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Noticed Meeting
JEA Fact-Finding Workshop – Session 5

Date, Time

& Location: February 24, 2020 @ 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (City Council Chambers)

- Topics:**
- 1) A presentation from Mr. Gerry Hartman, an experienced utility engineer and appraiser specializing in utilities and systems who will speak to the need to make strategic modifications so as to adapt to the changes in the utility industry with a special emphasis on areas where enhancements, programs or more detailed work has improved the condition of other utilities in Florida.
 - 2) A review and discussion of the **redlined** version of the applicable sections in Article 21 of the Jacksonville Charter that address the many changes various council members, and others, have proposed.

Exploring JEA's Future Success Together (Continued)

While the process of rebuilding the JEA board membership continues (invariably through which the search process for a new CEO will begin) the fact remains that we, as a body, will likely be tasked at some point to review and approve strategic actions that may materially change the structure and/or operating process of the utility. I have identified and secured four subject matter experts, three of which who have agreed to share their perspective as to the state of the utility industry, its future trends and what is happening at comparable utilities across the state and nation to address them. Because of the particular interest in understanding both water rights and access, I have scheduled someone who is steeped in all matters associated with water rights to speak to us at the March 23rd workshop.

Joining us on February 24th is Gerry Hartman, a qualified expert witness in the area of utility system valuation and financing, facility siting, certification/service area/franchises and formation/creation, management and acquisition projects. He is accepted in various Federal Courts, Circuit Courts, Division of Administrative Hearings, Public Service Commissions, arbitration, and quasi-judicial hearings conducted by cities and counties, as a technical expert witness. In addition to which he has been involved in over 600 utility negotiations, appraisals, fairness opinions and review appraisals, and has been a qualified expert witness by the courts with regard to utility arbitrations and condemnation cases. He has participated in the valuation of numerous utility systems.

Charter Changes (Continued)

As I prefaced in the last noticed meeting cover memo, the experience of the past few months brought to bare a number of issues and concerns relating to the autonomy of JEA and the lack of transparency as well. At our last workshop we reviewed some of the proposed changes to the charter and were advised by OGC regarding the appropriate action required to make such changes. This time we will be presenting a **redlined** copy of the City Charter's Article 21 for your review and consideration, with an eye towards one or more coordinated bills to introduce the proposed changes. I am presently working with OGC staff in finalizing the **redlined** document and will have it in your hands by EOB on Tuesday (2/18) so that you have a few days to review and give some thought to changes and/or additions.