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Jacksonville Mayor John Delaney announced today the appointment of two committees that will oversee the progress of The Better Jacksonville Plan.

The Financial Administration Committee (FAC), by ordinance, is composed of the Managing Director of JEA, the Chief Administrative Officer of the City, a private citizen from the financial/business community and two additional citizens. The Mayor announced today that in addition to JEA Managing Director Walt Bussells and Chief Administrative Officer Sam Mousa, Citrus Bank Regional Market Executive Cindy Stover, former Duval County School Board member and funeral home owner Wendell Holmes and former President and CEO of University Medical Center W. A. "Mac" McGriff will also serve. The appointment of the three citizens requires City Council confirmation. The Council Auditor will also serve on the committee as a non-voting member. The FAC will oversee the finances of the \$2.2 billion Better Jacksonville Plan and give advice on issuing bonds.

"The members of the Finance Administration Committee are all outstanding leaders in our community and we will look to them for financial guidance as The Better Jacksonville Plan moves forward," said Mayor Delaney at today's news conference.

The Project Administration Committee (PAC), by ordinance, is composed of the Executive Director of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the City's Director of Public Works, the Managing Director of JEA and two private citizens. The Mayor announced today that in addition to JTA Executive Director Miles Francis, Public Works Director Joe Miller and JEA Managing Director Walt Bussells, Millennium Specialty Chemicals President and CEO George Robbins and International Longshoremen's Association's President and CEO Charles Spencer

will also serve. The appointment of Robbins and Spencer requires City Council confirmation. The PAC will give advice on how to construct and complete projects in the most efficient manner.

"The members of the Project Administrative Committee have the awesome responsibility of keeping us on our toes," said Mayor Delaney. "They are the checks and balances for The Better Jacksonville Plan.

Both committees have the responsibility of presenting an annual report to the City Council before December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The ordinance that creates these two committees also establishes a Citizens Oversight Committee. The Mayor is expected to announce the members of that committee within the next few weeks.

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