was looking at the DIA language,
16 and the DIA language is a little different than
17 what's listed in the Commissions' Charter
18 amendment. Again, I didn't make changes to
19 that. I just provided it.

20 In the DIA, they are allowed to acquire
21 and dispose of city-owned downtown property
22 acquired for or intended to be used for
23 community redevelopment purposes in accordance
24 with Chapter 122, Part 4, Real Property,
25 Subpart C, Ordinance Code, Community

1 Redevelopment, Real Property Dispositions. And
2 then there's several other things they're able
3 to do. It looks like they are also able to
4 lease, operate, and license public facilities
5 within the downtown area. So it would seem
6 that they have essentially the same powers that
7 would be requested in this document.

8 But, yes, I missed the committee meetings
9 last week due to illness, and I know there were
10 other members of OGC present. So I'm not sure
11 who may have said what at which meeting, but I
12 know there was some discussion and we did bring
13 this up -- I brought this up on Monday. The
14 attorneys that work with DIA in our office, I
15 think we asked some questions about the Article
16 20 that's currently in the Charter because it's
17 a little confusing. We weren't sure whether it
18 was relevant to DIA and whether it was needed
19 in the Charter as written.

20 Right now, DIA is in the Ordinance Code
21 under Chapter 55. So there was a request for
22 clarification to this attorney in our office
23 regarding if we were -- if the Commission was
24 to recommend something similar to DIA, you
25 know, what would be their thoughts. And the

1 attorney who does the DIA work was of the
2 opinion that DIA is an Ordinance Code
3 provision, and it would probably be appropriate
4 if you're creating something like DIA to put it
5 in the Ordinance Code.

6 However, I know there was discussion
7 Monday at the meeting regarding the fact that
8 the members of the subcommittee and members of
9 this Commission feel that this is an important
10 issue and feel like it should be in the
11 Charter. So the caveat I gave on Monday -- I
12 read the information that the attorney had
13 provided me and I said, you know, OGC would
14 probably recommend that it be in the Ordinance
15 Code. That being said, if you want to make the
16 recommendation that it go into the Charter,
17 just know that the City Council may determine
18 that it needs to be in the Ordinance Code.

19 And Mr. Brock said, Well, from my
20 standpoint, I'd be happy if it ended up in the
21 Ordinance Code or in the Charter.

22 So there was a discussion on that,
23 whether it was appropriate for the Charter or
24 the Ordinance Code. I think the people on
25 Monday felt like it was more important to be in

1 the Charter. So that's a decision you can make
2 as the Commission and make that recommendation.
3 Our caveat is that the Council may say, We like
4 the idea, but we think it should be in the
5 Ordinance Code.

6 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: I appreciate that
7 explanation. Thank you very much.

8 I'd also be curious if someone on that
9 subcommittee could maybe talk to me about --
10 and I appreciate the research into what the DIA
11 has, and I understand that they can acquire
12 property and they can certainly have public
13 areas that they can manage. But as far as
14 managing or leasing out a building, I'm kind of
15 very curious about that being a function of
16 city government. So if someone on that
17 subcommittee -- and I'm looking at you -- can
18 maybe walk me through that.

19 And I'm not saying absolutely no. I just
20 have a really specific question on that one
21 piece. Again, knowing that I'm not a broker.
22 You know, the City of Jacksonville is not a
23 broker. So how does that work and what's the
24 vision there.

25 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: You want to answer

1 that?

2 COMMISSIONER DENTON: Thank you for the
3 question.

4 We, on the subcommittee, frankly didn't
5 even discuss that specific item. As
6 Ms. Johnston and, I think, Mr. Gentry said,
7 that we essentially took those responsibilities
8 out from other -- whether it was the code or
9 the Charter and put it in there. I don't think
10 that we in our discussions -- well, I know in
11 our discussions we did not particularly
12 envision the authority actually buying property
13 and dealing in property. We just included that
14 among the powers if they got to the point, I
15 guess, where they needed to. But that was not
16 a deliberate, conscious part of the
17 subcommittee to add a whole new function here.

18 I will say also we are very aware that
19 the DIA was created through the Ordinance Code,
20 and we discussed that at subcommittee meetings
21 as well as at the meeting on Monday. And we
22 ended up thinking that this recommendation
23 should be in the Charter for a couple of
24 reasons.

25 One is, you heard a bit from Mr. Scott

1 earlier. We heard a lot of that. We had a
2 couple of town halls, and we had people testify
3 in front of us -- or speaking to us, I guess I
4 should say, including among tears, sincere,
5 passionate tears, about how many people in
6 Health Zone One feel left behind by the City
7 and had promises made during consolidation
8 broken to them. So we felt like, on the
9 subcommittee -- and I guess I can speak for us
10 since I'm the only one here -- that it was a
11 major statement to make, that we felt that the
12 City needed to make by putting it in the
13 Charter.

14 The second reason -- so it would have
15 more gravitas and weight from the community
16 directly affected as well as the rest of the
17 City who will share the responsibility.

18 And the other reason is that we think
19 there have been other efforts, and a lot of
20 them come and go with administrations. And
21 putting it in the Charter simply makes a bolder
22 statement and a statement more likely to be
23 continued over administrations and not walked
24 away from because somebody else wants to do
25 something else. I think the subcommittee felt

1 that this is really priority one, and later we
2 can worry about other things elsewhere, if that
3 responds to your questions.

4 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Yes. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: And Ms. Baker's got a
6 response, and then we'll go to Ms. Lisska.

7 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Commissioner
8 Jameson, I hear your questions, and I also do
9 share the same questions, concerns -- not
10 necessarily concerns, but just questions.

11 I feel like we, as a Commission, may not
12 be the best suited to put in details the
13 functions and duties for this. I kind of want
14 to just go to OGC and ask if Ms. Johnston or
15 others in OGC could recommend to us what would
16 be the powers and duties, or exactly what they
17 should or could or can do as an authority
18 because I don't feel like we're really getting
19 anywhere.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Ms. Johnston, you can
21 respond.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Through the Chair to
23 Ms. Baker and the Commission. I don't know
24 that I can actually give you advice on which
25 way to go with that. I mean, you can look at

1 DIA. You can look at other authorities that
2 are created in the Code and in the Charter and
3 make your recommendations. Again, since the
4 Commission doesn't have the authority to enact
5 legislation or even file the legislation,
6 you're really going to depend on the Council to
7 take what you recommend and move forward with
8 it.

9 And you all understand, obviously, that
10 the Council may take what you have and may use
11 it verbatim or they may take any of your
12 recommendations and modify them as they see fit
13 or they could simply say we don't think that's
14 a good idea and not move forward. So I think
15 probably if you, as a Commission, feel
16 uncomfortable with any of the particular powers
17 that are listed in this draft, then the
18 Commission should just determine what it feels
19 most appropriate by majority vote and move
20 forward with that, knowing that the Council is
21 going to make the ultimate determination as to
22 what it thinks is appropriate.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Ms. Lisska.

24 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: Well, good morning.
25 I'm not familiar with -- I mean, I've read it,

1 but the comparison legislation and obvious --
2 and read through it at a point in time, but I'm
3 not that familiar with the DIA legislation.

4 What I am uncomfortable with is No. 2
5 under Functions and Duties. So that's about a
6 third of the way down page 7.

7 And it says: Negotiate and approve
8 economic development agreements without further
9 City Council approval, et cetera.

10 So my question would be, number one, if I
11 understand this correctly, that one section
12 would be without City Council, and would City
13 Council approval apply to 3 through, let's just
14 say, 10 -- it may not make any sense on some of
15 them -- but the rest of the points under that
16 or would it not? I just cannot tell what's
17 intended.

18 So, in other words, when you get to 3,
19 Develop and interpret an Urban Core master plan
20 and approve Urban Core development and
21 redevelopment.

22 With or without City Council approval? I
23 mean on any of those where it might possibly
24 apply.

25 So I would want to know that. And if

1 it's without -- go ahead. I guess we're
2 getting an answer here. That's up to the
3 Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. Ms. Johnston.

5 MS. JOHNSTON: I'll take a stab at it.

6 Through the Chair to the Commission. I
7 believe specifically on item 2 in prior
8 discussions -- and Mr. Denton can either
9 confirm or deny this information -- but item 2,
10 without further Council approval, this language
11 came from Mr. Griggs, I believe, and I'm not
12 sure where he took it from. But I think
13 that -- I don't know if it was DIA or some
14 other board. I think he felt that this
15 authority should have the ability to negotiate
16 and improve economic development agreements
17 without further Council approval. So that
18 language I do remember came from Mr. Griggs. I
19 don't remember exactly the genesis of the
20 language. Again --

21 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: May I ask
22 something?

23 Through the Chair. Is that applicable
24 to, let's say, 3, 4, 5? I'm trying to make
25 sure I'm making sense here as I go down.

1 MS. JOHNSTON: Sure.

2 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: Is it applicable to
3 all that's under there, without Council
4 approval? Does anyone know?

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Well, using normal
6 statutory construction rules, it would not be.
7 It would simply be related to that one. And
8 also in looking at --

9 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: That's the
10 approval.

11 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: -- DIA, talking about
12 negotiating economic incentive packages but not
13 specifically in relation to economic
14 development agreements. But the negotiation of
15 economic incentive packages are subject to
16 approval of the Council.

17 There is another section where they talk
18 about their bid, which is an investment
19 development plan, but that's subject to Council
20 approval.

21 But there are, however, other sections
22 where they reference a statutory powers that
23 the DIA is doing, which is power to close or
24 vacate streets, roads, sidewalks, ways, or
25 other places as set forth in Florida Statute,

1 and gives a reference, and then it says without
2 Council approval. So what I think -- it would
3 probably be better to remove that.

4 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: Well, I would like
5 to ask that -- there's a period after the word
6 agreements in number two, and the rest be
7 struck.

8 I'm sorry Mr. Griggs is not here so, you
9 know, he could weigh in. Maybe Mr. Denton
10 would like to weigh in on that since he's the
11 one here from the committee. But I would
12 request a period after agreements.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Well, let me -- so
14 this is interesting as I'm going through this.
15 This is why I did have a proposed amendment to
16 put on this.

17 But as I'm looking through it, they're --
18 in 55, I think it's 108, subsection 8 or paren
19 8 of the Ordinance Code on the Downtown
20 Investment Authority, it does say that they
21 have the power to implement the bid plan, which
22 is the investment development thing. And then
23 it says negotiate and grant final approval of
24 downtown development and redevelopment
25 agreements, which is similar to what we have

1 there in No. 2; grant agreements, license
2 agreement, and lease agreements, including
3 retail, commercial, and ground lease
4 agreements, subject to the authority's budget
5 without further action of Council and it's in
6 furtherance of the plan, which is -- that bid
7 plan would seem to me to be similar to the
8 master plan for the Urban Core.

9 So maybe in these subheadings we -- or
10 maybe --

11 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: Well, Mr. Chair, I
12 think one of the differences is DIA knows where
13 their money is coming from. There's money set.
14 In this case, it's still not known, and I think
15 that makes a difference not having the approval
16 versus having the approval.

17 MS. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chair, can I also make
18 a distinction just for everyone's interest?

19 The Council is the body within our
20 government that appropriates funding. So to
21 the extent that we are talking about
22 development agreements where there would be an
23 appropriation of funds, I don't believe this
24 could occur without Council approval. However,
25 I think that this paragraph 2 -- because after

1 this, Without further City Council approval,
2 says, Provided they meet certain pre-approved
3 standards and forms.

4 There are certain types of agreements
5 that are form-approved and go through the
6 legislative process, and then they allow
7 departments or authorities to enter into those
8 agreements as long as they conform with that
9 template. If we were talking about an economic
10 development agreement where the Urban Core
11 Development Authority was giving money to
12 someone, they would not be able to do that
13 without Council approval. However, if they
14 were simply approving an economic development
15 agreement with a form that has been used and
16 approved by legislation prior, this would
17 enable them to do that.

18 But I want to be clear. If you're
19 talking about getting money -- because even
20 though like paragraph 4 says, Receive, dispose
21 of, and bond, authorize revenues, you would
22 still have -- any appropriations that would
23 result from, say, any bond revenues would still
24 have to come through Council and go to that
25 authority. So, to some degree, even though it

1 seems as though without further Council
2 approval means they would have a lot of
3 autonomy, if you're dealing with
4 appropriations, it would still go through
5 Council. So I did want to give you that
6 caveat.

7 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: And I'll add on to
8 that, that under this Section 4(a) says,
9 Subject to appropriated funds.

10 And I don't know if you were here when I
11 talked about the funding section that I drafted
12 and there was a separate ordinance that when
13 the DIA was created, there was a separate
14 ordinance that created or appropriated funds
15 for the startup. And then you've got the CRA
16 funds as well as an approved budget and what
17 will be coming in through there. So I think
18 that caveat that's in Section A of this initial
19 section, paren A of this initial section, that
20 says it's subject to appropriated funds would
21 address your concerns. Obviously, they can't
22 do it if they don't have the money. So we're
23 not saying that they can do anything they don't
24 have the money for.

25 Okay. Mr. Denton, I've got you on the

1 queue.

2 COMMISSIONER DENTON: And just added to
3 that so that it's clear, and I think
4 Ms. Johnston said this.

5 But on that No. 2, while it gives
6 authority to negotiate and approve economic
7 development agreements without further City
8 Council approval, but then the rest of that
9 sentence provides a big check on this, provided
10 they meet certain pre-approved standards and
11 forms. And that, presumably, would be from the
12 City Council. So that means they have the
13 authority to do something as long as -- the way
14 I read it -- as long as the City Council gives
15 that authority.

16 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Ms. Santiago.

18 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: Good morning.

19 I just wanted to point out that in
20 Section 3 under the definitions under the Urban
21 Core project, we kind of use that same language
22 that we were talking about before, about them
23 having the authority to construct, acquire,
24 undertake, furnish for its own use.

25 So if we're going to change it -- if

1 we're going to change it in -- what section was
2 it? The one that we were just talking about.
3 If we're going to change it there, we should
4 change it here as well. I just wanted to point
5 out that it's the same language.

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Urban Core project.
7 Okay. So what would we change under Urban Core
8 project in Section 2, actually H?

9 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: It's Section H.
10 It's what Commissioner Jameson was talking
11 about, about what authority they have to -- I
12 lost my place. I'm sorry.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: So we're in Section
14 2, and I'm just using the last two. Oh. I see
15 why we're having that --

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chair, I misnumbered
17 these items. If you look at page 4, midway
18 through page 4.

19 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I just realized that.
20 I'm like wait a minute.

21 MS. JOHNSTON: Section 8, yes. So go by
22 page numbers.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: So we're on page 4
24 and you see H right there in the middle of
25 Urban Core project. So what I'm trying to

1 figure out is where would we put --

2 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Could I just
3 interject a comment?

4 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Sure.

5 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: I think we could
6 fix this pretty easily by just adding language,
7 for example, on page 7, that Section 2 that
8 Ms. Lisska was just talking about, and possibly
9 even this section here. If we -- for example,
10 in paragraph -- that numbered paragraph 2 on
11 page 7, if we just preceded that with language,
12 In accordance with delegated authority, comma,
13 and then negotiate and approved economic
14 development agreements, period. Then the
15 question becomes what is the delegated
16 authority, and that is up to the City Council.
17 I don't think we need to get into the specifics
18 of that in the Charter.

19 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Well, and one of the
20 things along those lines is that -- if you go
21 to page 6, before that where there's the
22 introductory language, in the powers and
23 authorities it references adopting a master
24 plan. And then if we --

25 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Okay. I don't see

1 where you are. Page 6?

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Page 6 there at the
3 very bottom, Section 04, Functions and Duties.

4 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Right.

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: A, It says: The
6 board shall have the following powers and
7 duties subject to appropriated funds within the
8 Urban Core area.

9 I would say add language in there, In
10 furtherance of the adopted master plan, because
11 the master plan is solely within that
12 authority, and the master plan would be part of
13 the budget process. So we're limiting all of
14 these items as far as entering into leases,
15 disposing property, all of that would have to
16 be within the master plan, which would have to
17 be within the Urban Core boundaries. And,
18 therefore, we are limiting the scope of powers
19 to within that area under the plan as adopted
20 by the authority.

21 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: So you're talking
22 Section .04, Function and Duties, subsection A.
23 And you would amend that language to read how?

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Subject to
25 appropriated funds and -- here's where we would

1 insert -- and the adopted master plan.

2 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: How about, and in
3 accordance with the delegated authority as
4 contained within the master plan? Maybe I'm
5 just doing happy to glads here, and I don't
6 mean to do that. I'm sorry if I am. But I
7 just think it would be if good to have some
8 reference to delegated authority and let the
9 City Council decide how much they're going to
10 delegate.

11 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Well, the delegated
12 authority would come from the Charter provision
13 itself. The Charter -- the Charter would be --

14 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Would be the
15 delegated authority.

16 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: -- the delegated
17 authority. So we're -- that's why I was
18 adopting it within the master plan.

19 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Then going back to
20 Ms. Lisska's concerns that you were -- I think
21 her concern was that there was too broad of --
22 the language was too broad and not limiting
23 enough. And I'm not speaking for her, but if
24 that was her concern, then I was trying to
25 suggest some way to link the power of the Urban

1 Development Commission to some delegation of
2 authority from the City Council, which would
3 have to be a separate document potentially.

4 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yeah. The Council
5 would be with appropriated funds.

6 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Correct. And that
7 would be the limiting authority.

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: In trying to bring
9 these powers within just the Urban Core area,
10 that's why I was proposing to add the master
11 plan language in the powers and authorities so
12 that we've got it all encompassed within there.

13 You know, again, we know -- I will be
14 ecstatic if there's a debate on this language
15 at the Council. So, you know, I don't want us
16 to let perfect be the enemy of good so that we
17 can get something to begin the discussion,
18 because that's really where I see this one.
19 Let's begin the discussion on this.

20 Wow. I must have said something because
21 a bunch of people popped up.

22 Mr. Gentry, you're next on the queue.

23 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Thanks. In
24 following -- trying to follow your logic --

25 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: That's a difficult

1 thing sometimes. I've been told by judges
2 even.

3 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: No. I think I
4 understand what you're saying.

5 I think that Emily's concern -- which
6 concerned me until you pointed out the language
7 about the subject to appropriate funds. I
8 think once it's subject to appropriate funds,
9 then is there money to control and hopefully
10 responsible use. So that doesn't bother me
11 anymore.

12 But if we wanted to be more precise --
13 and the problem with putting the notion of the
14 master plan in A is, number one, it has to do
15 with appointing the CEO and hiring people and
16 all that, and that's not really the master
17 plan. So I was wondering -- I mean, this is a
18 structural thing if we think it will us all --
19 help someone understand what we're trying to do
20 here.

21 If we had A1 and then moved three to be
22 A2, and then drop all the other ones, 2, 4, 5,
23 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 --

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: To be other
25 authorities?

1 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: -- under the master
2 plan, under -- so the powers would be, you
3 know, hiring a CEO and doing all these other
4 things. And then, secondly -- the second one
5 would be develop and interpret an Urban Core
6 master plan and approve Urban Core development
7 and redevelopment. All these other things fall
8 within the master plan and Urban Core
9 development and redevelopment. I'm saying make
10 them a subsection of 3, and then you're making
11 it clear that all of these things they do are
12 subject to the master plan.

13 No? You don't agree with that? You
14 don't like that. Okay. Well, I didn't say it
15 was a good idea. I just said it was an idea.
16 All right. Off that one.

17 I have a couple of scrivener-type things
18 and other issues, but I can come back to those.
19 I think we need to finish this conversation.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. I've got Judge
21 Swanson. Are you off?

22 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: I'm off.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. And Ms. Baker.

24 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Thank you,
25 Mr. Chair.

1 I think that subject to appropriated
2 funds is perfect for all of the subsections
3 that follow (a). I think that -- that's --
4 actually, I took that language from the DIA.
5 Their Section 55.108 is Powers and Duties. I
6 did write Functions and Duties. I might want
7 to amend that to Powers and Duties.

8 But the DIA says: The board shall have
9 the following powers and duties subject to
10 appropriated funds within downtown, is what the
11 DIA language states. And then they actually do
12 have the CEO language under that because,
13 obviously, they can't appoint a CEO without the
14 appropriated funds to pay for said CEO.

15 In my opinion, I think it's fine. And
16 I'm glad you pointed out subject to
17 appropriated funds in A, Mr. Chair, because I
18 think that really does contain everything else
19 in my opinion.

20 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I wasn't changing
21 (a).

22 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Oh. I know. I
23 know.

24 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Okay. Got you.

25 COMMISSIONER BAKER: But I don't know. A

1 housekeeping motion. If I can just make a
2 motion to amend functions to powers and duties.

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: That's on page 3?

4 COMMISSIONER BAKER: It's on page 6. The
5 header.

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Well, you want
7 to do that to powers. Okay. So what I will
8 do, and what I've tried to do, is keep track of
9 a lot of these changes. I will then put them
10 all out there so that perhaps we could take
11 them all as one motion. Because that's why I'm
12 wanting to have some discussion on some of
13 these ideas, get a consensus on what a motion
14 would look like for any changes, and then have
15 someone make the motion.

16 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Because I do have
17 more housekeeping stuff under the board
18 membership paragraph, and I didn't know if it
19 was time to move on to another --

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: While you've got the
21 chair, go ahead and make those. Let's see.
22 Where is that?

23 COMMISSIONER BAKER: It's on page 4. It
24 says: Board membership; term of office and
25 appointment; removal; vacancies; and office

1 holding. It's B(1).

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER BAKER: So at the noticed
4 meeting on Monday, we did decide to do nine
5 members instead of seven, and that would help
6 to get a quorum. The DIA has nine members. We
7 decided five would be appointed by the mayor
8 and four would be appointed by the Council
9 president, also the same as DIA. Of the four
10 appointed by Council, right now it says one
11 shall be a resident or have substantial
12 business interests within the boundaries of the
13 UCDA. I had in there, as Ms. Johnston said,
14 also appointing a Council member, but she took
15 that out because that's a conflict of -- so we
16 can either keep that as one or make it two.

17 If you look at the next sentence, of the
18 five appointed by the mayor, two shall be a
19 resident or have substantial business interests
20 within the boundaries. And then I say the
21 remaining five -- and it could be five or
22 six -- members shall fulfill one of the
23 following categories without duplication. I
24 have urban planner, a practicing attorney, a
25 civil engineer, a member of the banking and

1 finance industry, a person with business
2 management experience, a person with an
3 economics background, a person with an
4 education background, a person with a social
5 sciences background, or a person with a public
6 health background.

7 So I sort of put all those in there based
8 on our discussion at the noticed meeting, and
9 it could be amended, deleted, changed if you
10 see fit. So those are my questions to the
11 Commission, to my colleagues, on this specific
12 language.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: So let me see if I'm
14 understanding this. On page 4, parerethisis 1,
15 board membership. Looking at the third line
16 the sentence that begins: Of the four
17 appointed by Council, you think that one should
18 now be changed to two?

19 COMMISSIONER BAKER: We discussed having
20 two because one of them would be the Council
21 member that, you know, might reside in that
22 area potentially. But since there's a
23 conflict, we could either move that to two or
24 keep that at one so there would be three total,
25 and then you would have to change the five to

1 six if we kept it at one on that second to last
2 line on page 4.

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Does everyone
4 understand that change?

5 COMMISSIONER BAKER: If you want to
6 change it. I mean, we have to change
7 something.

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yeah. Mr. Gentry.

9 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: While we're in this
10 section, the other -- I guess General Counsel
11 addressed this issue about dual
12 responsibilities or jobs or whatever it is.
13 The other thing that I see with the idea of
14 having -- one shall be a designee of a current
15 Council member whose district overlaps with
16 Urban Core.

17 Who decides which of those Council
18 members gets to do that? They'll end up in a
19 fist fight if there are like three Council
20 members.

21 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Maybe it's a new
22 funding opportunity.

23 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I'm just saying.

24 COMMISSIONER BAKER: I think it would be
25 the Council president because -- that's what I

1 was assuming since he was appointed.

2 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: But there's got to
3 be --

4 COMMISSIONER BAKER: But I don't think we
5 can have that language in there. I think we
6 have to take...

7 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Then that would fix
8 it. That's another problem with that.

9 COMMISSIONER BAKER: I thought you took
10 the language out.

11 MS. JOHNSTON: No.

12 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay. So we have to
13 take and one shall be a designee of the
14 current -- oh. You put designee in there. All
15 right.

16 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: So we need to remove
17 that whole --

18 COMMISSIONER BAKER: I think remove it.

19 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. So where we
20 are is the fourth line down at the very end
21 where it says UCDA, we would put a period there
22 and we would delete the entirety of that
23 sentence.

24 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Following and,
25 strike the rest of it.

1 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: And one shall be a
2 designee of a current Council member whose
3 district overlaps with the Urban Core.

4 That would be removed.

5 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Are we going to go
7 to two instead of one?

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER BAKER: I suggest two.

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: The proposal was to
11 have two. I think that's a good change.

12 Everybody --

13 COMMISSIONER BAKER: And then we'll keep
14 the remaining five. That would stay the same.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: So the two is
16 where -- in the sentence that begins: Of the
17 four appointed by Council, it says one shall be
18 a resident or have substantial business
19 interests. It is now going to be two.

20 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Should we say of the
21 four appointed by the Council president?

22 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I think that would be
25 better.

1 Does our math add up now or do we need
2 to --

3 COMMISSIONER BAKER: The math adds up
4 now.

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Does everybody
6 understand those changes?

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Through the Chair, just a
8 clarification.

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yeah.

10 MS. JOHNSTON: The Council president
11 makes an appointment, but the Council confirms.
12 So, anyway, if you want to say of the four
13 appointed by the Council president, but
14 ultimately it's confirmed by Council. I just
15 want to clarify.

16 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: We're just being
17 consistent with the other one where it says the
18 Council president appoints and the Council
19 affirms so that there's a prerequisite of those
20 appointments.

21 Holy moly. I've got nobody else on the
22 queue.

23 I have Mr. Howland.

24 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: Thank you,
25 Mr. Chair.

1 Did we decide to do anything about the
2 italicized language on page 3?

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I thought Mr. Gentry
4 had said that he felt that that was okay to
5 have that included as part of our report,
6 findings by our committee.

7 So this might be a good time -- what we
8 are doing for the purposes of consistency and
9 readability -- and by "we" I mean Mr. Clements
10 -- is consolidating a bit of the language from
11 each of these formal reports that have been
12 approved and submitted by the different
13 committees. In essence, our final report will
14 be that white paper that Ms. Knight was
15 referencing. We will have attached to that the
16 full text of what each committee has come
17 through. That will be an exhibit that we
18 attach to our final report so that we've got
19 all the verbiage that everyone has worked on
20 that we've approved will be there. And our
21 final report will sort of condense it and put
22 it so that it reads a little more consistently
23 because everybody's got their own style of
24 writing in there.

25 Mr. Gentry, I see you on there.

1 Oh. Sorry. Mr. Howland.

2 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: Then I would say
3 for clarity and mindful of Mr. Scott's public
4 comments and Ms. Johnston's note below the
5 italicized language that we strike it from this
6 and leave it to the discretion of the Chair
7 whether it goes into the CRC report.

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: And that's it.

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Mr. Gentry.

11 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Yeah. I was trying
12 to do a little editing on this. I would -- I
13 don't know whether I want to have (d) in here.
14 And what I was going to suggest --

15 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: What page? Do you
16 know what page?

17 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I'm on page 2, (d).
18 And this was the -- this is from the report.
19 And the committee pointed out the fact that the
20 community felt like they had been ignored and
21 that the promises had been broken. I don't
22 know whether we want to put that in there or
23 not. And that is the only area where we speak
24 directly to the predominant race of the people
25 in the community.

1 MR. HOWLAND: That's right. Me too.

2 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: And what I was -- I
3 think that the third -- the second and third
4 bullet points are important findings because
5 that's the basis upon which we're really doing
6 this, and I would like to tighten up the last
7 bullet point. So I think there would be more
8 comfort probably to delete (d) and the first
9 bullet point. I would like to keep the second
10 and third bullet point, and I have a suggestion
11 to tighten up the third bullet point.

12 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Well, so these -- the
13 language that you used in these bullet points
14 and sections came from the Urban Core
15 Development Authority report; correct?

16 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: The concept and the
17 conclusion and the idea, but a lot of the
18 language is mine to make it -- yes. I mean, it
19 comes from the report, but it is -- it's more
20 conclusionary, yeah, and really focuses on -- I
21 think on the key issues.

22 The last two bullet points are really the
23 case for the finding of why we are doing this.
24 I mean, the other -- A through C is more
25 factual history, background, and also health

1 and socioeconomic statistical background. And
2 then these bullet points are, this is why we're
3 doing it.

4 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yeah. That's why I
5 want to make sure everybody understood --

6 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: It's conclusionary.

7 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: -- that the full
8 report is going to be an attachment to our
9 final report. I'm going to have every section
10 that's -- every committee that's submitted
11 their report is all going to be attached to the
12 final. The final one we're going to be
13 crafting through and hopefully we will be
14 voting on in two weeks to get that in final
15 form.

16 And I know that some people may not be
17 able to make it. That's why one of the things
18 that we're going to do is, in advance of the
19 meetings in two weeks, we will be submitting
20 the final report around for everyone to look
21 at. And if you're not going to be able to be
22 here when we look to adopt the final wording, I
23 do want you to submit your proposed changes
24 into legislative services so that we can
25 discuss them when we adopt the final report.

1 That will be on the 19th.

2 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: May I propose an
3 amendment to -- in line with what I was saying
4 so we can maybe clean this up a little bit?

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Sure.

6 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I would move to
7 amend the findings on page 2(d) and delete (d)
8 and delete the first bullet point.

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Delete it entirely?

10 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Delete it entirely.

11 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: (D) and the first
13 bullet point. That would make the second
14 bullet point (d), and then the third bullet
15 point, which is now the second bullet point,
16 would be (e).

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Let me just wrap
19 this up. In (e) -- I want to tighten it.

20 In (e) in the second line, the last word
21 of that line is "and." Strike "and until."

22 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Let me get to you
23 there.

24 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Strike the words
25 and until. So it just reads: Or fulfill it's

1 potential unless there's reasonable and quality
2 services.

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. What line?

4 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: It's line two and
5 three. It's the last word of line two, the
6 first word of line three, and until. That's my
7 southern accent kicking in, I think.

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. So fulfill its
9 potential...

10 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Unless there is.

11 And then the other two edits would be at
12 the end of that clause there's a semicolon
13 presently after "residents," on the fourth
14 line.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Drop the semicolon
17 and put "and." And at the end of that clause,
18 which was a semicolon at the end, put a period
19 and strike the remainder.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: To achieve that goal,
21 it is necessary and proper that the Urban Core
22 Development Authority be created.

23 Where would we put the period?

24 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Put the period
25 where the semicolon is after the Consolidate

1 City of Jacksonville, and then strike the last
2 clause.

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: On that third line --
4 well, actually the fourth line. Okay. The
5 period there. So we're striking "and to
6 finally give priority"?

7 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Correct.

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. So we had
9 first talked about moving these into the final
10 report. You're wanting to have it included
11 within the text within the Charter?

12 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I do.

13 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: It's killing the
14 two --

15 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. Killing the
16 first one, killing (d), and then having these
17 within the Charter language.

18 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Correct.

19 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Does everybody
20 understand that? Everybody got a general...

21 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: I'm okay with that
22 because it tightens up the language.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. All right. So
24 that's Mr. Gentry on the queue. I've got
25 Ms. Baker.

1 COMMISSIONER BAKER: I was just going to
2 say that that sounds good to me. And the
3 background information that you also include in
4 our final report, maybe we can condense it down
5 if there's anything that's duplicative between
6 the two. We don't necessarily need -- does
7 that make sense?

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. We have -- and
9 I'm hopeful that -- I'm hopeful -- I'm hopeful
10 that we might be able to actually take a look
11 at some of this language tomorrow. I'm going
12 to try and work on it this evening of what
13 Mr. Clements has given to me and -- so that
14 everyone can see where we're going so that
15 we've got an opportunity for input until we get
16 to that final version where we'll be
17 wordsmithing and maybe having some special
18 meetings of an ad hoc drafting committee to go
19 through it.

20 Mr. Denton.

21 COMMISSIONER DENTON: I'd appreciate an
22 opportunity to be able to read this as it's
23 changed, particularly, and maybe finish it
24 tomorrow.

25 I will raise a question in the spirit of

1 that great scholar, W.C. Gentry, about telling
2 the truth.

3 I wonder -- I think you said that you
4 would take the first paragraph out of
5 subsection D on page 2 going into page 3 and
6 take out the race reference. I would like to
7 raise a question. Isn't it important that we
8 tell the truth, that to some degree this is a
9 racial issue whether some people think it's
10 current racism or historical structural racism?

11 It seems to me like we ought to lay it
12 out there and say what it is because it's too
13 easy to kind of change the subject or use
14 verbiage around things rather than laying it
15 out and putting it out there for the community
16 to deal with.

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Mr. Gentry.

18 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Do I have to answer
19 that?

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I had you on the
21 queue next.

22 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I'm sorry. I
23 didn't mean to -- no. I think Mr. Denton's
24 point is well taken. I guess sometimes there's
25 a question on how much truth do you want. I

1 didn't -- and it may be that we should put that
2 in here. I didn't really like the whole (d)
3 set up, the talking about our thoughts about
4 the frustration of the community. I was really
5 more concerned about that, but it does
6 specifically in that paragraph name the race --
7 predominant race of the community.

8 I would like to get -- delete (d), but I
9 think your point is well taken. We may need to
10 address that somewhere else. I think there's
11 other places we could put it if the Commission
12 thinks it's important to put that in here.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Well, I will say --
14 I'll just interject in here because I was
15 looking through the report, and on page 7 at
16 the very end, it says: While one stated goal
17 of the UCDA would be to live up to the
18 pre-consolidation promises made to
19 Jacksonville's black community, the ultimate
20 goal would be to bring human social and
21 economic development to our most downtrodden
22 sector.

23 So I can -- what we can do is take this
24 language and incorporate it in a way -- in
25 light of what Mr. Scott had said. I think we

1 need to be -- we need to be respectful to this
2 community. We need to acknowledge how it
3 exists. We need to acknowledge the promises
4 that have been made from the past, but we don't
5 need to cast any unnecessary aspersions in
6 dealing with the community. But, yes, I mean,
7 the reality of the socioeconomic and racial and
8 educational makeup of this area is simple
9 facts.

10 So I will tell you that we will try to
11 tell the truth in love -- I read that somewhere
12 -- so that those concepts and ideas and
13 sentiments are expressed in a constructive way
14 for that.

15 Judge -- well, Ms. Baker, are you still
16 on the queue?

17 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Not on this topic.
18 On something separate on a different page. You
19 can come back to me.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: All right. Judge
21 Swanson.

22 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: I agree with much
23 of what everybody has had to say. I don't know
24 that I agree that we should delete everything
25 that Mr. Gentry has suggested should be

1 deleted.

2 The first bullet point, I think, is a
3 statement of fact, and it is consistent with
4 the drafting of the document where we're making
5 certain, in essence, findings of fact. I don't
6 know whether this would be in the form of an
7 amendment or -- I can tell you my thought and
8 then if somebody agrees, we can proceed to an
9 amendment to Mr. Gentry's motion.

10 But I would leave (d) and modify
11 Mr. Gentry's suggestion as follows: Given the
12 generational poverty and long-standing
13 disparities in education, health, economic
14 opportunity, and infrastructure that define the
15 Urban Core when compared to the rest of
16 Jacksonville, colon, and then the three bullet
17 points are findings. Because if you read the
18 way it's -- the language is currently drafted
19 by the subcommittee, those bullet points are
20 specific findings. And I think those findings
21 by the Commission support and are supportive of
22 the recommendations for the Urban Core
23 Development Authority.

24 So I think to the extent you water that
25 down or remove that language, it detracts from

1 the Charter revision that we're suggesting.
2 And irrespective of the fact that it might be
3 in the final report, ultimately, the Charter
4 and the Charter revision is going to be read
5 independent of that report. Not everyone that
6 reads the Charter is going to go and do the
7 legislative history to go back and read the
8 report that was the -- that generated the
9 changes.

10 So to the extent that we feel these
11 findings are paramount or are important, I don't
12 agree that we should take them out of the
13 Charter amendment. And so I would amend
14 Mr. Gentry's motion as I stated.

15 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I'll accept the
16 amendment. I would accept the amendment.

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Here's -- because we
18 really -- I know we talked about amendments.
19 How I was wanting to take these were after we
20 get a consensus on it.

21 The findings that are expressed in the
22 Charter and the sections that I've been looking
23 at are findings of -- I hate to sound so
24 dramatic -- but of eternal facts.

25 As an example, the findings on the tree

1 ordinance: The loss of mature and maturing
2 tree species during the clearing of land for
3 development has an adverse effect on the
4 environment.

5 What that does not say is that
6 Jacksonville has been allowing developers to
7 clear land and deforest areas of Jacksonville
8 that are vital to our, you know, economy or our
9 environment. It says that fact that is a fact
10 regardless of time.

11 These, yes, are findings and facts, but
12 if this is successful, then this will not be a
13 fact anymore. It is a statement of current
14 situations, but it is not -- in my view -- a
15 fundamental fact that will always exist because
16 our goal is to change it. So if this is passed
17 and becomes successful, then that won't be true
18 anymore because that's what I think is our
19 ultimate goal.

20 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Maybe you're more
21 hopeful than I am, but I would suggest that
22 this is a statement of fact now. And if it's
23 not a statement of fact in ten years, that can
24 be removed from the Charter at that time just
25 like other sections are being removed.

1 I think it -- when it comes to the end of
2 the day, I think probably this is the most
3 important aspect of what we've worked on. In
4 the macro, of all of the things that we're
5 going forward with, this maybe the single most
6 important issue. And I think that the language
7 states the state of the situation in our
8 county. I just would be disinclined to remove
9 it.

10 I hear what you're saying, and I think
11 those are valid points. And maybe it's just a
12 philosophical difference. I get your point.
13 But I think it's important for this Commission
14 to take a hard stand on these issues as others
15 have said. I'm not suggesting that you don't
16 agree with that at all. I know you do agree
17 with that. It's just a matter of how it's
18 packaged, and I know that that's your feeling
19 too. So I don't want to suggest you think
20 anything else.

21 But to the extent that it's in the actual
22 language of our recommended revision of the
23 Charter, I think it's more pointed. If it's in
24 the report, the report becomes a historical
25 document. The Charter does not. And I think

1 to the extent that the Charter does not become
2 an historical document, but becomes an
3 operating document or source, that's
4 imperative, I think. But, again, I think many
5 of these discussions go into philosophical
6 differences on how to package it, not in terms
7 of what we all agree in terms of the need.

8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: All right. So I've
10 got -- I want to make sure I understand what
11 you're proposing, is that there at the top of
12 page 3, which is the continuation of (d), after
13 the word "Jacksonville," we put a colon.

14 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: After the word
15 "Jacksonville," colon, and then I would
16 leave --

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: And the remainder of
18 that would be then paren one and then paren
19 two, paren three, and paren four of the bullet
20 points that are down there.

21 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Oh. Okay. Well,
22 I think you could do that. You could do,
23 There's a sense of hopelessness. I would be
24 okay if that language came out because we're
25 making findings in bullet -- what are currently

1 bullet points one, two, and three, which I
2 would --

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Got it. So -- all
4 right. So then you're deleting -- after the
5 colon after Jacksonville, your friendly
6 amendment --

7 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Would go just to
8 the three --

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: We don't have those.
10 We're going to do it all -- what I'm going to
11 do --

12 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Roger that.
13 And what I'm saying is the way that
14 language is drafted in those three bullet
15 points is they're findings that we're making.

16 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I know. I'm just
17 trying to get the nuts and bolts of it so that
18 we know what we're voting on.

19 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: I copy.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: You're -- you're
21 wanting to delete the remainder of (d) and
22 begin the bullet points to where the first
23 bullet point would be parenthesis one --

24 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Right, because
25 those are findings.

1 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: -- two, and three.

2 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Correct.

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Now I'm confused.

5 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: I didn't hear you,
6 sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. So what he's
8 proposing is that after the word
9 "Jacksonville," which is on (d), that we do a
10 colon. And then the bullet points that begin
11 the 2019-2020 Charter revision, each of those
12 would then be parenthesis one, two, and three
13 underneath (d).

14 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Because, in
15 essence, those are findings.

16 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I get it.

17 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: And you could even
18 say -- maybe you could word it --

19 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: That works.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Mr. Howland, I have
21 you on the queue.

22 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: Yes. I know we've
23 taken public comment on this particular motion
24 already and that we're in discussion. But,
25 procedurally, can we take public comment again?

1 Because Mr. Scott started this concern and
2 we're having a discussion based on his
3 comments. I think I just saw him stand up so
4 he might have something to say about the
5 language.

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I will. I would like
7 for us to get to a point to where everyone has
8 felt that they have made recommendations on the
9 language changes, and then I will certainly
10 open the floor back up for Mr. Scott.

11 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: Perfect. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Mr. Denton.

14 COMMISSIONER DENTON: I appreciated Judge
15 Swanson's point that, generally, this language
16 needs to be in the Charter because a lot of it
17 we're not going to study the history of it and
18 go back and read a Commission report. However,
19 that three lines that you're proposing taking
20 out in order to set up the three bullet point
21 findings, those three lines are findings of the
22 subcommittee.

23 I mean, in our town halls and in talking
24 to other people, there is a sense of
25 hopelessness, frustration, and a longstanding

1 and strong belief of area residents, et cetera,
2 predominantly African American. If there's a
3 particular word in there that you think reaches
4 beyond our findings, then I think it would be
5 okay to take that out.

6 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: How about --

7 COMMISSIONER DENTON: But, Mr. Chair, you
8 suggested originally that that might be a
9 fourth bullet point, that we put the colon
10 after Jacksonville, and then have a bullet
11 point, There's a sense of hopelessness,
12 frustration, et cetera. I think that would be
13 fine.

14 But one of the things that Commissioner
15 Mills especially felt very strongly about was
16 having the proper level of passion in this
17 recommendation so that City Council and the
18 citizens of Jacksonville would know the power
19 of the feelings on this. And I think having
20 the rest of that sentence in there, either as a
21 bullet point or the way it is, is important to
22 add to the Charter based on Judge Swanson's
23 really good point about putting some of our
24 findings in the Charter.

25 Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: What about if you
2 took that language after the colon, the three
3 lines you're talking about, and move that to
4 the bottom of that section so that it came as a
5 conclusory.

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: So at the end of
7 those --

8 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: As a conclusory
9 finding that sums up --

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Do you see what
12 I'm saying?

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I see what you're
14 saying. We would just move that to the very
15 end of (d).

16 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: That would be
17 No. 4.

18 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: So we'll move it to
19 No. 4. Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: So it would read:
21 Jacksonville, colon, and then the three
22 findings that are there now, and this, in
23 essence, would become a fourth finding.

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Got it.

25 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Is that okay?

1 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yeah. I'm just
2 wanting to start cooking sausage, man. I don't
3 want to minimize this at all, but my
4 responsibility is for us to get a finished
5 product ready, and these are all very good and
6 valid discussions.

7 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: So the way that
8 would be worded then is consistent with the
9 other three bullet points. It would read: The
10 2019-2020 Charter Revision Commission finds
11 that there's a sense of hopelessness and
12 frustration, and make that the fourth finding.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. So we take
14 this and add it.

15 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I'll accept that
16 amendment as you're eviscerated mine.

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Got that.
18 Ms. Jameson.

19 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: A clarifying
20 question because I feel like my notes over here
21 are crazy.

22 So I have one proposal to strike all from
23 Mr. Gentry. A second proposal to -- from Judge
24 Swanson to after Jacksonville strike the rest.
25 Mr. Denton wants to keep all of it. And then a

1 fourth proposal from Mr. -- Judge Swanson to
2 after Jacksonville, keep that language, but
3 then move it to a fourth bullet. So which ones
4 are we thinking about?

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: You've summarized the
6 discussions, and when I say -- when you hear me
7 say the Chair will entertain a motion that --

8 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: It's for all four
9 of those?

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: -- an amendment to
11 the motion because the current motion --

12 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: What is the
13 current motion?

14 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: -- that we're
15 discussing is approval of it as written.

16 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Okay. And then we
17 have --

18 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: In our discussion, we
19 are -- we have gone through and, I believe,
20 with general consensus, made some proposed
21 amendments. What I will do, when there's no
22 more people on this queue, or by 10:30, I will
23 read to you what my notes that I've been taking
24 of each of these changes and entertain a motion
25 with all of those changes that will then be

1 seconded. Then we will have short discussion,
2 and then we will vote on that amendment. And
3 then we will vote on the motion as amended.

4 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: So each of these
5 proposals will be four separate amendments?

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: No.

7 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Or are we just
8 going with this fourth idea?

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I will read the
10 entirety of the amendments that we've discussed
11 and make sure that I've got it all in a general
12 consensus, and then someone can say, So moved.

13 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Right. But I
14 guess what I'm saying is there's four different
15 proposals with this exact language here. So we
16 can't approve all of those because --

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I'm going to read
18 what I believe is the final consensus as we've
19 gone through it.

20 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: All right. I
21 appreciate that. Thank you. That was my
22 question. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yeah. We've about
24 reached the capacity of my brain matter.

25 Mr. Denton.

1 COMMISSIONER DENTON: I think I heard
2 Mr. Gentry accept Judge Swanson's --

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER DENTON: -- amendment, so
5 that's probably -- the fourth thing is probably
6 what's really on the table.

7 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Thank you for that
8 clarification.

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. Ms. Baker.

10 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay. Moving on to
11 another part in our recommendation here. If
12 you can go to the bottom of page 6 where we
13 discuss the appointment of the CEO. And I just
14 wanted to read the exact qualification language
15 that I inserted here.

16 It says: Qualifications of the CEO shall
17 include a background in urban core
18 redevelopment or similar capacity with an
19 understanding of the relationship between
20 socioeconomic factors such as health,
21 education, crime, environment, poverty,
22 community, and family issues. A minimum of
23 five years of progressively responsible
24 experience in the above field, at least four of
25 which should be in supervisory or consulting

1 roles, or an equivalent of training and
2 experience is required. The candidate must be
3 in possession of a bachelor's degree or higher
4 from an accredited college or university with a
5 strong preference for a master's degree.

6 I just wanted to -- this was language --
7 the relationship language was taken from
8 Commissioner Denton at the meeting that I
9 inserted. I think most qualifications also
10 specify the type of bachelor degree that the
11 candidate should have. And I didn't include
12 that because I wanted to discuss it here as far
13 as any recommendations from you-all if there's
14 a type of bachelor degree, or types. Usually
15 there's a few, or if this is sufficient.

16 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I think this is
17 sufficient because you address those areas.

18 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Okay. Okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. I don't see
20 anyone else on the queue.

21 COMMISSIONER BAKER: And make sure that
22 my powers instead of functions is also on your
23 list.

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I've got that down.

25 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: And given our
2 discussion about the master plan and all that
3 is the other thing that I had under (a) in that
4 same section on page 6, was after the word
5 subject to appropriated funds, and then I
6 inserted and the adopted master plan so that
7 everything is nice and neatly typed -- tied
8 together -- excuse me -- in that. We'll go
9 over all these in just a moment.

10 Mr. Denton.

11 COMMISSIONER DENTON: We had talked about
12 this earlier. If you put the master plan thing
13 on page 6, under subsection A, there won't be a
14 master plan for at least the first year. Our
15 recommendation is they spend the first year
16 developing such a master plan, so they couldn't
17 even appoint a CEO. So I think putting the
18 master plan as a qualifier in that sentence,
19 subsection A, would prevent that next function,
20 for one thing.

21 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. That's fine.
22 We can take that out. As long as -- I think we
23 all agree that the appropriated funds addressed
24 all of those.

25 COMMISSIONER DENTON: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Then I won't
2 have that one.

3 The other thing that I was going to put
4 in there -- and you guys tell me if this is in
5 our discussion. And I don't know if we got a
6 final view on it, was under the powers, do we
7 want to put in a catch all that they have the
8 same powers as the DIA that's not inconsistent
9 with this article?

10 No. Okay. Probably complicates it too
11 much. Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Mr. Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I'm just trying to
14 see if there are any other ones in here that we
15 have not --

16 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: While you're on
17 this, under section -- on page 7, the two --
18 the No. 2 paragraph.

19 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I don't know
21 whether we're certain -- when you say certain,
22 that means certain forms -- I mean, which ones
23 are the certain forms? I would delete
24 "certain" from 2.

25 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: On page 7?

1 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Yeah. It says:
2 Negotiate and approve economic development
3 agreements without further City Council
4 approval providing they meet -- which ones?

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: So you just want to
6 remove certain.

7 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Yeah. Just remove
8 certain. I mean...

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Everybody understand
10 that?

11 We're good. Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Mr. Scott,
14 would you like to address the body? I'll give
15 you two minutes.

16 MR. SCOTT: Yes, sir. It won't take that
17 long because --

18 Stanley Scott with the African American
19 Think Tank. I want to thank, through the
20 Chair, to Mr. Denton and the Judge because they
21 are correct.

22 First of all, I want to say I'm not here
23 to -- I have no hate for anyone. I was not
24 brought up that way. My concern is this
25 injustice. I don't care if it's African

1 American or any nationality. Injustice is
2 injustice. For far too long, the north side of
3 Jacksonville in the Urban Core, the pathology,
4 we have over -- I think over five -- right now
5 we have five -- oh, man. I'm sorry. Because
6 I'm kind of happy about the information that's
7 going down and the leadership taking place by
8 Mr. Denton and the Judge, and all of y'all.
9 Y'all are doing a great job.

10 The dialysis machines on the north side,
11 that is a sign there's a problem. You have
12 more dialysis machines on the north bank of
13 Jacksonville where people die every week. That
14 says a lot. So we have a problem here. I'm
15 not here just because I'm African American.
16 I'm here for the whole city of Jacksonville.
17 We have a problem here, and we need to justify
18 it. And the law said -- the law said in
19 consolidation that that was a priority.

20 The Judge said that, that they would
21 correct that damage, that pathology over there
22 on the north side of town. That's why I'm
23 standing here, not because of my race. I'm
24 here for justice.

25 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Thank you.

1 Okay. So the Chair will entertain a
2 motion to the pending -- an amendment to the
3 pending motion.

4 On page 3, at the top after Jacksonville,
5 there will be a colon. The individual bullet
6 points will be numbered paren one, paren, two,
7 and paren three. The language after the colon
8 will have inserted in it the 2019-2020 Charter
9 Revision Commission finds that, then the
10 remainder of that sentence will become paren 4.

11 In the third bullet point, which will be
12 paren three, on the second line at the very
13 end, the and is deleted. Next line, until is
14 deleted so that it will read: Potential unless
15 there is.

16 Going down to the fourth line, the
17 semicolon is deleted and the word "and" is
18 inserted.

19 Going down to the fourth line from the
20 bottom of the third bullet point where it
21 says -- the sentence is, The Consolidated City
22 of Jacksonville, that will end with a period
23 and the remainder of that is deleted.

24 Moving to page 4, on the third line, the
25 sentence that begins, Of the four appointed by

1 Council, we insert the word "president." So it
2 will read: Of the four appointed by Council
3 president. Following the comma, the number one
4 will be replaced to two.

5 Next line, at the very end of that line,
6 it says, Boundaries of the UCDA. It will have
7 a period. The remainder of that sentence is
8 deleted, so the next sentence begins: Of the
9 five appointed by the mayor.

10 Going to page 6, Section 4, where it
11 says, Functions and Duties will be changed to
12 "Powers and Duties."

13 Turning to page 7, paren two, second
14 line, the verbiage where it says: Provided
15 they meet certain pre-approved standards, the
16 word certain is deleted.

17 And that, I believe, is the summary of
18 the proposed amendment.

19 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: So moved.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Discussion.

23 Ms. Jameson.

24 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: I was just curious
25 if I could add one, to strike on page 7, No. 6,

1 to acquire, manage, lease, operate, and sell
2 property.

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. So you want to
4 amend to remove manage, lease, operate, and
5 sell property.

6 Okay. Is there a second on that motion?

7 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Any discussion on
9 that? Raise your hand if you want to be on
10 that.

11 Mr. Gentry.

12 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: One, I'm trying to
13 find it.

14 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Page 7, and it is
15 No. 6.

16 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Well, if they're
17 going to be overseeing this area -- and all of
18 this, of course, is subject to appropriated
19 funds -- and they feel like they need to sell
20 some property or acquire property or condemn
21 property or do things like that, they need to
22 have that power. As long as it's subject to
23 appropriated funds, they're not operating
24 outside their authority.

25 So I would oppose the motion.

1 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Anyone else on the
2 amendment to the amendment?

3 Okay. We'll take a hand vote. All in
4 favor of the amendment, raise your hand.

5 All opposed.

6 Okay. The amendment does not pass.

7 We're now on the original amendment to
8 the motion. Oh.

9 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Can I have another
10 amendment?

11 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Certainly.

12 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Just to strike
13 then mange, lease, operate. I understand the
14 acquisition and selling of properties. But the
15 example I would like to raise is Cecil Field.

16 The U.S. Navy gave Cecil Field to the
17 City of Jacksonville years ago. I don't
18 remember off the top of my head. The City did
19 try to manage and operate that property, and
20 ultimately decided that it was really out of
21 their field of expertise, let's say. So they
22 took it to a bid, and now the City works with
23 Hillwood Properties to mange Cecil Field, and
24 that's been a really great partnership.

25 But, again, I would just like to raise

1 that the managing, leasing, and operation of a
2 building, facility, potential property, any
3 site that we have, I don't think that that's
4 been a proven good function of city government.

5 So I understand the point of acquiring
6 and selling property if it's condemned and what
7 have you. I understand that benefit. I guess
8 I'm just kind of caught up, again, on this
9 managing, leasing, and operating property.

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Well, I would say in
11 response to that, that if we don't give them
12 the ability to manage, lease, or sell property,
13 then they couldn't contract with anyone else to
14 do that either because they don't have the
15 ability to do it themselves. So you have to
16 have the ability to do it before you can hire
17 somebody else to do it.

18 But, anyways, there's a motion to make
19 that amendment. Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER BAKER: I'll second.

21 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: There's a second.
22 Any discussion on that amendment to the
23 amendment?

24 Okay. Hearing none.

25 All in favor of that amendment?

1 COMMISSIONER DENTON: I'm unclear.

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: The amendment --
3 there's an amendment to the amendment to, in 6,
4 delete, mange, lease, operate. So it would
5 simply say acquire and sell property.

6 COMMISSIONER DENTON: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: All right.

8 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Mr. Chair, may I
9 speak?

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Following up on
12 what the Chair said, the entity has to have the
13 authority to operate and lease its property,
14 which invariably would be done through a third
15 party. You can't have -- it can't enter into
16 contracts and have third parties do these
17 things if it doesn't have the authority itself.
18 I don't see -- and so I think you have to give
19 them the authority. And it very well may be an
20 important job that they do will be entering
21 into contracts for people to -- they own the
22 property and have entities mange and lease it,
23 like the parking garages.

24 The parking garages are owned by the City
25 of Jacksonville. They hire people to manage

1 and lease it. You may want to try to build an
2 apartment complex or a subsidized living area
3 or obtain tax credits to do that, and then you
4 have someone build it and someone operate it
5 and manage it. But you have to have that power
6 in order to carry out that responsibility. So
7 I hate to shackle this entity if we're going to
8 really try to do the same sort of things the
9 DIA is doing.

10 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: I withdraw my
11 amendment.

12 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Ms. Lisska
13 then, are you -- you're off. Okay.

14 Mr. Denton.

15 COMMISSIONER DENTON: I wanted to go back
16 to the -- I think the amendment that's on the
17 floor is your ominous motion; right?

18 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER DENTON: Okay. This is just
20 for clarity. I think it's what you said, but
21 on page 3, the first word on that page after
22 Jacksonville, that becomes a colon.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER DENTON: The rest of that
25 paragraph will be preceded by the 2019-2020

1 Charter Revision Commission finds, and that
2 will become the fourth bullet point down here?

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER DENTON: Okay. You used a
5 different term and I just wanted to be clear.
6 That's good. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Do we need to
8 put this on the ballot or we can just raise our
9 hands?

10 Raise our hands. Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Editorially, under
12 the third bullet point, it says: Further
13 finds. We might want to take that further out
14 of there.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. The amendment
16 to the amendment is to take out further.

17 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Do you see where
18 I'm saying?

19 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I see exact. Does
20 everyone see where it is?

21 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: It would just
22 read, finds.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Finds. Okay. Does
24 everyone see that and understand it?

25 Is there a second on the motion?

1 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Second.

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Second. All in favor
3 of the amendment to the amendment, raise your
4 hand.

5 Okay. It's unanimous.

6 All right. That is done.

7 So nobody else?

8 All right. So the motion is, as
9 discussed, as amended. All in favor, raise
10 your hand.

11 Okay. We got nine. Thank you. Another
12 one in the can.

13 And, Ms. Johnston, I have these
14 amendments here for final --

15 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Can I just ask a
16 point of order?

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Certainly.

18 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: In terms of --
19 that is going to now be smoothed into a final
20 recommended format and we're going to vote and
21 discuss it again or are we done with this?

22 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Well, we're going to
23 have a final report that I would like to at
24 least get consensus on. But as far as this
25 wording --

1 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: We're done.

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: -- we're done. It's
3 locked.

4 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: All right.

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: It's locked and the
6 report -- as I said, you know, the report
7 itself will be attached. But in our final
8 report, we will be able to discuss and edit and
9 parse on that. Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Mr. Chairman, can I
11 ask a question?

12 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Certainly.

13 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Thank you.

14 Just following up on that because I will
15 not be here when that final vote is taken.

16 And I understand that we have voted on
17 this to be Charter amendment, and so these
18 ancillary issues of whether it's in the Code or
19 in the Charter, a majority of this body has
20 voted that this is a Charter amendment, so that
21 sort of argument will not be raised again
22 either; correct?

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Correct. That will
24 not be a point of discussion.

25 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: And so anything

1 that -- when Ms. Johnston does her magic and
2 does all the tweaking to get everything to flow
3 properly and the formatting, if there are any
4 changes that occur as a result of that, that
5 will be the subject of any -- some further
6 review, but nothing else will be other than
7 that?

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Correct. Correct.
9 Again, my goal is, the only thing that we will
10 be reviewing on the 19th and the 20th is simply
11 the verbiage of our final report, because the
12 proposed language that we have voted on and
13 approved is locked in. So that is it.

14 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: All right. I want to
16 go --

17 MS. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chair, there's just
18 one item I just wanted to bring to your
19 attention. I'm taking that -- as we're talking
20 -- the one area that I was going to insert
21 additional information is under the boundaries
22 of the Urban Core area. And Anthony provided
23 me with some language that I think he's going
24 to run by Mr. Denton. So that would just be
25 one area where we would be asserting --

1 inserting different language, but that's just
2 more of a clean up.

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSTON: So I did want to point
5 that put. But I will -- after this meeting, I
6 will send you this document for you to work off
7 of. And if I've missed anything, you can make
8 any changes. I am deleting the notes that I
9 put in in various places as well.

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Perfect.

11 Okay. I want to go back because we need
12 to approve the minutes of the 20 -- excuse
13 me -- of the February 28th meeting. Do you
14 have a copy of those?

15 I'll entertain a motion to accept the
16 minutes.

17 Ms. Lisska

18 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: Mr. Chair, can we
19 approve them at the next meeting? Is that
20 allowable?

21 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I believe it is. I
22 was just excited that we have a quorum for this
23 one.

24 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: I know. I just
25 haven't -- well, they didn't get to us until

1 today --

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: -- and I haven't
4 had a chance to read them.

5 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: Well, do you want
6 to read them?

7 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: I'm happy to sit
8 and read them. I have time.

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Well, let's --
10 I would like to have us, in the time that we
11 have remaining, then go to the issue of the
12 recommendation from the -- we'll table the
13 approval of the minutes -- term limits. That
14 had been tabled from our last meeting.

15 And does everyone still have a copy of
16 the discussion on extending term limits to
17 three four-year terms instead of two four-year
18 terms?

19 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: For City Council.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: For City Council
21 only. And this was the report in favor. There
22 was a counter to that by Ms. Baker.

23 Is there any further points or
24 presentations by the Government Structure
25 Committee on it?

1 Judge Swanson.

2 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: I think we've laid
3 it out pretty clearly. And I would just say
4 this boils down to a philosophical discussion
5 really in terms of whether people are
6 supportive of or not supportive of term limits.
7 I think that's as blunt as you can be about it.
8 I think Ms. Baker has made some really strong
9 arguments why we should leave it alone, and I
10 think Ms. Jameson's made some strong points why
11 we should consider this.

12 I would just make one observation. I
13 think that the election cycle is a term limit,
14 and anything beyond that is artificial. And to
15 the extent that the election cycle is a term
16 limit, you give it to the discretion of the
17 voters in terms of who they want to represent
18 them.

19 But I don't have anything further to add,
20 and I think we summarized it pretty clearly.

21 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Ms. Jameson?

22 Ms. Baker?

23 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Sure. I do feel
24 like that we kind of laid out our arguments
25 last week. I agree with the Judge that these

1 terms limits are a little bit artificial in a
2 sense of it's just a consecutive term limit.
3 So, again, these City Council members can sit
4 out for four years and still come back. So it
5 is not a eight years is enough. There still
6 could be 16 years or 20 years as we've seen
7 from others.

8 So, again, this is just a proposal to
9 increase the consecutive terms limits from two
10 consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.
11 That language would still stand that a City
12 Council member would have to sit out for one
13 full term before they could return. And,
14 again, this specific proposal would not go into
15 effect until 2031. So it would not influence
16 or effect current City Council members
17 consecutive terms. But, again, certainly as
18 they would sit out for four years and
19 potentially come back, then those three
20 consecutive terms would apply.

21 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Ms. Baker.

22 COMMISSIONER BAKER: Thank you,
23 Mr. Chair.

24 I don't need to repeat all my comments
25 from last week. I will just reiterate that I

1 do not think there's a public outcry for
2 extending or eliminating the term limits. I
3 don't think -- I think the movement is quite
4 opposite. I think people like term limits.
5 They want more term limits. I think the
6 framers envisioned the term limits. Again,
7 City Council took this issue up two years ago,
8 and they withdrew the bill. So I urge my
9 colleagues to vote down on this recommendation.

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. I don't have
11 anyone else in the queue. What I'm doing here
12 is, in light of what we're talking about with
13 regards to the Urban Core, I'm writing what
14 this actually means. And I would simply --
15 it's probably we would just add it into your
16 report, Judge, out of your committee on this
17 issue.

18 This means that you would amend Section
19 5.041 of the Charter. I'll read that to you:
20 Limitation of term of office, no person elected
21 for two consecutive full terms as a member of
22 the Council shall be eligible for election as a
23 Council member in the next succeeding term. The
24 Council term ending on or prior to June 30th,
25 1991, shall not be considered a consecutive

1 term for the purposes of this section.

2 The amendment would replace the language
3 of two consecutive full terms with three
4 consecutive full terms, and would then have
5 language that says it would not take effect
6 until the start of the elected terms beginning
7 2031. Just so that we know what we're voting
8 for or against.

9 So with that, the Chair will entertain a
10 motion to adopt the recommendation for the
11 extension from two consecutive terms for City
12 Council members to three consecutive terms.

13 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: Didn't that motion
14 already exist? I believe it did.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: You know what, I
16 guess it did.

17 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: Yeah. And maybe
18 seconded. I think it's even maybe reflected in
19 the minutes I was trying to speed read.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Trying to read. I
21 was just going to say, Let's look at the
22 minutes. I think you may be right. Very good.

23 COMMISSIONER BAKER: We tabled it.

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: It was tabled -- it
25 was tabled and so I -- we did have a motion?

1 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: Yeah.

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. So then we've
3 had the motion, and let's take a vote.

4 All in favor of adopting the
5 recommendation --

6 Do we have to -- sure.

7 MS. JOHNSTON: Point of order. Sorry.
8 I'm trying to catch up because I was not at the
9 last meeting last week. But typically when you
10 table a matter, that's only for the duration of
11 the meeting itself. You don't -- you would
12 defer action as if you were going to take it up
13 at the next meeting. To be clean, perhaps
14 maybe you just want to move the motion and have
15 a second.

16 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: So moved.

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Motion by the
18 Judge. Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Second.

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Second by
21 Ms. Jameson. Nobody on the queue.

22 All in favor of adopting the
23 recommendation to extend term limits from two
24 full terms to three full terms, raise your
25 hand.

1 Three.

2 All opposed.

3 Okay. This recommendation is not
4 adopted.

5 I'm trying to think of how -- I want to
6 get a consensus from the group. Do we want to
7 include a discussion on this similar to the
8 discussion that's contained within the
9 recommendation?

10 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: And simply -- I'm
12 sorry.

13 MS. JOHNSTON: Because I wasn't here last
14 week. Did you have public participation last
15 week?

16 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: We had public
17 participation last week.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Okay. Can we say that for
19 the record since it's on the agenda?

20 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. We had public
21 participation on the term limits recommendation
22 last week, and I don't have any cards.

23 MS. JOHNSTON: Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: But thank you.
25 That's an important point.

1 Okay. So then what we will do is we will
2 include the background. We will include that
3 there was the recommendation to extend the term
4 limits, but that the issue was debated by the
5 Commission as a whole, and the Commission as
6 whole decided against that recommendation.
7 Everybody good with that?

8 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: That's fine.

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. All right.
10 Then that's how we will reflect that in the
11 final report.

12 Strategic Planning. I don't believe we
13 had a motion on that one. I believe Mr. Gentry
14 just explained the process for us on that.

15 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: I'll move to motion
16 that.

17 MS. LISSKA: Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Second. All right.
19 Any public participation on the recommendation
20 for the Strategic Planning Commission?

21 There will be public comment at the end,
22 but this is on this specific --

23 MR. SCOTT: Nothing.

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Nothing on this one
25 specific?

1 MR. SCOTT: No, sir. Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. All right. So
3 we have no public participation on that. No
4 cards on that.

5 We are in debate and discussion.

6 Mr. Gentry.

7 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Really not much
8 more to say than what I went over last week in
9 discussing the process. I think it's an
10 incredibly important step for us to take. The
11 major concern expressed in the 2014 Blueprint
12 and expressed to us by many of our speakers was
13 the inability to maintain initiatives over a
14 period of time. And with the strong-mayor form
15 of government, the tendency of the new mayor
16 coming in and effectively terminating all of
17 the previous initiatives and starting over
18 again. And there was a strong sense among
19 previous elected leaders that this adversely
20 impacted the ability of Jacksonville to
21 accomplish some of the things that have been
22 seen by other peer communities.

23 So this gives us an opportunity to have
24 long-term planning. It is a vehicle to pull
25 into alignment the district agencies and

1 divisions of the city that, frequently, don't
2 even talk to each other. And it's also a
3 vehicle to really mobilize the entire
4 community, hopefully, and energize the
5 community.

6 And so I think it's a great concept.
7 Other communities around the country are
8 embracing this. And everyone we talked to, I
9 think, was very excited about what they had
10 done. I think it's an exciting opportunity for
11 Jacksonville. So, obviously, I support it.

12 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Ms. Jameson.

13 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Thank you.

14 I agree. I think this, in concept, is a
15 great idea to have a uniform vision for our
16 city. I really do appreciate all the thought
17 that's gone into this.

18 A couple questions that I have and
19 comments, so I'll kind of pepper them
20 throughout. But first and foremost, I do think
21 that in order to have a strategic plan, we do
22 have to consider how this maybe could be used
23 as a political vehicle. With that, I
24 understand the concerns as far as not having
25 the mayor so involved; yet, this Commission,

1 the mayor appoints the chair. So I do think
2 that there's an aspect there, obviously, that
3 the mayor would be very involved in this, and
4 the mayor's vision and the mayor's strategic
5 plan -- and hopefully every mayor that comes in
6 has their own plan and vision.

7 But so I also kind of wonder, with that,
8 knowing if this is a ten-year plan, I think, is
9 what the group has gone with, a ten-year plan.
10 Would it be appropriate to somehow put in there
11 that every mayor, within six months of starting
12 a new term, needs to review and adjust
13 accordingly or have their own influence in
14 this?

15 And certainly as that lines up, there
16 will be a mayor that does set this priority for
17 those next ten years. So just kind of
18 questioning that balance there just to, again,
19 make sure this does not become a political
20 vehicle or, you know, what have you. So, first
21 and foremost, that question.

22 And then, secondly, I certainly have
23 questions related to -- on page 5, actually
24 putting in a dollar amount into our Charter. I
25 kind of question specifically that because,

1 again, how that's adjusted annually and things
2 like that.

3 And then also specifically a question on
4 page 5 with that first bullet point on that
5 page. I'm not sure what that really means.

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I'm sorry. First
7 bullet point on what page?

8 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: On page 5 under
9 the document that was provided last week.

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. I saw the 250.
11 Are you talking about a representative of an
12 organization?

13 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Ms. Santiago.

15 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: Okay. So let's
16 just go back and start answering. I do have a
17 couple other points that I wanted to bring up.

18 But the 250 was actually just an initial
19 influx of money to set up the Strategic
20 Planning Commission and the office, which would
21 have an executive director, and pay for a
22 consultant and whatever else they need for
23 supplies, that sort of thing.

24 So after that, after that initial 250,
25 it's kind of up to them how they build it back

1 into the budget and continue to fund it. The
2 250 came from the establishment of the DIA. We
3 just followed the same format.

4 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Is that in the
5 Charter? My main question is money being in
6 the Charter. Okay. Interesting.

7 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: I don't know if
8 it was in the charter or not. I don't think
9 so. If anybody else has any input on that one.

10 And then your other question was about
11 the strong -- whether a mayor would be able to
12 have influence. So we kind of talked about
13 that, and I think that's where we came up with
14 the ten-year plan. By doing it every ten
15 years, it does not touch an election cycle. So
16 a new mayor would come in and would -- as they
17 appoint -- as people come -- as mayoral staff
18 or City Council changes, then they would
19 appoint new people to -- but that would be the
20 only influence that they would really have. It
21 would be their choice as to who they would put
22 on this commission.

23 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: When would that
24 start?

25 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: So the plan is to

1 begin in 2022, which is the 200th
2 anniversary --

3 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: -- of the
5 founding of the City of Jacksonville. So we
6 wanted to have it in place by then, but if you
7 start in 2022, we did the math several times,
8 and it does not effect any of our -- any even
9 numbers will not effect an election cycle.

10 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: What about that
11 bullet on page 5 as well?

12 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: The question is in
13 relation to the bullet point at the top of page
14 5: A representative of an organization who can
15 speak on behalf of a racial demographic shall
16 be added to the advisory committee of the
17 Strategic Planning Commission when the racial
18 population reaches five percent of the
19 population of Duval County according to the
20 most recent decennial census.

21 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: We took that
22 directly from the Blueprint. That was -- that
23 body, which was pretty prestigious, had added
24 that as one of the categories and so we adopted
25 it. I don't know what went into their

1 thinking, but that's where it comes from.

2 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: And through the
3 Chair, if I could add to that.

4 Looking at some early reports from the
5 census, we determined that the Asian community
6 in Jacksonville was already, I believe,
7 approaching five percent and the Hispanic
8 community was closer to ten.

9 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: I see.

10 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: So we created that
11 role specifically for those in anticipation of
12 that position being triggered. So you can see
13 that there in the advisory council.

14 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: So it's just tied
15 directly to the census. So when a population
16 reaches a certain percentage, then they should
17 have representation on this commission.

18 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Okay. I'm
19 understanding it better now, so thank you. But
20 I see how you have the Hispanic community, the
21 Asian community. So you're saying as other
22 communities reach that threshold, then they
23 would have a representative? Okay. I
24 understand that. Thank you so much.

25 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: And, through the

1 Chair, keep in mind that this is also part of
2 the advisory, not necessarily the commission
3 itself.

4 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Okay. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I don't have any
6 other speakers.

7 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: You do now.

8 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. And
9 Ms. Santiago came back on.

10 Before we go to that, there was a -- it's
11 in light of the budget on page 5, Section 6,
12 and not appropriate for me to make a proposed
13 amendment. So the Chair would entertain a
14 motion to add language, which is similar to
15 what we had with regards to the Urban Core
16 Development, taking the language from the
17 Ordinance Code under the DIA of 55.131 and it
18 mentions approval of a budget where it says:
19 And in this case, it would be the fiscal year
20 of the Strategic Planning Commission shall
21 commence on October 1st of each year and end on
22 the following September 30th. The Strategic
23 Planning Commission shall prepare and submit
24 its budget to the mayor in a manner provided in
25 Section 106.204(c) Ordinance Code.

1 So that there is a provision in there for
2 adopting a budget that gets included in the
3 City's overall budget.

4 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: So moved.

5 COMMISSIONER LISSKA: Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. So there's a
7 moved and second on that. Okay. So that's
8 one.

9 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: That would go at
10 the end of --

11 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: That would be at the
12 end of paragraph -- under Section 6, Funding
13 and Operations, that would just be language
14 added on at the end of (a).

15 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Mr. Howland.

17 COMMISSIONER HOWLAND: Thank you,
18 Mr. Chair.

19 I just wanted to add that Ms. Jameson's
20 question was a great one because we gave a lot
21 of consideration to the political nature of the
22 Strategic Commission. And Ms. Santiago added
23 that, for sure, the ten-year implementation was
24 meant to throw it off election cycle.

25 But we also looked heavily into the

1 composition of that Strategic Planning
2 Commission from a variety of factors, including
3 size and efficiency, because, you know,
4 Mr. Gentry mentioned that we dropped the size
5 of the commission from the Blueprint's report
6 by a handful of folks.

7 But we also looked at balance of powers.
8 We looked at representation, and we considered
9 Sunshine. Those were four main areas that we
10 looked at. And when we first thought about
11 putting the at large members as five members of
12 the City Council, we noticed that it kind of
13 then fell off balance with the executive
14 branch. So that's why we put two appointees,
15 one of which would be Chair, to kind of bring
16 some more balance back to it.

17 At one point, we originally had the chief
18 administrative officer and the CFO, which then
19 when you take into consideration the fourth
20 factor, we were thinking about Sunshine, that
21 through everything in disarray.

22 But that was certainly a consideration of
23 ours, a big consideration, the political nature
24 of the Strategic Planning Commission, so thank
25 you for that question.

1 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Ms. Santiago.

3 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: Okay. So one of
4 the last things that we discussed in our
5 committee as well was the time-sensitive nature
6 of this. Because of the fact that we're trying
7 to get this all approved and have that first
8 report done by 2022, we really kind of need to
9 speed this one up. So just as more of a
10 formality, how would we single this out so that
11 it can move through the process a little bit
12 faster? Is there a way to do that?

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. After the
14 report gets filed, then the Council can take
15 these up however they choose. What we would
16 need to ask, in particular with regards to this
17 one, is that it be moved as an emergency. Now,
18 whether or not this is a Charter amendment that
19 could be approved by Council or whether that
20 has to be approved by a voter referendum, that
21 would be the only thing.

22 And, Ms. Johnston, do you have anything
23 to add on that?

24 MS. JOHNSTON: No. I agree. It would
25 depend on whether it would have to go to a

1 referendum, because, obviously, that would add
2 time for the election process. I do believe --
3 I haven't confirmed this with my office. But
4 just looking at the general language in the
5 Charter as to when a referendum is required,
6 there's general language applying to a point of
7 boards when you're making changes or creating a
8 point of boards within the Charter. So I would
9 think this Commission would -- the Strategic
10 Planning Commission that you're discussing
11 would be an appointed board, which would
12 require a referendum. And so, therefore, you
13 would have factor in those timing -- that
14 timing for the initial creation.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Is there
16 anything else that we can call it that wouldn't
17 require a referendum?

18 MS. JOHNSTON: I don't know about that.
19 I mean, if it were an Ordinance Code Commission
20 perhaps, then you're looking at just having it
21 adopted in the Ordinance Code and then you're
22 not going through the referendum process.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay.

24 MS. JOHNSTON: But calling it something
25 different would not change the nature of the

1 commission.

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. Just thought I
3 would ask.

4 Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER DENTON: Point of order, is
6 that going to mess --

7 Eight is a quorum because we have 15;
8 right?

9 COMMISSIONER DENTON: We're still good.

10 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. But we will
11 lose a quorum here. So -- I'm sorry.

12 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: One thing I
13 mentioned last time and I forgot again.

14 On page 4, this is an amendment to what's
15 before you. The one, two, three, four, five,
16 sixth bullet point, one of the members is the
17 Chair of the Board of the Kids Hope Alliance.
18 We had, after that was in there, added one
19 person appointed by the mayor as the
20 representative of the interest of children. So
21 the KHA entry needs to be amended, so I move to
22 delete the Chair of the board --

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I don't see that on
24 mine.

25 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Well, it got

1 deleted then. I've got another one. Excuse
2 me.

3 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. So --

4 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: You want to call
5 the question and vote?

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. Before -- you
7 got time to vote?

8 COMMISSIONER DENTON: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Okay. So, first,
10 let's -- we had a motion for the adoption. We
11 did have a motion for the amendment to add the
12 language from Section 55.113 that was a motion
13 and seconded. So we got to vote to add that
14 language in.

15 All in favor of adding in the annual
16 budget language, raise your hand.

17 Okay. It's unanimous.

18 Now we're voting on the motion to accept
19 the Strategic Planning Commission verbiage as
20 amended.

21 All in favor, raise your hand.

22 Okay. It's unanimous.

23 Thank you-all very much. And those of
24 you who needed to leave, you are excused.

25 Okay. Well done. We have -- we have

1 adopted all of the recommendations. We have
2 given it thorough discussion. I want to
3 personally thank the chairs and each individual
4 committee member who worked tirelessly. I
5 apologize if I cracked the whip too hard. But,
6 you know, sorry, not sorry.

7 We are now -- okay. So other business,
8 reconfirming future dates. Because we have
9 achieved exceedingly well today --

10 I'm not forgetting you. Don't worry.

11 -- we will cancel the meeting for
12 tomorrow because I want to spend the time with
13 Mr. Clements and get our final report together.
14 When we get that final report together, I will
15 send it out to everyone. Legislative services
16 will send it out to everyone. If you are not
17 going to be able to be here for a -- for the
18 meetings on the 19th and the 20th, please
19 submit your questions or proposed changes back
20 to legislative services or Ms. Johnston or
21 both, preferably. Send it to both. Do not
22 send it to everyone on the Commission. Do not.

23 What we will do at the next meeting that
24 we have is those provisions will be -- will be
25 taking up those suggestions, those

1 recommendations. We'll take them up as
2 individual motions in there so that we can get
3 a final version together.

4 I will be doing some polling to see -- to
5 make sure that we do have a quorum at least on
6 the 20th -- the 19th. So we'll be doing some
7 initial polling. If we don't have that, we may
8 be setting another one. I would like to get
9 this -- I know we've got until the 31st, but I
10 would like to get this so that it can be
11 considered in the Council meeting at the end of
12 March. But that's my goal.

13 So tomorrow is cancelled. Our next
14 scheduled are the 19th and the 20th, and look
15 for the final report hitting your mailbox.

16 I see Judge Swanson on the queue.

17 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: I'd just like to
18 thank you. You've been a good leader, and
19 you've done a good job. And as a retired Navy
20 guy, I'm going to use a term -- and everybody
21 can Google it -- but bravo zulu. Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER SWANSON: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Thank you.

25 Ms. Santiago.

1 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: This is just a
2 clarification for Commissioner Lisska and
3 myself.

4 So in light of the fact that you are
5 putting together a full white paper, do you
6 still need us to put together an executive
7 summary on our strategic plan or what you have,
8 is that enough?

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I believe what we
10 have is enough, because a lot of what I was
11 going to take -- and we'll be getting the
12 transcript here shortly from the 28th meeting
13 of Mr. Gentry's explanation, that was what I
14 was going to take and use as your introductory
15 summary on that. Is that good?

16 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: That's great.

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: That's great. You
18 don't want to have to meet and go over
19 everything?

20 All right. Ms. Jameson.

21 COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO: Thank you. Just
22 for clarification, the meeting on the 19th,
23 does that also start at 8:30?

24 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: I think they said --
25 yeah. I believe the 19th, yes, we'll start --

1 because we have, again, the hard stop at 11:30
2 because they've got to turn the room for the
3 meetings this afternoon.

4 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: And then on the
5 20th, is that also an 8:30 start?

6 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: That is also an 8:30
7 start -- no, it is not an 8:30 start.

8 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Okay. And then I
9 have a for the 26th and 30th. Are we still
10 holding those just in case we need those
11 additional dates?

12 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yes. Still hold
13 those because if we cannot get a quorum on the
14 19th or the 20th, then we're going to have to
15 fall back to those dates.

16 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: 26 and the 30th.

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: 26th and the 31st.

18 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: 30th.

19 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: 30th. Excuse me.

20 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: And likely an 8:30
21 start with those as well? I'm just trying to
22 get my calendar in order.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Those, I believe, are
24 9:00. We were confirmed for 9:00 on those.

25 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: All right.

1 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: But, again, I don't
2 expect that they would be too long because, by
3 that point, we would have had an opportunity to
4 go through and review the final report.

5 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: So should we all
6 communicate to Jessica? Crystal? Who should
7 we communicate with to let them know what our
8 schedules are for those four dates?

9 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: That should go to
10 Crystal.

11 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Okay.

12 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yeah. Jessica is
13 getting her knee whittled on.

14 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: For those that
15 maybe aren't here, could we maybe get an email
16 sent out for that?

17 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yeah. That's what
18 I'm saying. I'm going to have an email go out
19 with the 19th, the 20th, the 26th, and the
20 31st, so that we know we'll have a quorum.
21 Because if we're not going to have a quorum,
22 then the most we can do is just kind of look at
23 it and make proposals. But we're going to be
24 doing that by email anyway.

25 COMMISSIONER JAMESON: Great. Thank you

1 so much. I appreciate it.

2 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: All right. Thanks.
3 Mr. Gentry.

4 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: Yeah. I wanted to
5 also thank you, Mr. Chairman. You've done an
6 excellent job of moving this along, sometimes
7 against my will, certainly. And we appreciate
8 it.

9 I wanted to make a comment because I will
10 not be here the rest of the month. I will be
11 entertaining 13 year olds out in Colorado, and
12 12 year olds and 5 year olds and 10 year old.

13 But I want to thank everyone. I wish
14 everyone were here. It's been a -- it's a very
15 skilled group of people, and I think everyone
16 has brought their different backgrounds and
17 experience and knowledge and abilities into
18 play here, and I think we've got a really
19 excellent work product. I hope -- I guess you
20 will -- or someone will coordinate our efforts
21 to support our work before the Council.

22 I think the Urban Development Authority
23 is probably the most important thing that I've
24 seen done in a long, long time and -- or
25 forever in the city. And Mr. Scott is right.

1 This is an injustice, and I hope there will be
2 an effort to mobilize that community to support
3 this and that we can generate the kind of
4 support community-wide to finally step up and
5 say it's long past time. We've got to correct
6 this injustice. So whatever we all can do, we
7 need to do that.

8 I think the strategic planning piece is
9 also critical and will be very valuable to the
10 city. Obviously our city is going through a
11 huge turmoil right now with the JEA and
12 everything in the forefront. There's a real
13 opportunity. I think there's a real desire in
14 our city to get back on the right track and
15 pull together.

16 So I think these things that we're doing
17 here can be a real vehicle to do that, but it's
18 going to take some effort. And so -- and I
19 know all of us want to see the fruition of our
20 work. I don't know about everyone else, but I
21 never dreamed the commitment of time and effort
22 that this required. And so I think we all want
23 to make sure it comes to fruition.

24 So anything you can do, Mr. Chair, to
25 keep us organized to some extent and get us

1 working together, continuing to work together
2 with the City Council, it would be much
3 appreciated. Thank you for -- I'm not trying
4 to give you another job. It would be a shame
5 to see all this just go on a shelf someplace.
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: No. I appreciate
8 that, and I agree with your sentiments. Like I
9 said earlier in one of our meetings, that this
10 has -- the Urban Core Development Authority
11 has, I think, the greatest potential to have
12 fundamental change in our city.

13 When the report is filed, according to
14 the ordinance, we are no longer a Commission,
15 which means we are no longer in the Sunshine or
16 having to operate in the Sunshine so we can
17 talk to each other on that. That's the purpose
18 of really wanting to get it in on the 20th is
19 then the City Council agenda meeting is the
20 24th.

21 And the Council president has said that
22 he wanted me to come and just talk to them at
23 the agenda meeting to understand what the
24 Council would like for us to do as far as
25 presenting this in a more public manner to

1 them. Our responsibilities under the Ordinance
2 Code will be fulfilled upon the filing of it.
3 But after I have that opportunity to speak with
4 him, I've got all your emails and we can email
5 and have a group discussion on how we want to
6 go about it. Because I do believe that that is
7 an unwritten responsibility that we have, is to
8 see what we can push across the finish line to
9 get Council approval.

10 So, yes, I will be communicating with
11 everyone to let you know.

12 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: And before I speak
13 no more in this setting, I am offering to host
14 a nice cocktail reception at the River Club one
15 afternoon once we're no longer in the Sunshine.
16 So let's put that on the agenda too for
17 probably early March sometime.

18 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Well, you reupped
19 what I was going to do, just have a cookout at
20 the house.

21 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: We'll do that too.
22 We'll do that too.

23 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: All right.
24 Mr. Scott.

25 MR. SCOTT: Can I come to the cookout

1 too?

2 COMMISSIONER GENTRY: You can.

3 MR. SCOTT: This is very important that I
4 need to put on the --

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Yeah. Name and
6 address.

7 MR. SCOTT: Sorry about that. I
8 apologize. Stanley Scott with the African
9 American Economic Recovery Think Tank. My
10 address is on file.

11 Honorable Matt Schellenberg --
12 Right? I got that correct?

13 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: That's it.

14 MR. SCOTT: He said something that was
15 very profound. In the African American
16 community, the leadership has failed us since
17 consolidation. Those City Council members have
18 not come together and put an action plan to
19 decrease the pathology in the community. I
20 know this for a fact because the Think Tank
21 that I operate deals with the African American
22 community not only in Jacksonville, but on a
23 national level. We are spending at the present
24 time, according to New York Life Insurance, \$15
25 billion -- and I'm talking about the African

1 American community -- and we can't do nothing
2 for ourself? I have a problem with that.

3 And I want to put it on the record at
4 this present time that the African American
5 leadership since consolidation has failed the
6 African American community. They have not come
7 together or done anything to change the
8 condition for that pathology over there at that
9 community. They have been getting paid, but
10 you have -- do not see an overall equality of
11 outcome for that community. So I'm holding the
12 African American leadership since consolidation
13 55 percent responsible of the pathology in the
14 community.

15 Number two her, before we go, very
16 briefly here. I'm not in agreement -- I do not
17 agree with the at large membership. That came
18 about because of consolidation to keep power.
19 Those at large members do not bring a value
20 proposition to the community overall in
21 Jacksonville, and it also -- the
22 disenfranchised, the African American
23 community, when it comes to voting, those at
24 large members need to go. They're not --
25 they're not -- like I said before, of value

1 proposition to the community.

2 Thank you. Y'all did a great job. I'm
3 very pleased with the outcome, and I look
4 forward to being at the cookout. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON BROCK: Thank you, sir.

6 All right. Anything else for the good of
7 the order?

8 We will have to approve the minutes at
9 the next meeting. I'll let everybody get away.
10 All right. Other than that, we're adjourned.

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