

**WATER BILLING AND INFRASTRUCTURE AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023 3:00 P.M.**

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson, Virgi Lindsay, Vice Chair, Brian Grizzell, Ashby Foote, Vernon Hartley and Aaron Banks. Directors: Safiya Omari, Chief of Staff, Fidelis Malembeka, Chief Financial Officer, Shanekia Jordan, Clerk of Council, Sabrina Shelby, Chief Deputy Clerk of Council and Attorney Catoria Martin.

Absent: Angelique Lee.

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The meeting was called to order by **Chairperson Virgi Lindsay**.

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DISCUSSION: WATER SYSTEM GOVERNANCE. Chairperson Lindsay recognized **Ted Henifin, Third-Party Administrator**, who gave an overview of the Water System Governance idea who could possibly be a regional entity, a municipal authority or someone vetted in the each ward of the City to appoint a board of a non-profit public trust entity. **Mr. Henifin** also informed that council that a proposal would be submitted to the Mayor by June or July. **Catoria Martin, City Attorney** gave a brief overview of rate structure vs governance. **Mr. Henifin** also explained that leaks within the City are been tracked and hydraulic challenges would be corrected by the summer.

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DISCUSSION: SEWER CONSENT DECREE. This item remained in committee.

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DISCUSSION: WATER METER INSTALLATION. Chairperson Lindsay recognized **Ted Henifin, Third-Party Administrator**, who provided a brief overview of water meters installation and informed the public that anyone having any issues with water leaks to email him at ted@jxnwater.com. Mr. Henifin also stated that his team was working to get staff for customer service-related issues in the near future.

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DISCUSSION: MUNICIPAL SALES TAX PROJECT. Chairperson Lindsay recognized **Robert Lee, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer**, **Catoria Martin, City Attorney** and **Terry Williamson, Legal Counsel**, who provided a brief overview of the 1% Sales Tax Project which included Woodrow Wilson. They also discussed the Capitol Improvement Plans and its impact on the City of Jackson.

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Note: President Foote left the meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.