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had fairly strong feelings ought to be the exception rather than the rule, and that, really, not to do that made it essentially a 25-year plan more than a 30-year plan. And so they wanted to make sure that we -- that we had a 30-year plan, but, even as we calculated it, there was some sense that there ought to be some equity in it. If you remember, we came up with an arbitrary

We had gone to a 30-year plan. The 30-year

plan, however, there was some discussion and a

depending -- that after 25 years, there ought to

be some way that someone could still leave because

And so we came back and decided that there

would be an early retirement option, but the early

retirement option was one that, frankly, the City

recognition that, depending on economic

we were making this a 30-year issue now.

circumstances, depending on health matters,

something of importance.

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all live with.

What I decided to do then next was, okay, if it was a 30-year plan and then we used a three percent number -- and if I remember, the three

negative sense. We just picked a number we could

floor. And by arbitrary I don't mean in a

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THE MODERATOR: As per the notice requirements, I think that this meeting was noticed for ten o'clock. It's ten o'clock, according to my precise phone here, so we will proceed.

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This morning I thought what we would do is, if I could -- and I actually asked -- and thank you for your help -- the support people here. I want to go back to the issue that we left off on, or one of the issues we left off on the other day, and this is for new employees. And this is the early retirement calculation.

And you may believe that I am kind of going back to ground that we just plowed, but I've actually referred -- really wanted to go back to something that I think is fairly fresh in our mind. Because I went back yesterday and did some work on this issue myself, and I -- and I actually went back and pulled some of my old notes and I -- and some of the old positions.

And I think there were several things that are at work here. And I'll kind of -- either of you interrupt me if at any time you think I mischaracterize how we got here or that I missed percent number was arrived at because that was a number that had been used in 175 and 185 as somewhat of a -- as a penalty number. But the accrual rate that we were now using under the 30-year plan was 2.5, which meant that a maximum accrual rate for a retirement was 75 percent.

I went back yesterday and said, "Okay, I" -- and then there was the issue -- I spoke with both sides. I've spoken with -- at length on this. The issue is -- "Well, Rod, it depends on where you begin to count and how you begin to count."

The City says, "Well, wait, if you count backwards from 30, you're really giving them credit for time they did not work and that really doesn't work."

The Board says, "Well, wait a minute. We're getting a double whammy. If you don't count" -"If you count back from 30" -- "If you count back from 30 and you apply the punitive number, you're really getting a double whammy."

And their point being there's something else that we need to remember -- is that, if we do as the task force did, started assuming that somebody took an -- came on board at 22 and worked for 25 years, they would be 47 years old, and that,

Page 6 whatever penalty they take, even a ten percent

2 cut, that cut, if they lived a normal life

3 expectancy, would be a cut that they would -- they

4 would see in their retirement every year for the 5 next 30 years. And that's a fairly dramatic

6 dissuasion.

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So there was reasons -- and, frankly, all of you seemed to agree and seem to still agree that the 25-year mark is really the critical mark because, as the decision gets later to 27, 28, and 29, none of us really believe that that's going to make much of a difference and, frankly, should make much of a difference. What you didn't want to do is see a wholesale exit at age -- excuse me -- after 25 years.

I have something that I'd like you guys to give some weight to and see if I at least got my calculations right. If we took the one that's on the board right now -- and this is the one the City presented the other day and I believe is what was agreed upon last year. If we took that number -- and, admittedly, we took 53.5 percent, which I actually reduced that down to 52.5 percent for a floor. If we simply took and used the rate of reduction, being the same as the rate of

accrual, which is 2.5 percent -- I want

2 everybody -- because math has never been my strong

3 point, but I want to make sure that we see how

little this difference boils down to be, then. 4

If we took a person who left after 25 years, if at the end of 25 years, they normally would have accrued, under this, 62.5 percent -- is that correct?

9 MR. GREIVE: (Nods head).

THE MODERATOR: Yes. That would be the accrual. If we took the two and a half percent and we went to -- and we took two and a half percent for the five-year shortfall, which would be then 12.5, that would have taken them back to 50, but I lowered the base here to 52.5, the idea being that you guys had agreed and recognized last time that, after 25 years, you ought to at least

get more than half of your time if you left. If you then just used that one floor, you don't need a floor after that because the next -the 26 years would be at 55; at 27 years would be at 60; at 28 years would be at 65; at 29 years would be at 70. The difference would be -- and the last year would be .50; in the second to the last year, would be 1.0; and the year before that,

Page 8 1.5. The critical year being the twenty-fifth year is the year that you sought to have -- to dissuade the decision from being made.

Under this proposal -- it's not a proposal, 4 5 but under my calculations, which are about to be 6 something for you to consider -- under my 7 calculations, the dissuasive year that I had at 52.5 is actually more dissuasive than the one we 8 9 had already agreed to. It's just that the accrual rate is not as severe thereafter and, in fact, 10 11 it's almost inconsequentially different after the 12 27th year.

Now, what I'm throwing out for you -- because this is the only issue that we have arrived alive under new hires, what we've been calling the new hires. Tell me why this doesn't address the concerns of the City, which is we want the twenty-fifth year to be the dissuading year, that we don't want wholesale exiting after 25. This number is actually lower than the one you had previously agreed to.

MR. HAND: Can I just --

23 THE MODERATOR: John -- and -- go ahead.

MR. HAND: I just want to make sure, Senator, we're clear on your math. So kind of going on

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Page 7 this chart, Year 1 being 25 years, rather than

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3 would be 52.5?

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THE MODERATOR: That's correct.

5 MR. HAND: In Year 2, 26 years, rather than, again, being 53.5, it would be 55 --6

THE MODERATOR: That's correct.

8 MR. HAND: -- is that correct? In Year 3, it 9 would now be -- rather than being 58.5, it would 10 now be 60 --

11 THE MODERATOR: Correct.

MR. HAND: -- is that correct?

In Year 4, 28 years, rather than being 64, it would now be 65?

THE MODERATOR: That's correct.

16 MR. HAND: And in Year -- the last year, 29 17 years, rather than being 69.5, it would now be 70; 18 is that correct?

THE MODERATOR: That's correct.

20 MR. HAND: Just wanted to make sure I have 21 that correct.

22 THE MODERATOR: Yeah. That's exactly how --23 what I did.

Now, what we've done is we've taken the old retirement calculation method -- excuse me -- the

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new -- early retirement calculation method that we

- had agreed on earlier. I've addressed the 2
- 3 twenty-fifth year in a way in which the City said
- 4 that was where they were -- once again, I'm
- 5 paraphrasing, but that's the year when they think
- 6 most of the decision would be made and said, okay,
- 7 then at that year -- let's assume it's 52.5. That
- 8 addresses what we originally said; it ought to be
- 9 more than half.
- 10 But, thereafter, we used the 2.5, the 2.5
- 11 being the accrual rate. We count from that number
- 12 forward. And, in fact, we end up at 70 percent
- 13 after 29 years, which, John, taking the three
- 14 percent and counting backwards, as you know, the
- 15 most severe difference will still be the
- 16 twenty-fifth year, no matter what you do. That's
- 17 the year you're always going to pay the most
- 18 penalty. But you were the one that suggested the
- 19 other day that the accrual rate ought to be the
- 20 same as the penalty rate. And I've done that.
- 21 Now, gentlemen, I know that -- please, give
- 22 no more weight to my -- to my proposals than
- 23 anybody else's proposals, but my idea here is to
- 24 take back every night -- as I did yesterday, and
- both of you know this -- went back home the night 25
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  - before, sat down, went over my notes,
- 2 calculations. And then I pulled back, out of the
- 3 old -- I pulled back some of the proposals and
- counterproposals out of my desk from our earlier 4
- 5 meetings of last year. And it seems to me that
- 6 this addresses everybody's concern in a way that
- 7 addresses the City's concern on 25 being the
- 8 critical year, and addresses, John, your --
- 9 concedes your concern that the penalty rate ought
- 10 not be greater than the accrual rate.
- 11 MR. KEANE: Correct.
- 12 THE MODERATOR: Now, with that on the board,
- 13 tell me what -- I'd like to hear you-all's
- 14 concerns on why we couldn't agree to this.
  - MAYOR BROWN: John?
- 16 MR. HAND: I'm very curious what John and
- 17 the --

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- 18 THE MODERATOR: John, you go first.
- 19 MR. HAND: -- yeah -- feel about this.
- 20 MR. KEANE: We could entertain this, with one 21 slight modification.
- 22 THE MODERATOR: Okay. It's always in the
- 23 details. What's that slight modification?
- 24 MR. KEANE: Whether we use three years, two 25
  - years, or five years calculation, which has a

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- tremendous impact on the long-term pension, if
- you -- currently, it's based on your last two
- years. If you go to your last five, it can have a
  - tremendous impact --
    - THE MODERATOR: Okay.
- 6 MR. KEANE: -- but there's --
  - THE MODERATOR: Let me -- let me just --
- 8 MR. KEANE: There's hope and life in this --
- 9 THE MODERATOR: All right.
  - MR. KEANE: -- discussion.
- 11 THE MODERATOR: Let me see if I understand
- 12 this because, I mean -- because now we're kind of
- moving -- but that's fine. I understand. I'm not 13
- 14 locking you in. What you're saying now is, "Well,
- 15 wait a minute. This also is impacted by an
- 16 entirely different issue. That entirely different
- 17 issue is the final calculation rate."
- 18 John, I'm willing to concede that, but that's
- 19 not the issue in front of us on this question. On
- this question -- because, admittedly, no matter 20
- 21 what we do, whatever calculation rate we finally
- 22 arrive at, it's always going to have an impact.
- 23 But on this particular question, on the early 24
- retirement calculation as it relates to this, does 25
  - this meet your concerns that you addressed to me

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- 2 MR. KEANE: All right. Let's make it
- 3 simpler, Senator.
  - THE MODERATOR: Okay.
- 5 MR. KEANE: Let's accept the 2.5 percent
- 6 reduction, based on -- this could put the entire
- 7 new employee situation to bed once and for all if
- 8 we accept it right now.
- 9 MR. HAND: And just so I'm clear and we've
- 10 got a clear record here, John, this would mean
- 11 that, if you -- if we agree to this change, you
- 12 would also be adopting all of the new employee
- 13 benefit modifications that were made as part of
- 14 the mediation settlement agreement and
- 15 subsequently endorsed by the Retirement Reform
- 16 Task Force; is that correct?
- 17 MR. KEANE: Let's clear the Retirement Reform
  - Task Force out. Let's stick on what we agreed to
  - down there in Gainesville --
- 20 MR. HAND: Well, no, it's important because 21 they endorsed --
- 22 MR. KEANE: The same thing.
- 23 MR. HAND: -- the mediation settlement --
  - MR. KEANE: As long as they were the same --
    - MR. HAND: -- because there's no difference

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     between the two.
                                                              rate and the penalty rate exactly the same --
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          MR. KEANE: As long as they're the same,
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     there's no tweaks, what we agreed to in
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: -- so they get the benefit --
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     Gainesville in the mediated settlement agreement,
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                                                                    MR. KEANE: Acceptable.
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    with the 2.5 percent reduction for people who
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: -- of the year --
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     leave at 25 years or more, that would then -- if
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                                                                    MR. KEANE: Acceptable.
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     they left at 25 years, they'd get 62.5 percent.
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    And then, as you said, that would be agreeable --
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                                                               it. Now it's back on your ball.
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          THE MODERATOR: No. If they --
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                                                                    MR. KEANE: What do you think?
          MR. KEANE: -- subject to the City
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                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: It's still the same. We'll
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     agreeing --
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          THE MODERATOR: No.
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          MR. KEANE: -- so we can put this to bed once
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: I'm going to be clear with
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    and for all.
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                                                               everybody because I'm not as tricky as my
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          THE MODERATOR: If they left at 25 years,
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                                                               reputation may be. This is the issue that I saw
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    they would get 52.5.
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                                                               as the only open issue on new hires. Now, is
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                                                               there anybody over on your side that believes
          MR. KEANE: How is that a 2.5 percent
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     reduction from --
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                                                               there's another new hire issue open?
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          THE MODERATOR: What -- if you took -- if you
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                                                                    MR. HAND: We don't, but I just think --
    take 30 --
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                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: No. But I want to be clear --
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         MR. KEANE: Uh-huh.
                                                                    THE MODERATOR: I understand.
          THE MODERATOR: -- years and you back it
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                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: I'm just --
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    out --
                                                                    THE MODERATOR: John, do you believe there's
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                                                               another new hire --
         MR. KEANE: Uh-huh.
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                                                                   MAYOR BROWN: There's no --
          THE MODERATOR: -- and -- it's at 2.5, so if
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    you're leaving five years early, times 2.5 --
                                                                    THE MODERATOR: -- issue that's open --
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          MR. KEANE: Uh-huh.
                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: -- new issue. This is it. So
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          THE MODERATOR: -- unless my -- that should
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                                                               I agree. We can agree on this issue.
    be 12.5, which would have taken it to 50, but I --
                                                                    MR. KEANE: I agree with the mayor that he
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    we had already agreed to a floor. The floor was
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                                                               agrees with us that we've agreed with them, that
    53.5. I lowered the floor at 25 to 52.5. So the
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: Now, if that's not clear,
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    first year, it's 52.5; the second year, it's 55,
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    which is essentially a point and a half higher
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     than it was before. Then it goes to 60, 65, and
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     70. The 29-year guy goes out at 70. The 25-year
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     guy goes out at 52.5.
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          MR. KEANE: So you're starting at the bottom
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                                                                    MR. KEANE: If we'd have come up with the Ten
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     again, rather than from the --
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                                                               Commandments, there would have been five on each
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          THE MODERATOR: I'm starting at --
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                                                               tablet instead of two and seven.
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          MR. KEANE: From 30 --
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: Okay. Okay. Then what I'm
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          THE MODERATOR: Well --
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                                                               going to do on this, I'm going to have you guys --
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          MR. KEANE: -- going early.
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                                                               I'm going to have this written up in the break
          THE MODERATOR: Yeah, I am in this sense.
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                                                               today. I'm going to have it written up.
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     I'm taking the difference, using the multiplier,
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                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: Yes.
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     because that's the only way it makes sense. The
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: It's going to be written up
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    multiplier is really the deterrent, but what I'm
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    doing is I'm making sure that we take -- for every
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                                                               numbers plugged in this afternoon. We're going to
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     one of those years they worked, we're using that
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     same multiplier to -- by using three, you increase
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                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: That's okay.
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     the penalty. By using 2.5, you make the accrual
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     it, T.A. it, and that's it.
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                                                                    MR. HAND: Senator, can I ask just a
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          MAYOR BROWN: Sure.
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                                                              procedural question first --
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          THE MODERATOR: All right.
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          MR. HAND: Knowing that, again, we have to
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                                                                    MR. HAND: -- before you move forward? So we
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    reach final agreement to reach --
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          THE MODERATOR: Everybody's -- I'll tell you
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    what. We've got so many law degrees here -- I
                                                                    MR. HAND: -- as to governance on Tuesday
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     promise you what I mean is --
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          MAYOR BROWN: I don't have a law degree.
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          THE MODERATOR: No --
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          MAYOR BROWN: I do not have a law degree.
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                                                               four of them. Just, again, you're moderating
          THE MODERATOR: But what I'm saying --
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                                                               this, so not to substitute our judgment for yours.
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          MR. KEANE: Neither do I.
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                                                               I think Mr. Keane was coming back with additional
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          THE MODERATOR: Nobody --
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          MR. KEANE: Neither do I.
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          THE MODERATOR: Nobody is bound by any
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     agreement until all agreements are -- we all got
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     that. And I got it, I got it, I got it. But for
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                                                                    MR. HAND: -- going to discuss?
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     now, new hires has been put to bed. And let the
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: -- my plan is I'm going to
     record reflect we did that by -- what I thought
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     would take till noon took till about 10:15.
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                                                               wanted to move -- to talk about these issues for a
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          Good job, men.
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                                                              but I want to kind of summarize where we are right
          MAYOR BROWN: Thank you, John.
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                                                               this minute.
          THE MODERATOR: Now I want to go back to -- I
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    want to go back to governance for a moment. I
                                                                    MR. HAND: Got you.
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     reviewed you-all's respective proposals for
                                                                    THE MODERATOR: And then we'll -- if I
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     governance. And I'm going to work off of -- I'm
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     going to work off of the report of the
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                                                                    MR. HAND: Of course.
     Jacksonville Retirement Task Force, but also I'm
                                                                    THE MODERATOR: Just to see -- the good news
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     using it -- at times, folks, I'll try to give you
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                                                               is that, the Financial and Investment Advisory
     the page, but also at times I will use the
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     summary, just because the summary is kind of the
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          We had a number of proposals the other day.
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    And I want -- I think, guys, for purposes of our
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     discussion, our discussion will start on about
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     Page 22. That's where I had my first notes on
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                                                                    John, with some exception, basically, your
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                                                               language -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- your
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          And I have banged out some language -- in a
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    minute that I'm going to share with you-all, but I
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     want to go over and see if I understand -- if I
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                                                               it is very similar to the language that you find
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     understood appropriately the differences. And you
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                                                               in the summary of the report; is that correct?
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     guys -- again, what I want you to do is tell me if
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                                                                    MR. KEANE: Correct.
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     I've missed the differences because I tried to
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: Okay.
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     take your differences and search for ways to meld
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                                                                    MR. KEANE: Before you continue, Senator --
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     them within each of your stated principles.
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: Yeah. Yeah.
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On Page 22, the first one has to do with the

Financial and Investment Advisory Committee. The

good news is nobody's -- nobody's in disagreement

about having this committee.

MR. KEANE: -- our proposals were based on

MR. KEANE: -- which is much shorter than the

the executive summary --

THE MODERATOR: Yeah.

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full report that has many more words in it.
THE MODERATOR: Well --

for the membership.

MR. KEANE: It wasn't -- it wasn't designed to do a bait and switch or a trickery move.

THE MODERATOR: I got that. I went back. I looked. I saw the executive summary. I concur that, generally speaking -- I'm not doing a side-by-side, but, generally speaking, yours reflected a summary.

And so I start off with the fact that on that which has been No. 1, Paragraph 1, with some very small language differences, is agreed upon.

Paragraph 2, John, as I saw this -- and I -- as I -- and I read it. It seems to me that

Paragraph 2 deals almost exclusively with some requirements for disclosure and transparency for the Financial Advisory and Investment Committee.

I know that some of your concerns -- because you stated those at the table the other day -- some of your concerns were, "Wait a minute, guys. The more of these things you do, the narrower the field of people who are willing to do it."

And I -- and I understand that, but I would also say, as I've discussed with both sides, that I've looked at some other boards here in town.

I've looked at some other boards in some towns I'm more familiar with. By and large, people who get on boards of any consequence at all this day and age, there's pretty much a requirement for broad-based transparency. And if folks don't want to do that -- you may be right. There may be good people that decide not to do it.

But the fact of the matter is, is that I think that, generally speaking, especially when you're dealing with something of finances, as you know this would have impact, the truth is, is that you want to make sure that you don't later find out that somebody has any kind of -- Golly, we made a recommendation. There was an -- and we had no idea this person had some sort of a conflict or what looked like a conflict or maybe even didn't -- they didn't even consider a conflict, but later would look bad. So the City, I think -- and excuse me -- the task force, I think, wanted to make sure that, if they erred on the side of one, they erred on the side of more requirements

And, finally, the last section was just general language, which is -- of Section 1, I'm talking about, gentlemen, which I would call

Paragraph 3 that completes on Page 23. That

paragraph, again, it kind of talked about just the

limitations on the relationship between the

advisory and investment committee and the Board

itself, and making it very clear that, ultimately,all of the final decisions are fiduciary decisions

made by the Board itself.

Everything else -- not to say that it's not to be given weight. It is simply to say that it is what it is. It's advice. It is -- like all advice, you can take it -- take it all, take some, or reject it all.

When I went back, I looked this over, and I -- it seemed to me from the discussions we had that the biggest objection you had, John, and one that I think may be really unnecessary and overstated by both sides, was actuarial practices and assumptions. And I think what you were saying is, "Wait a minute. I don't believe that we're going to have the advisory committee setting" -- "or that they really are able to set the assumptions because that is a" -- "that is a very highly specified function of an actuary and actuarial practices."

Outside the -- that issue of assumptions, I

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didn't see that there was anything else there that was included that gave you any heartburn. Was there anything else?

MR. KEANE: No. No. No. No.

THE MODERATOR: Okay. And then on Page 2 -- I think there was some language on Page -- 23 -- Paragraph 3, rather. The only language that I saw that gave anybody any heartburn, it seemed to be -- will provide advice and recommendations to the Board, which shall receive and act upon such advice and recommendation as the Board, in its fiduciary capacity, shall determine.

And I can understand that that language seemed to be -- does that mean you'll act on it?
Well, no, it means you'll act on it if you determine to act upon it, but I did see that maybe that was a gray area that could be addressed.

But other than that, the rest of -- all of the rest of this was all about ethics, certifications, and disclosures. And while you had some concerns about those ethics, certifications, and disclosures, your ethics, certifications, and disclosures response was not, "I'm against it. I just think it's going to make

it harder to get people, but I don't oppose the

Page 26 fact that they should" -- "that they've got to have" -- "that there" -- "that there are time frames they're going to have to meet to make this practicable, and that there are disclosures that we would expect to be made by people who are making recommendations, especially some of which are recommendations about who you hire for various functions, again, realizing that that's still, in the end, the function of the Board."

Have I paraphrased your concerns about the remainder of the language right, John?

MR. KEANE: You have, indeed.
THE MODERATOR: All right.

MR. KEANE: The fiduciary responsibility of the operation of the Police and Fire Pension Fund is vested in the trustees by law, and it cannot be assigned away or bargained away or given away or shrugged away in any way whatsoever -- that an additional financial and investment advisory committee is created, which we support. They are there to give advice but not to establish policy.

THE MODERATOR: I don't see anybody on the
City that disagrees with that; am I wrong?

MAYOR BROWN: No. I don't disagree with it,
but I think it's -- I mean, you know, the key word

is the "actuary assumptions." Those are the key words that John has a problem with.

MR. KEANE: Yeah. Uh-huh.

MAYOR BROWN: And we're not saying -- I know the task force is not saying that, you know, the adviser is going to determine and dictate what the Board should do. And that also applies to the rest of the paragraph.

So I think, you know, if -- so we're not -we're not disagreeing. I think it's just that one piece that you're worried about, and you shouldn't worry about it. I mean --

THE MODERATOR: Okay.

MAYOR BROWN: -- I think we can come to a resolution on that.

THE MODERATOR: I do too. I just want to make sure I'm stating the problems because I've got some language I'm going to suggest in a few minutes on this that's very little difference from exactly what's down there. I think it clarifies a couple of things that might get rid of any heartburn.

The next thing is the use of the general counsel that we talked about. The use of the general counsel problem is real interesting

because Cindy came in -- I should say the general  $\,$ 

2 counsel, but she is, as you know, a long-term 3 friend and --

4 MR. KEANE: Sure.

5 THE MODERATOR: -- someone I have great
6 admiration for. And I -- and -- you know, and I
7 will say this, that I promise you, her billing
8 practices will change immediately as she takes on
9 the new role she's going into, but --

 $\mbox{MR. CHATMON:}\ \mbox{Only a little bit.}\ \mbox{Only a little.}$ 

THE MODERATOR: What I -- and I have -- I did yesterday receive a call from Bob Klausner and talked at length with him about this issue. And the irony of this, folks, is that you-all are pretty much in agreement. There's not a big kind of disagreement here.

For normal, ordinary work that is of a kind that you -- that every department undertakes, the reality is that the General Counsel's Office ought to be used. And, frankly, the specialty of Klausner's firm, or whoever -- and I won't want to include the name of any particular firm. That shouldn't be done. And we'll talk about that. But the fact of the matter is that, for now, that

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1 is the firm that has --

MS. LAQUIDARA: Yes.

THE MODERATOR: -- been there a long time, and everybody anticipates would be the firm that -- there a long time, but it could change at some future date. But the point of how it's used is one in which -- their specialty, which I think they call pension advice and retirement-related litigation and advice, that is something that they are prepared to do well -- have been well-situated to do and for which the general counsel has looked at it and said, not only that they're reasonable in their doing it, but, also, they're reasonable in the price they charge for doing it.

So it seemed to me that -- that we're -- the biggest concern here is, if we have -- if it ain't broke, we don't have to fix it. And right now it doesn't seem like it's very broke.

So what you want to make sure is that you're getting -- that on the issues of pension, on issues of defending the role of the -- because the Pension Board is there serving the City, and every one else, I understand, they all have their various roles, but, ultimately, the Pension Board is to protect the people who are the pension

Page 30 members, their interests and the solvency, to make sure the people who are going to get a check now, are getting one, or are going to get one some day,

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that's what that Board, from both sides, is about. 5 General counsel recognizes that. Specialty firm 6 recognizes that.

It seems to me that we're not very far apart on this, as I -- because I can tell you, the Klausner firm says, "We're not really wanting to do the ordinary, everyday work. On the other hand, if we have a severe disagreement with the City over pension-related litigation" -- "pensionor retirement-related litigation or advice, that's our role. They have their role. And that would be the difference, but, historically, that's not been a huge problem for us. There are times we don't agree."

I also was interested -- while there's been some issue -- he pointed out to me apparently that, in the entire time the Klausner firm has been there, you guys have been plaintiffs -plaintiffs -- meaning, the Board has been the plaintiff, once.

24 MS. LAQUIDARA: Including --25 THE MODERATOR: The rest of the times --

Page 31 MS. LAQUIDARA: I mean, including right now in federal court.

THE MODERATOR: Right.

MS. LAQUIDARA: And I believe you've properly summarized, Mr. Smith. A legal relationship is not something that can be dictated. And I think the task force and the mayor have, quite wisely, said, "Let's put together something that ensures working."

With all of the consolidated government, all of the arguments we have with Craig Field, all kinds of things, we have never been in the situation where people see the General Counsel's Office as an adversary. We are there upholding the very clients -- to help the clients, to help PFPF.

When you have an excellent firm like Mr. Klausner's and like -- qualifications -- you do that together because you have the same interests, protecting the trust, protecting the individuals who are often under unfair attack, the individuals running these things. And that's kind of our specialty -- and Sunshine and public records, things of that nature.

So the language that was come up with by the

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counsel is precatory. It's not a -- it's not a directive. It's precatory. It says work together, as we work together with every other outside counsel for all these sophisticated 5 businesses.

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And if we can kind of break this adversarial approach to each other, which seems to be the benefit that Mr. Mayor is bringing to the table, then it just isn't going to be an issue. This is going to be rote like it is with everybody else. Bob will be calling, or whatever attorney will be calling, saying, "Let me run this by you," as everybody else does.

I'll call and say, "Let me run this by you." Our goal is not to litigate with a fund which depletes the assets from the people who have worked hard and who deserve them. So I'm happy with this precatory language. I don't think we need the hammer. And I think that's why the task force language that says, "Get together, work," really accomplishes it.

THE MODERATOR: Okay.

23 MR. HAND: Well -- and to that point, also --24 and I -- because I promised Mr. Keane I would, I 25 went back and reviewed some of the task force

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meetings. And I -- you know, on the -- I think it was the 29th of January, he had indicated at the podium that this language was fine when the task force reviewed it.

So, again, I think that, as Ms. Laquidara says, it really does take that collaborative approach. And I'm assuming that's why he and Mr. Klausner expressed, you know, willingness to kind of work within this format at that meeting.

THE MODERATOR: I think what -- I think that what -- my point is I think we can come up with something here that everybody can live with pretty easily that's very close to what we have.

I know that the next difference we had was on the selection. And I'm not going to spend much time on that because I think that is one in which there's a severe principle difference.

Cindy, I didn't mean to --

MS. LAQUIDARA: No. I'm going to sit over there out of the way. And, you know, all it takes is a look and I'm back at the table.

THE MODERATOR: Okay. And so I'm going to skip No. 5, which is Qualifications for Counsel-Appointed Trustees and Fifth Trustee. As it relates to the City putting qualifications on

Page 34 Page 36 its own trustees or putting minimum qualifications 1 THE MODERATOR: Oh, I was so close. 2 2 on the fifth trustee -- let's start at -- let's MR. KEANE: -- the attorney -- the attorney 3 parse that out. I'm assuming you don't have an 3 general of Florida has an issue with it, and 4 objection to whatever qualifications they put on 4 they've issued an opinion and the --5 their own trustees? 5 THE MODERATOR: I know the opinion. Go 6 MR. KEANE: No objections whatsoever. 6 ahead. 7 THE MODERATOR: How about --7 MR. KEANE: Okay. So -- but just leaving MR. KEANE: Their two trustees. 8 8 that said and looking at past practice -- always 9 THE MODERATOR: Their two trustees. Now 9 well-qualified citizens of the community have been selected to serve as the fifth trustee -- would 10 let's go to the fifth trustee issue without going 10 11 to how we select it for a moment. Set that aside. 11 bode well for future selections, but to do Set that aside because I know your feelings on 12 anything other than that, you're going to run 12 contrary to the attorney general's opinion. 13 that. I know how strong those are. 13 14 City, I know yours. Set that aside for a 14 THE MODERATOR: But other than the AG 15 15 opinion, the concept of the parties agreeing to -minute. 16 Do you -- do you have a problem with putting 16 what you're saying -- and I've known a number of 17 minimum qualifications on the fifth trustee as 17 the people. They would all meet that criteria. 18 if -- if the procedure was to remain the same as 18 MR. KEANE: Exactly. 19 it is today -- if it was, I'm not suggesting it 19 THE MODERATOR: And, in fact, the practical will be -- but if it was to remain the same as it matter is, is that everybody that would ever be 20 20 21 is today, would you have a problem with there 21 selected would have to meet that criteria, or 22 being minimum qualifications for -- for everybody 22 they'd never garner enough votes under any 23 23 to know, going in, as to what the fifth trustee -procedure. 24 and those qualifications being persons with 24 MR. KEANE: Exactly. And we would want 25 professional financial experience, public pension 25 qualified people. Page 37 experience, governance experience, institutional THE MODERATOR: All right. Now, that's kind 1 2 investment experience, community experience and of where we left off the other day, which brought 3 wisdom, or comparable professional training, us to No. 6, which is a -- the actuarial standards. Do you have -- I cut you off the other knowledge, and expertise, which basically is a 4 5 wide range of things which are subject to various 5 day. Do you now have -- because -- do you guys 6 interpretations? agree that that's where -- as far as we got the other day on discussing this, and I have correctly 7 MR. KEANE: All of the fifth trustees who 7 8 have ever held office since the inception of the 8 summarized the differences or the issues out of 9 each of those? 9 Pension Board in 1987 --THE MODERATOR: Would meet all those? 10 10 MR. KEANE: You have for us. 11 MR. KEANE: -- have possessed those sterling 11 THE MODERATOR: Chris? Mr. Mayor? 12 qualities, including our current fifth trustee, 12 MAYOR BROWN: Yes. 13 Former Sheriff Nat Glover, who is president of 13 THE MODERATOR: All right. Do you have other 14 Edward Waters College. And so we don't have a 14 proposals as it relates to these -- Nos. 6, 7, 15 problem with that. We pick people. 15 8 -- and, of course, I know 9 is really something that we'll probably put off because 9 -- 10, 11, 16 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 16 17 17 12, or 13, which are all -- any other -- because MR. KEANE: Because the two City appointees have to vote for the person. 18 we didn't go beyond No. 5 the other day. 18 19 THE MODERATOR: Got it. 19 MR. KEANE: Right. 20 MR. KEANE: We couldn't recommend a chair. 20 THE MODERATOR: Let's address No. 6 for a 21 They ain't going to vote for -- that's what I'm 21

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THE MODERATOR: Then again, it seems to me --

MR. KEANE: Now, however, though --

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if we can back up --

MR. KEANE: Well, let's see if -- let's see

THE MODERATOR: Okay. I'll back up.

MR. KEANE: -- Senator.

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          THE MODERATOR: Absolutely.
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                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: Okay. All right.
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          MR. KEANE: The document we were working off
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    of when we presented our proposals the other day,
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     as I told you earlier, was the executive summary.
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          THE MODERATOR: I'll go to that.
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          MR. KEANE: We're now going to withdraw all
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          THE MODERATOR: All right.
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          MR. KEANE: And are we ready?
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          THE MODERATOR: I am, and the floor is yours.
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          MR. KEANE: No. No. We've got a new
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    way of handing these things out today.
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          MR. HAND: John, do you have them in a jump
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    drive, by any chance, because if you do, Carol's
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    happy to put them up on the projector.
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          MR. KEANE: I don't have them in --
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          MR. HAND: In electronic format?
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          MR. KEANE: I just got finished with these
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         MR. HAND: Okay.
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          MR. KEANE: -- Chief.
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          I'm getting better at tossing them.
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          MR. HAND: So for folks in the public, we'll
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    have Carol make copies so everyone can have a copy
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    of these.
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          THE MODERATOR: Or she thinks she might be
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     able to put them up.
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                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: It's a change of position?
          MR. HAND: Okay.
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         MR. KEANE: Are you ready to proceed,
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                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: And what's the rationale for
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          THE MODERATOR: Yes, sir.
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          MR. KEANE: Item 1 is recommended by the task
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     force, starting on Page 22 of the formal report,
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     Financial and Investment Advisory Committee. On
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     behalf of the Board, we accept that, every word,
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     take it all. We agree to No. 1.
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          Is that good news?
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         MR. HAND: So just -- sure. I just want to
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          MR. KEANE: Is the City agreeing to No. 1?
          MR. HAND: So the language -- the exact
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     language that's in the task force report is what
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     you're agreeing to here?
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          MR. KEANE: Correct.
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         MR. HAND: Okay. So you're accepting the
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    City's proposal as to No. 1?
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          MR. KEANE: If that was the words out of the
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                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: So is that a change --
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     task force report, yes.
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         MAYOR BROWN: May I just ask one question?
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         THE MODERATOR: Absolutely. Go ahead.
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         MAYOR BROWN: I just want to be clear. Are
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    you changing your position? Because this doesn't
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         MR. KEANE: What we're saying, Mr. Mayor, is
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    the language we gave the other day on this item
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         MAYOR BROWN: You're clarifying?
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: And that is the -- that is
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         MR. KEANE: Clarifying. Clarifying.
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         MAYOR BROWN: Okay.
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         MR. KEANE: That's a good word.
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         MAYOR BROWN: All right.
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: I'll have to black-line it
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         THE MODERATOR: Okay. And -- well, don't do
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Okay.
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: And No. 9?
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         MAYOR BROWN: All right.
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         THE MODERATOR: I'll try and clarify that
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         MAYOR BROWN: Okay. I just --
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         THE MODERATOR: -- a little more succinctly.
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    I mean, I'm not telling you not to do that, but --
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                                                                   MR. KEANE: Mediation.
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: No. No. I --
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         THE MODERATOR: -- I'm just saying don't do
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    it yet because let's see --
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: That's fine.
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         THE MODERATOR: -- where we go.
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         And, John, what I was going to do for your
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         MAYOR BROWN: Sure. Sure.
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         THE MODERATOR: Then I'm going to go back one
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    by one and ask -- allow opening questions, just
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    because it gives a little more order. And I --
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         MAYOR BROWN: Yeah.
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          THE MODERATOR: And I want John to go ahead
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    and -- I think we are now on No. 5.
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         MR. KEANE: Why don't you get you one of
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         THE MODERATOR: No. 5, qualifications for
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    counsel-appointed trustees and fifth trustee?
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         MR. KEANE: We would agree with that, but you
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    have to delete the mayor because that's contrary
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         THE MODERATOR: I got it.
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         MR. KEANE: No. 6, very long article --
                                                                   MR. KEANE: Future dialogue, Chief.
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          THE MODERATOR: Okay. Thirteen?
                                                               just go back and make --
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          MR. KEANE: Doesn't involve the Pension Board
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                                                                    MR. KEANE: That concludes our revised
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    at all. This requires City action to create the
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     same type of financial board for the general
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: John, and I want to thank
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     employees and correctional officers, so that would
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                                                              you. That is a lot of work that has been done in
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    have -- require no action on the part of the
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                                                               a short period of time. And, more importantly, a
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     Police and Fire Pension Fund Board.
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          THE MODERATOR: Do you have any objection to
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                                                               just squared away, I think -- again, I wanted to
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     those actions, though?
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                                                              make sure before -- that's why I wanted to do this
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          MR. KEANE: Oh, we would think it's -- the
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     task force thought it was a good idea for the
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                                                                    Paragraph No. 1, subject to, I understand,
     Police and Fire, and they thought it was a good
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                                                               everybody going back and giving it a
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     idea for the general employee, but that's a
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                                                               read-through -- but Paragraph No. 1, which is a
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     decision that --
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                                                               long -- the first eight pages, which is also
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                                                               several -- I think, Pages 22, 23, and 24, and into
          MAYOR BROWN: Right.
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          MR. KEANE: -- the City people --
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                                                               25 of the -- that's agreed upon. And subject to
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          MAYOR BROWN: But do you have a problem with
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     this?
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                                                                    MR. HAND: Pending review.
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          MR. KEANE: We don't have a problem with it.
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: Pending review. I want you
                                                               to T.A. that for the City, pending review.
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          MAYOR BROWN: Okay. So we're fine. Okay.
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     Just clarification.
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                                                                    MS. LAQUIDARA: May I just -- in terms of
         MR. KEANE: I hear you.
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                                                               logic, if it's -- if it's all right with
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          THE MODERATOR: That's fine.
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                                                              Mr. Keane, we can just convert this to a Word
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          MAYOR BROWN: Just clarifying.
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                                                               document, one as is --
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          MR. HAND: Yeah. I figured you -- because
                                                                    THE MODERATOR: Okay.
                                                  Page 47
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                                                                    MS. LAQUIDARA: -- and then have it
    you -- I think you suggested to Mr. Scheu that --
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          MR. KEANE: Sure.
                                                               initialed, and then we don't have any --
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          MR. HAND: -- we ought to do it for both --
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                                                                    MR. HAND: Yeah. I think what --
          MR. KEANE: Sure.
                                                                    THE MODERATOR: I'm fine with that.
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          MR. HAND: -- boards, so I figured --
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: I just wanted to make
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          MR. KEANE: Sure.
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                                                               sure that --
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          MR. HAND: -- you'd be supportive of that.
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          MR. KEANE: Yeah. And --
                                                                    MR. HAND: -- might be best is --
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          THE MODERATOR: All right.
                                                                    THE MODERATOR: I don't want to, later, pull
          MR. KEANE: And all we're saying is this is
                                                               things back.
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    not an action the Police and Fire Pension Board
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                                                                    MR. HAND: I get it. I think what -- I think
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                                                              Ms. Laquidara is right. What we ought to do is
     can --
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          THE MODERATOR: Right.
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                                                              we'll review kind of where we are.
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          MR. KEANE: -- take. It's an action --
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: All right.
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          THE MODERATOR: I get it.
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                                                                    MR. HAND: We'll review the language. I
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          MR. KEANE: -- only the City and the mayor --
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                                                               think once we've done that, we can sort of talk
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                                                               about --
     you say you support that; correct?
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: I don't think it's -- the
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: So I --
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     General Employees' Pension Fund is markedly
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                                                                    MR. HAND: -- T.A. 'ing.
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     different. For example, having the CFO on the
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                                                                    THE MODERATOR: But I'm putting on the
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     Board that manages the fund.
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                                                               record, then, that we're pending T.A. on this
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          MAYOR BROWN: Yeah, it's no --
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                                                               article because the parties are in agreement that
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: So I think we'll look at that
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                                                               the Financial and Investment Advisory Committee
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     separately through City Council.
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                                                               language is satisfactory to both sides.
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          THE MODERATOR: Well, let me just -- let me
                                                                    MAYOR BROWN: Correct.
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         MR. KEANE: We agree to that.
                                                              requiring that concession in here.
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         THE MODERATOR: Good. All right.
                                                                   THE MODERATOR: I got it.
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         MR. KEANE: Thank you, Mayor.
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                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: Mr. Mayor has freed me up
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          THE MODERATOR: Use of the general counsel,
                                                              from that to work --
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    we've got to do some work there. Selection of the
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                                                                   MAYOR BROWN: Yeah. And --
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    JPFP Board members --
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                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: -- together with everyone.
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         MR. CHATMON: We're on No. 2.
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                                                                   MAYOR BROWN: I mean, that's why I said for
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Yeah.
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                                                              clarifications, John -- I mean, I just think --
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         MR. HAND: Yeah.
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: Guys, we're going to get over
         THE MODERATOR: Did I skip one?
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                                                              this hump.
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         MR. HAND: The ethics, certification, and
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                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: Right. It's a tiny --
    disclosure requirements. Again, the same as
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: This -- we're going to get
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    No. 1, pending No. 1, there appears to be
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    acceptance of the City's proposal on that, pending
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                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: -- legal hump --
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: -- this hump. This hump is
    review of the language that's been provided, so
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    what would be Paragraph 2 of the --
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                                                              not -- I've got two people that both have a vision
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                                                              that I think we can live with. I want -- I think
         THE MODERATOR: Yeah, I just -- I went
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    through Pages 1 through 8. I read this together.
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                                                              we can draft some language that's going to get us
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    Those are one and two. You're right.
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                                                              past the hump, and we're going to get where we
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                                                              want to go on that. I understand.
         MR. HAND: Sure. Got you.
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Okay.
                                                                   So Pages 9 and 10 we have to address, but I'm
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         MR. HAND: I just wanted to be clear --
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                                                              going to address -- we're going to address that
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Thank you.
                                                              before this day is done.
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         MR. HAND: -- for the record.
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                                                                   MR. KEANE: Now, hold on just a minute,
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         THE MODERATOR: Yeah. Those are one and two,
                                                              Senator Smith. Let me make sure that everybody
                                                  Page 51
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    the first eight pages, which I think are Pages 22
                                                              understands where this document came from I just
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    through 25 in that --
                                                              handed out. It came from Carol. She e-mailed it
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: And, Mr. Smith, I want to
                                                              over to us. We copied it down and just put it in
    make sure I'm clear. We're not -- because this is
                                                              bigger text --
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    clearly a compromise of people's conditions, not
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                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: Great.
    the positions we're taking in court. So I'm not
                                                                   MR. KEANE: -- to help myself and other
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    requiring any concession in three that they must
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                                                              people who are visually impaired.
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    use the Office of General Counsel.
                                                                   MR. HAND: Which -- I'm sorry. Which
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         I think, as trustees looking out for the
                                                              particular document?
    fiduciary interests, which is what Mr. Keane is
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                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: Oh, so --
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    doing, that the precatory language saying, "work
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                                                                   MR. KEANE: This --
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    together," is sufficient because we both have a
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                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: -- she's -- already --
    goal. So I'm not requiring -- I want to make
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                                                                   MR. KEANE: This whole --
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    clear, John, I'm not requiring a concession that
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                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: -- did convert it from Word.
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    you're obligated to use us because this is a
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                                                                   MR. KEANE: She sent it to us.
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    compromise. It's a concession. That's what I get
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                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: Okay. Well, that's good.
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    in court, not here in the settlement.
                                                                   MR. HAND: You mean --
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         And so in here I just want the framework --
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                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: Thank you.
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    us to work together, as we have started to do so
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                                                                   MR. HAND: -- the task force report that's
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    that we can break down these barriers and do what
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    we do best, both of our offices, which is preserve
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                                                                   MR. KEANE: Right.
    the funds. So I just -- because when John was
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                                                                   MR. HAND: -- online? Yeah.
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    saying the law doesn't require it, you know,
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                                                                   MR. KEANE: We got it from Carol.
    that's -- I want to be clear. I'm not saying the
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                                                                   MR. HAND: I see.
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    law requires it. I believe it does, but I'm not
                                                                   MS. LAQUIDARA: Oh, well, thank you, John.
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         MR. KEANE: That's what this --
                                                              bunch of questions on, but now I'm --
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: That saves --
                                                                   MAYOR BROWN: We're coming back to --
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         MR. KEANE: -- document is.
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: We're coming back to all
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Yeah.
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                                                              these. I'm removing stuff right now.
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         MR. KEANE: Oh, yeah. We don't need anybody
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                                                                   No. 6, subject to you-all's review and
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    to start doing a lot of typing here.
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                                                              reading of 6, which is a lengthy -- and to put
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         THE MODERATOR: I got it.
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                                                              this in perspective -- is Pages 25 and 26 --
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                                                              almost three-quarters of the way down on Page 26
         MR. HAND: No. No. We just --
                                                              of the report, the Board accepts. And that would
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: No. No.
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         MR. HAND: We just want to --
                                                              be Pages 13, 14, 15, 16. And 17, that one is
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         THE MODERATOR: I got it.
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                                                              agreed upon, subject to your reading it, subject
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: We were going to do --
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                                                              to -- but it's off.
                                                                   The selection of the future administration,
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         MR. HAND: We want to review it.
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: -- what she apparently
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                                                              you are going to offer proposed language on that.
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                                                              You have not completed that. But you have -- you
    just --
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         MR. KEANE: Yeah.
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                                                              intend to offer a proposal for the selection of
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                                                              future administrator/chief investment officer?
         MS. LAQUIDARA: -- did, John --
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         THE MODERATOR: I got it.
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                                                                   MR. KEANE: At the next meeting.
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: -- which is convert it.
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: All right. And the same for
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         MR. KEANE: The wheel is invented. We just
                                                              the future administration of the JPFPF. And is
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                                                              that -- so that I get this straight -- now lady
    want to roll with it.
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Thank you.
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                                                              and gentlemen -- that's the one that we'll deal
         THE MODERATOR: All right. Now I'm on
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                                                              with the methodology for the closure of the
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    Page 11 of your proposed language. And this is
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                                                              current plan?
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    the selection -- and I really don't want to spend
                                                                   MR. KEANE: Correct.
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    a lot of time on this. This is -- your position
                                                                   THE MODERATOR: And a substitute for the plan
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    is that the Board's position is that the two and
                                                              for future incumbents?
    two selecting one is the position that you support
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                                                                   MR. KEANE: Right.
    and will stay with?
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: And --
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         MR. KEANE: Correct. It works in 382 other
                                                                   MR. KEANE: The task force recommended that
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    plans in Florida.
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                                                              the future people be put in the General Employees'
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         THE MODERATOR: I understand. And the
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                                                              Pension --
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    mayor's issue is, you know, that --
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: And you -- and you have an
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         MR. KEANE: We understand.
                                                              alternative, you think --
         THE MODERATOR: You understand that the mayor
                                                                   MR. KEANE: Oh, we have an alternative.
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    is saying, "Well, you know, I'm the one who's
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: -- that works to that. Okay.
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    not" -- "I don't have a" -- "the ability to put
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                                                              I understood that.
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    anybody on the Board that's making these decisions
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                                                                   And then No. 9, I have always taken the
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    that are critical and for which people look to
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                                                              position that No. 9 will be something we deal with
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    me" -- I understand all that, so we know that's a
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                                                              after we've dealt with everything else because it
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    difference, so I'm going to just skip that for a
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                                                              encompasses kind of the terms of the agreement and
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    moment and go to -- and so as I understand five,
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                                                              how we will state those.
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    five is -- all you're saying is, "We accept the
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                                                                   MR. KEANE: Oh, we did -- we did accept
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    task force's report on No. 5, except we don't
                                                              Paragraph 6.
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    agree with the mayor having an appointee, but we
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                                                                   THE MODERATOR: I saw that, which is the
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    agree that, as to the counsel-appointed trustees,
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                                                              monitoring -- I understand.
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    and as to the fifth member, we're okay with this"?
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                                                                   Return to collective bargaining, rejected due
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         MR. KEANE: Correct.
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                                                              to pending legal issues, I've got to ask what
         THE MODERATOR: All right. No. 6, which is a
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                                                              pending legal issues. Is that the federal case
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    long and complicated -- and I was going to have a
                                                              that's pending, or is that the -- I don't --
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MR. KEANE: We have a settlement agreement

that runs to 2030.

THE MODERATOR: The 30-year agreement?

MR. KEANE: Correct.

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22 23 THE MODERATOR: Okay. But I'm not trying to be coy and get anybody -- I just want to make sure I understand. What is the -- what you're addressing here, as I understood it -- and I have understood the problem -- is we do not concede that we -- the Pension Board does not concede when the return to collective bargaining should occur or not occur.

That, you think, will be determined by either the unions and the City, through collective bargaining, I guess -- I mean, I'm trying to say, is there something about the current lawsuit in federal court -- which I have not looked at recently, but, as you know, I've read all of the materials in the past. What about this do you think is going to be affected by the outcome of the pending legal issues? What about this proposal, all of it or some of it?

MR. KEANE: We have a contract --

THE MODERATOR: Okay.

MR. KEANE: -- that runs until September 30th

of 2030. And we -- our members, current, active 2 members, retired members, have put hundreds of 3 millions of dollars paying for benefits going forward that are going to have to be protected. 4 5 And so we are willing to make some changes to the 6 30-year settlement agreement. 7 THE MODERATOR: Right. That what's --8 MR. KEANE: But costing --9 THE MODERATOR: -- I was getting at. MR. KEANE: But costing it out is not 10 11

MR. KEANE: But costing it out is not something we're going to do. And there was an issue with part of the City proposal. They want the members' contribution to increase. And the City contribution -- the enhanced contribution as recommended by the task force would be there if the City Council put it in, but if they decided not to put it in, where does that leave everybody? That's the question that, you know, we're at.

THE MODERATOR: That's an -- that's an issue we're going to discuss, which -- the one is -- what about -- what happens if appropriations doesn't occur? I mean, everybody here knows that's got to be discussed.

What I'm getting at, John, is you corrected me the other day, and I think right, that -- I believe you told me nine times the 30-year

2 agreement has been amended by predecessor mayors,

3 predecessor councils, all that. What I'm asking

4 you is, is it your vision that what we do here, if

5 we were to reach agreement, and if it were to be

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{6}}$   $\ensuremath{\mathsf{passed}}$  by the procedures the City requires, which

7 would be Council acceptance -- if that happens,8 would that be, in your view, an amendment to the

9 30-year agreement?

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MR. KEANE: Correct.

THE MODERATOR: The task force actually made some recommendations and -- for instance, the 80 percent funding threshold, that could occur earlier than 30 year -- to the -- enure to the benefit of the members. Is the 30-year agreement's termination date also something that can be changed?

18 MR. KEANE: That's something we can work on.
19 It's --

20 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

MR. KEANE: It has to be the protective language for the hundreds of millions of dollars that have been poured into prepaying for the benefits.

THE MODERATOR: No. I understand. And what

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1 you're -- what -- and see if I'm getting --

2 because I may not -- I don't want to be missing

3 this. What -- one of the questions you're

saying -- raising here, and one that I know that's

5 going to have to be fleshed out here, what would

6 happen in the event -- because under this there

7 is -- and I think your side pointed out the other

8 day in your proposal that you cannot lock in

9 future councils by -- and I don't want to give the

10 wrong language, but you can't lock in future

11 Council action by your action.

What I want to be -- and I think maybe it goes to the heart of this issue. What John is questioning and what the Board is questioning, and I think rightfully -- what do you perceive -- and any of you may just defer this or you can respond. What would happen on an occasion or in the event that appropriation was not made by the City?

MR. HAND: I think we need -- I think it is premature to address that. I think when we get to the subject of unfunded liability --

THE MODERATOR: Okay.

MR. HAND: -- which is one of the issues defined, that's the appropriate time to talk that through.

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          THE MODERATOR: But you agree -- I mean, he's
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    raising it here to -- but you agree to it, that
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     that -- that there is an issue that has to be
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     resolved to the Board's satisfaction on the issue
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    of, okay, what happens if there's not an
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     appropriation made? What happens to --
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          MR. HAND: I think -- again, I really
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     think --
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: Way ahead of where we --
          MR. HAND: I think --
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          THE MODERATOR: Okay.
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          MR. HAND: -- we've got to defer that to the
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     subject of --
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: Right.
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          MR. HAND: -- unfunded liability.
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          THE MODERATOR: Got it.
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: But as to the collective
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    bargaining issue, Mr. Smith --
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          THE MODERATOR: Yeah.
          MS. LAOUIDARA: -- if I could ask -- because
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     I think I'm misunderstanding it. I don't think
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     the trust -- and correct me -- the pension fund is
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     saying that they are the collective bargaining
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     agent.
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          THE MODERATOR: They're not.
          MS. LAQUIDARA: So we -- all we're doing is
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2 preserving the rights of the union that they have 3 under the constitution because there are people here that we have not hired yet; right? And 4 5 they're under this new pension plan. And, of course, there's no fiduciary responsibility from 6 7 the trust for new hire police people who aren't 8 presently members of the trust. 9 So as to those new employees, if we do not preserve the right for collective bargaining, 10 11 three years from now they have no right to bargain 12 a better paycheck. And so I think that it's a 13 material thing. It's not part of the trust's 14 present fiduciary duty because they're not members 15 of the trust. And I think we need to be clear 16 that that issue of collective bargaining lies with 17 the elected, certified members of the collective 18 bargaining --19 THE MODERATOR: Oh, I think --20 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- unit; okay? 21 THE MODERATOR: I never --22 MS. LAQUIDARA: That's all I wanted --23 THE MODERATOR: John, there was never any 24 misunderstanding. You've never contended that 25 this session we're involved in, these agreements

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     we're involved in, are collective bargaining or
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     even a substitute for collective bargaining?
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          MR. KEANE: Oh, absolutely not.
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: Okay. I just wanted to
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    clarify.
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          MR. KEANE: On the record, we positively
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     stated --
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          THE MODERATOR: Said that.
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          MR. KEANE: -- this is not a collective
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     bargaining issue.
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: Thank you.
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          MR. HAND: Well -- and even while the task --
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     just, again, to add a further layer of
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     clarification --
          MS. LAQUIDARA: Thank you.
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          MR. HAND: -- while the task force
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     recommended entering into or amending or restating
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     or creating a new agreement, however they phrased
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     it, they were very specific as to the components
     of that agreement and very specific, as indicated
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     in their governance recommendations, as to how the
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     determination of future benefits should be
    handled, which was through the collective
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    bargaining process. Their recommended agreement
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     was as to issues of governance, payment of the
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     unfunded liability. So I just think it's
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     important, Senator, to kind of make sure we've got
     that distinction on the record because they were
     very clear about drawing that distinction.
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: Thank you.
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          THE MODERATOR: Is it, from the City's
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     perspective and from -- is the discussion of
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     collective bargaining and an agreement relating to
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     collective bargaining something that the Pension
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     Board either should do or is -- even should be
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     concerned with?
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          MR. HAND: The City's position is that the
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     Pension Board is not the proper entity to
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     collectively bargain with the City.
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          THE MODERATOR: Of course.
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          MR. HAND: They have certified bargaining
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          THE MODERATOR: Police and Fire.
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administering the corpus and the investments of

Page 66 the fund, and at the same time, negotiating 2 benefits, hence, the proposal the City made on 3 Tuesday to redefine that relationship. 4 MS. LAQUIDARA: And, hence, Mr. Smith, you're 5 correct in honing in on the point. Collective 6 bargaining doesn't -- isn't an issue that belongs 7 in agreement with the Police and Fire Pension 8 Fund. And so --9 THE MODERATOR: I'm having --MS. LAQUIDARA: -- I just wanted to clarify 10 11 here --12 THE MODERATOR: I'm just telling -- I'm 13 telling you --14 MS. LAQUIDARA: Correct. I understand. 15 THE MODERATOR: This is -- this is only --16 I'm raising a question. What little expertise I ever had under Chapter 447 has long since been 17 18 forgotten and was questionable even when I claimed 19 it. But what I would say about it is --MR. KEANE: I recall that. 20 THE MODERATOR: -- is that I do -- I do now 21 22 get the issue here, and that is whether or not the 23 subject of collective bargaining even needs to be 24 commented upon --25 MS. LAQUIDARA: In here. Page 67

THE MODERATOR: -- by that Pension Board --1 2 MS. LAQUIDARA: Correct. 3 THE MODERATOR: -- because the Pension Board plays absolutely no role. And I think --4 5 MS. LAQUIDARA: Correct. 6 THE MODERATOR: -- Chris actually said it 7 even more eloquently. There are circumstances by 8 which you might even find that was a conflict, for 9 them to be --10 MS. LAQUIDARA: Correct. 11 THE MODERATOR: Okay. I understand that. 12 All right. 13 Next page is 26, consultation among the 14 parties. The City and the JPFP should consult 15 on -- related to their performance -- agreed, but 16 with deletions of "2014" in two places. 17 You agree to the language, but you want 18 "2014" out. Tell me why. I hope that doesn't 19 mean because it ain't happening till 2015. That's 20 very discouraging to my calendar. 21 MR. KEANE: No. Because "2014," in this 22 particular paragraph, refers to the new agreement 23 the task force recommended previously to, and 24 called it the "2014 agreement." Striking "2014" 25 in both of these places -- we now refer to the

Page 68 agreement we currently have between the Pension Board and the City that runs to September 30th of 2030. 4 THE MODERATOR: And can I -- could I just 5 question this? Would this be -- from your 6 perspective, would this be the 2014 amendment to 7 the current agreement; is that what it really is? 8 MR. KEANE: It would be Amendment 4 to the 9 restated agreement once we reach --THE MODERATOR: But other than that date 10 11 issue --12 MR. KEANE: That's all it is. THE MODERATOR: -- and how we characterize 13 14 it, you agree the rest of the language is correct? 15 MR. KEANE: Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. 16 THE MODERATOR: All right. Yes? You had a 17 question? 18 MR. CHATMON: No, sir. 19 THE MODERATOR: I'm sorry. I apologize. 20 Expression by charter and ordinance, the City 21 and JPF -- this is Page 27 of your proposals: The 22 City and the JPFP should agree to articulate the 23 recommendations of the task force by supporting 24 and promulgating the 2014 agreement, by supporting 25 and promulgating appropriate revisions to the Page 69

charter, further discussion required. 2 Tell me what that's about. 3 MR. KEANE: The fifth trustee is one of them. THE MODERATOR: All right. Okay. If the fifth trustee issue wasn't there --6 MR. KEANE: Right. 7 THE MODERATOR: -- then this language is 8 acceptable? 9 MR. KEANE: And you wouldn't need nothing but 10 to go to the charter. 11 THE MODERATOR: Okay. And the same thing 12 about application to general employees and 13 correctional officers pension plans. 14 MR. KEANE: We discussed that earlier. 15 MAYOR BROWN: Yeah. We --16 THE MODERATOR: Okay. I got it. 17 Now what I thought I would do is, just for a couple of minutes -- and, again, I want to 18 reiterate. You've done a lot of work here, and a 19 20 lot of things have been removed and -- from our 21 discussions. 22 MR. HAND: Senator --

THE MODERATOR: Chris, I'm going to put it --

THE MODERATOR: -- back on your side for some

MR. HAND: -- could I ask just --

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Page 70 questions now. 2 MR. HAND: Just a quick initial question 3 procedurally. So, John, these items, No. 3, 4, 5, 4 7, 8, 9 -- make sure I get them all on the 5 record -- 10, 12 -- 10, 11, 12, and 13, these were 6 initial proposals the City made where you put a 7 response. And the response is sort of in bold. 8 That's either a rejection or a further -- this is 9 the position of the PFPF Board of trustees, the 10 position that's in bold below; is that correct? 11 MR. KEANE: Correct. 12 MR. HAND: Okay. So that's the Board 13 position. All right. Just wanted to clarify. 14 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 15 MR. KEANE: The previous -- further 16 clarification, Senator. The previous documents we 17 distributed last meeting on the first floor, 18 the -- which we described as the abbreviated 19 version of --20 THE MODERATOR: Got you. 21 MR. KEANE: Withdraw all of those. This 22 is --23 MAYOR BROWN: So --24 MR. KEANE: This is now our proposal. 25 MAYOR BROWN: So --

Page 71 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Go ahead. 1 2 MAYOR BROWN: Which means --3 MR. KEANE: We're on the same track. MAYOR BROWN: -- the change -- we're on the 4 5 same track that --6 THE MODERATOR: I got it. 7 MAYOR BROWN: It's gone. This is -- this is 8 the replacement. 9 THE MODERATOR: I got it. Okay. I have -if I could -- well, I don't want to cut anybody --10 11 do you have any further questions of anything 12 we've gone over this morning? Because I want to 13 address something. 14 MR. HAND: I do not at this time. 15 THE MODERATOR: Anyone else on you-all's 16 side, any other -- I have . . . 17 I didn't know I'd get to this quite as 18 quickly as I have. 19 Give me just one second, folks. I brought 20 something with me. I would like to have it looked 21 at and see if I can get one more thing off the table today, this morning. 22 23 One second. 24 Last night -- and I apologize -- actually, I 25 don't apologize. I'm thrilled we got through some

Page 72 stuff this morning faster and some issues faster than I thought we would. So I have a proposal that I'd like to talk to -- while Cindy's here -on ways that we might be able to fix this general 5 counsel thing that I think captures some of 6 you-all's expressed concerns. And if not, we can 7 work off of that and see if we can get that thing 8 done. Because if we get that thing done, that 9 really means we've put a significant amount of our differences to bed on governance. 10 11 So if you could just give me a minute. I 12 thought I wasn't going to get to this until this 13 afternoon, but we're moving at warp speed. And 14 I'm not complaining about that. 15 MR. KEANE: We thought we were going to get a 16 longer lunch period. 17 THE MODERATOR: Let's try to get -- let's see 18 if we can't get this done real quick. Take a look 19 at it and see if it -- it may just -- it may be something we take -- you guys take your breaks and 20 21 look at, come back, and say, "Here's where you

missed it," "Here's where you got it," but --MR. HAND: This is on the general counsel issue?

THE MODERATOR: This is on the general

counsel thing, which is really, if you follow 2 where we are, kind of the -- we've got one and two put to bed. So this is three. So I thought we could go back and see if we could get three put to 5 bed before our lunch break --MR. HAND: Got you. 6 7 THE MODERATOR: -- or get close on it. 8 And I apologize. I just didn't think we'd 9 get to it this morning as quickly as we have. 10 MR. KEANE: Why don't you take a recess? 11 She's typing down every word you're saying. 12 (Pause). 13 THE MODERATOR: I had a request for a 14 ten-minute break. We're going to -- we're going 15 to stand in recess for ten minutes. She'll bring 16 this back. I'll have everything ready to do this. 17 Please come back exactly in ten minutes, if you 18 can. I'd love to get one more thing off the table 19 this morning, if -- or certainly get ourselves 20 focused on --21 MR. KEANE: She's here. 22 THE MODERATOR: -- getting that done. 23 MR. KEANE: She's here. 24 MAYOR BROWN: Too late.

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Page 74 THE MODERATOR: Please ignore the X-through. 2 I made various changes. This is working off of --3 John. 4 What I did last night -- and I -- honestly, 5 if there's typos, it's not anybody's fault because 6 this is something I had put together last night. 7 And just -- as you can already see, this was part 8 of a longer proposal that dealt with -- oh, did 9 I -- did I miss you guys? 10 MS. LAQUIDARA: Do you have any extras? 11 THE MODERATOR: Yeah. Oh, I've got plenty. 12 All right. What I did last night, I tried 13 to -- after having listened to what Cindy said the 14 other day, having heard -- kind of talked with Bob 15 and his concurrence with the -- kind of everything 16 Cindy said, really. I mean, it was just -- so 17 I -- what I was trying to do is perhaps come up --18 did I get one to you? 19 MR. BELTON: I got it. 20 THE MODERATOR: Okay. I tried to come up 21 with something that I thought maybe would work, 22 stated less, and see if it would work. And this 23 is what I came up -- while the charter gives the 24 JPFPF the authority to employ separate counsel, 25 the JPFPF should use the Office of the General

5 specific purposes, including the nature of the 6 work and the fee arrangement. The City and the 7 OGC recognize that the JPFPF has and will continue 8 to have the need for separate counsel with 9 expertise in pension- and retirement-related advice and litigation. The OGC and the JPFP are 10 11 in agreement that the current fee arrangement with 12 special pension counsel is reasonable and 13 appropriate. The OGC and the special counsel 14 shall consult regularly to ensure that the legal 15 needs of the JPFP are competently and efficiently 16 handled for a reasonable fee. 17 I don't have any pride of authorship. I did 18 a couple of things here specifically -- so that 19 this is on the record, I think the world of Bob 20 Klausner. I just thought I would probably take 21 out the name of a specific firm because -- then later we can go back and -- but this should not be 22 23 read as anything other than anticipating that the

relationship with Bob would still -- and his firm

would continue because I talked to him as I

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Page 76 listened to you about these issue. I thought maybe this simplified it and caught the spirit of what you guys were trying to do, but I don't know 4 that I -- but I -- but I just --5 MS. LAQUIDARA: Let me --6 THE MODERATOR: It's a starting point. 7 MS. LAQUIDARA: For Mr. Keane, let me soften 8 it just a bit to provide the Police and Fire 9 Pension Fund with a little more flexibility --10 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 11 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- than they presently have. 12 And so the JPFP -- I always get all the initials --13 14 THE MODERATOR: Me too. 15 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- turned around. I would 16 have to -- should put, generally, generally use. 17 THE MODERATOR: Generally, okay. 18 MS. LAQUIDARA: And that way it establishes 19 that cooperation that we really do have with 20 outside counsel for other people and requires us 21 to get together and sort what is really within 22 their expertise and what's really within our 23 expertise because what we find generally is that 24 we end up helping each other, which is what we've 25 done over the years with Mr. Klausner. So I think

Page 77 that might assist in moving this issue along. 1 2 THE MODERATOR: And I think the word "on" ought to be, by the way, on -- where it says, in pension- and retirement-related, it should say, on 5 pension- and retirement-related advice and 6 litigation. 7 MS. LAQUIDARA: Yes. 8 THE MODERATOR: It just reads better. 9 MS. LAQUIDARA: Yes. Thank you. 10 THE MODERATOR: John, any thoughts about 11 this? 12 MR. KEANE: Interesting. 13 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Good. 14 Chris, same question: Do you guys want to 15 take -- then look this over --16 MR. HAND: I think we need to --17 THE MODERATOR: -- and kind of address this --18 19 MR. HAND: I think we need to review it, 20 yeah. Thank you. Thank you for the effort 21 you've --22 MS. LAQUIDARA: Yes. 23 MR. HAND: -- put in to trying to draft new

language. I just think we need to review it.

THE MODERATOR: Okay. What I'm going to

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suggest we do, then, is I think we've had a good morning session. What I'd like to note -- we were supposed to come back this afternoon at two --

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5 THE MODERATOR: -- o'clock? Let's start with 6 this at two o'clock.

John, are you going to have any further of your proposals for this afternoon's session? You talked about -- some further ones will be forthcoming. Do you think you'll have them for this afternoon?

12 MR. KEANE: I really want to have lunch 13 before I have to --

14 THE MODERATOR: Oh, I understand that.

MR. KEANE: -- go back to writing.

THE MODERATOR: Okay.

17 MR. KEANE: No.

18 THE MODERATOR: Okay. That's fine. You've 19 presented a lot this morning.

City, this afternoon, I'd like you guys to be prepared to respond to the open issues that he has responded to and anything else you wish to go ahead and move on the table. Because I want to reiterate, we're off the board now on retirees and new hires. We're on the board on governance

Page 78 where we left off is that I gave everybody a

> chance to take a look at -- I had proposed some language on the use of the Office of General

> Counsel, which I kind of shared with everybody.

I know everybody's got it in front of them. It was kind of the second half of a page that was numbered five. Disregard all the numbering and stuff because that was for my own work that I had done yesterday, just putting some things together.

Have you guys had a chance to review that? And if so, I'd like some comment on it and what your concerns or thoughts are about it. It's the one that begins, while the charter gives the JPF the authority to employ separate counsel, they should use the office -- and then I -- the recommendation -- should generally use the Office of the General Counsel for its ordinary legal needs, and then goes on.

I'll start off with the City.

20 MR. HAND: Sure. And I'll add Mr. Chatmon 21 just got here.

So I believe we are comfortable with the language as you have proposed, Senator Smith.

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2 MR. HAND: Right.

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5 MAYOR BROWN: It's governance.

THE MODERATOR: -- but they're related.

MAYOR BROWN: It's governance. THE MODERATOR: Governance and current employees. That's where we are. So that's what we ought to be talking about picking up this afternoon. I'd like to start -- my plan is come back and tell me what your problems are with No. 3 because if we get No. 3 out of the way, we've got 1, 2, 3, and 6 off the board. And we're going to talk a little bit more about a package deal that might remove a lot more governance that I have some ideas on.

But, with that, we're going to break and reconvene this at two o'clock. And if somebody will put on the door, in case somebody comes the next few minutes, to reconvene at two o'clock. Okay. Thanks, folks.

23 (Recess from 11:17 a.m. to 2:02 p.m.)

24 THE MODERATOR: All right, folks. We are 25

ready to go. I want to return now because I think

Page 81 MR. CHATMON: Thank you, sir. On behalf of

1 2 the City and General Counsel's Office, the

3 language is good. I think Cindy's biggest point

was just to make sure that the Police and Fire

5 Pension Fund understood that it is a cooperative

relationship, we intend to represent the Police 6

7 and Fire Pension Fund just as we would any of our

8 clients, and that it's not an obligatory

9 situation. It's a matter of making sure that our 10 lawyers do what you need to have done, as well as

every other client for the City of Jacksonville. THE MODERATOR: And --

MR. HAND: In short, Senator, we're good with your language.

15 THE MODERATOR: And there's nothing in here 16 that requires anybody to do anything. It just 17 basically requires you guys to meet and consult. 18 And, basically, as I told John and everybody else,

19 I'm not taking Bob Klausner out of this. I've put 20

in there that the City recognize -- and they have 21 and will continue to have a need for separate

22 counsel with expertise in pension- and

23 retirement-related advice and litigation.

24 Everybody recognizes that.

They're in agreement that the current

Page 82 arrangement and the -- with special counsel is 2 reasonable and appropriate and that they will 3 consult regularly to ensure that they are being 4 competently and efficiently represented at a 5 reasonable fee. 6 Any thoughts on it, John? 7 MR. KEANE: Yes, sir. Yes, sir. We have a 8 revised proposal --9 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 10 MR. KEANE: -- which is -- there's one for 11 our court reporter friend. There's one for the worthy chairman. 12 13 THE MODERATOR: Thank you. 14 MR. KEANE: Chief, Item 1. 15 We're going to have it put up on the screen. 16 We've moved further into the technology era. 17 That's correct. 18 We propose the good words you worked on over 19 the weekend, Senator Smith, but, as we demonstrated Tuesday in our proposals and 20 21 counterproposals, we believe that the use of less 22 words is better. Too many words, people can go 23 straying. So we would propose, while the charter 24 and State law give the Police and Fire Pension 25 Fund the authority to employ counsel, we will

Page 83 consult with the Office of General Counsel, should 2 it find that we need additional or separate 3 counsel for specific purposes, including the 4 nature of the work and the fee arrangement. 5 And we'll be glad to discuss that. 6 THE MODERATOR: Yeah. And let me go to this 7 because I -- as I look at this, I was a little 8 surprised in one way. And once again, I don't 9 want to get into the authorship here. What I was trying to do was to make sure that it was already 10 11 clear and that was why the language -- actually, 12 the other language was pretty straight out of 13 whatever -- but the City and the GC recognize that 14 the Board has and will continue to have the need 15 for separate counsel with expertise in pension-16 and retirement-related advice and litigation. 17 I thought that was kind of a -- I mean, I was 18 really trying to say that that's kind of -- we 19 all -- everybody's in agreement that you -- that 20 you have needed that. You will continue to need

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Page 84 years, that you have and will -- have needed it and it -- it's anticipated you will continue to 3 need your special counsel. 4 MR. KEANE: Uh-huh. 5 THE MODERATOR: The only thing I did 6 different there was I didn't want to put a firm 7 in. And I've already explained that, just because 8 that could change over time with different people 9 and different circumstances. And I know Bob 10 Klausner well, and I know 25 years from now he 11 won't be doing it, but my -- but I'm okay with 12 whatever language you have there. 13 Is there anything about the other language 14 that bothered you or was bothersome to you other 15 than apparently, as I tend to be, maybe it's 16 wordy, as you suggest? 17 MR. KEANE: Yeah. 18 THE MODERATOR: I just thought that you ought 19 to -- it was -- I thought it was in the best

25 that's historically what you want, the ordinary -and I thought that Cindy's language, you generally 2 should use the office for ordinary legal needs --3 ordinary, I wanted to make sure was -- everybody understood that did not include pension and 5 pension-related matters. That's something -- you have always had your own counsel and would 6 continue to have your own counsel. I thought that 8 was actually more protective than this, but it's

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separate counsel for expertise in pension- and

retirement-related advice and litigation because

stated that it has been recognized and has

MR. KEANE: Well, we believe this, Senator, with all due respect, says the same thing but in much fewer words.

THE MODERATOR: Okay.

MR. KEANE: Your proposal could be construed that the general counsel is first and our pension and litigation counsel could be second. We want to make it clear, and we have it up on the board here, that the statutes clearly say that we can employ independent legal counsel, both in 175 and 185. We work very closely and harmoniously with the City on many issues, aside from legal issues --

THE MODERATOR: Okay. MR. KEANE: -- but when it comes to the clarity of it, creative people could look at your

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Page 86 words and say, "Well, the general counsel is the 2 counsel, and they may need outside counsel for 3 something else." 4 And then other creative people come in here 5 and say, "Well, the charter says you only can hire 6 outside counsel if the general counsel tells you 7 it's okay." 8 That's in the charter right now. We don't 9 want to get caught in any such mud pit such as that. So this -- we think our No. 3 is much less 10 11 wordy but does the same thing, and hope you agree. 12 THE MODERATOR: Oh --13 MR. HAND: May I ask a question? 14 THE MODERATOR: -- honestly, it doesn't make 15 any difference to me, so --16 MR. HAND: Yeah. 17 THE MODERATOR: It's over here. 18 MR. HAND: Sure. And, John, this is just, 19 again, for our own clarity. Previously, again, back on January 29th, you had indicated that the 20 21 task force -- that the language that they

proposed, which is what we put forward as a proposal yesterday wherein use of the general counsel was fine -- and that was language, I believe, worked out between Mr. Klausner, Page 87 Ms. Laquidara, and perhaps yourself. Is it now -- are you now saying that the

2 3 Board's position is that that language is not 4 acceptable, the language that was previously 5 represented to be acceptable, and, instead, the acceptable language is what you've just presented 7 us? MR. KEANE: I'm representing that to you --MR. HAND: Okay. MR. KEANE: -- yes, sir, Chief.

11 THE MODERATOR: Okay. All right. 12 MR. CHATMON: Senator, if I may --13 THE MODERATOR: What says the -- yeah. Go 14

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ahead. MR. CHATMON: Thank you, sir. Understanding that there's a concern specifically for dealing with pension advice and specifically with how you engage in specific operations as far as dealing with, not only pension but your operation overall, wasn't there a thought at some point in time, sir, that, while we were all working towards making sure that your overall welfare, your employment situations, your garnishment of fees -- that there are certainly a number of matters the Office of General Counsel

Page 88 could assist you with, since we're here, since we are in Jacksonville, as opposed to any other firm that may be remote?

MR. KEANE: No question about it. It's -the Office of General Counsel is one of the largest law firms in the City of Jacksonville, staffed with very competent and qualified counsel under able and capable leadership.

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MS. LAQUIDARA: I did. Thank you, John.

MR. KEANE: Okay. And we have a cooperative working relationship with them.

MR. CHATMON: It seems -- and maybe I'm misconstruing this, but the issue boils down to special counsel for pension advice that the pension fund receives. Is that really the difference that we're talking about?

MR. KEANE: Correct.

MR. CHATMON: Okay.

MR. KEANE: And maybe we can wordsmith this around some more and come up with something else.

MR. CHATMON: The reason why I'm bringing that up is because we currently have ordinances that provides for the general counsel authority, which provides specifically for special counsel

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for -- benefits included, but employee benefits.

MR. KEANE: Right.

MR. CHATMON: Perhaps that's a way we can work with the language to get something a little bit more tighter, but still get to the ultimate point, that the other matters would come through the General Counsel's Office, but when it dealt with specific issues maybe we could wordsmith that to bring out exactly what it is you're trying to make sure you have specialized counsel for.

MR. KEANE: Good plan.

MR. HAND: So is that -- so, again, just so I'm clear, your concern, John, is that Senator Smith's language that we talked about this morning does not preserve the ability of the PFPF to hire, say, special pension counsel if it needs to?

MR. KEANE: No.

MR. HAND: Is that your concern?

MR. KEANE: No, sir. We believe that the worthy moderator's words could be construed that the general counsel is first in line and is our lawyer at all times, unless the General Counsel's Office agrees that we need special counsel, and then, with their approval, we could go out. That's contrary to the statute.

Page 90 MAYOR BROWN: So you're basically saying you want the Pension Board to have the option upfront, no matter what it is? MR. KEANE: That's right. MAYOR BROWN: It doesn't matter? MR. KEANE: And --MAYOR BROWN: And counsel is second? I mean, that's what you're saying? MR. KEANE: Right. MAYOR BROWN: Right? You're saying general counsel's second. "Our option, whatever it is" --MR. KEANE: Right. MAYOR BROWN: -- "is first." MR. KEANE: Right. MAYOR BROWN: Okay. I mean, it's --MR. KEANE: And that's what the law says. MS. LAQUIDARA: I think, in terms of --speaking to Mr. Chatmon's point, I think in terms of addressing the concerns with which we would have no objection, we would -- we would agree on the Board's right to retain outside pension counsel. We would -- usually that is after conferring with the general counsel because we help to gather firms for you. So it's not -- we

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we say, "Here's a bunch of firms. Take a look at

them."

And then you pick who you're comfortable with because we're no longer qualified. So we can certainly confirm that because we cannot provide the high degree of specialization in pension, and we don't purport to.

don't constrain it. Like with any other client,

And so we could clarify that sentence, while leaving, you know, the rest, the day-to-day needs, in conjunction with that counsel because you always have to work together. That -- we could do --

THE MODERATOR: Yeah. And let me add to that. Obviously, if I didn't say it artfully enough, my goal was to essentially retain the status quo of how things work. And that is that -- and that's why I used pension-related and -- pension- and retirement-related. I wanted to give a broad spectrum that -- because that's mostly -- that probably covers 85 percent of everything you ever had. It will either be pension-related or retirement-related.

I mean, that's what you guys do and -- but
I'm open to any language the -- I think the -that does -- my goal was to preserve the status

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quo, which is essentially that you have, you will have, you will always have need for special

3 counsel on issues of pension- and

4 retirement-related matters. Nobody in the General

Counsel's Office is trying to supplant that role.

And so however you want -- this language is
language that the City can take a look at and
react to. And then we'll see if we can maybe, as
you say, using your words, wordsmith that any
other way or accept it as it is.

Let me ask you this. I want to switch gears with you for one second. I will come back to that. But as it relates to the issues of, generally, the governance language -- and the governance language being the language that kind of is after Page 22 of the -- and goes on and -- much of which you have addressed already by some of your proposals, but I want to ask everybody at the table to take a look at No. 8, which is the selection of the future administrator and -- No. 8, which is the future administration of the JPFPF.

As I reviewed this yesterday and last night, and as I have looked at it and thought about it, and I remembered it -- in fact, I remembered it

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wrong. I thought this had already been done. I want you to assume for a moment that the criteria for the selection of the future administrator, while we haven't agreed to that criteria -- and I know, John, you're going to have some recommendations on that. But let's assume that the process as designed here recognizes that

7 the process as designed here recognizes that 8 we're -- that you're going to have higher and very 9 specific requirements for future administrator.

When I look at that and then I look at what you're trying to do in Paragraph 8 -- and John, I think you may want to -- just for the purposes of everybody else here -- because I had you explain it to me last fall. But essentially what you have is you have a retirement plan now that is made up of yourself and there are two other beneficiaries.

17 MR. KEANE: Correct.

THE MODERATOR: The plan was that that was going to be -- when I say the plan, the mediated settlement agreement or however you want to refer to it -- was that that was going to be done away with and supplanted. And it was either being supplanted by a general -- placement in a General Employee Pension Fund or the equivalent of the General Employee Pension Fund, and I don't

Page 94 remember which. The General Employee Pension Fund 2 requires 25 years to retire; correct? 3 MR. KEANE: As a minimum. 4 THE MODERATOR: The minimum requirement. I'm 5 sorry. 6 MS. LAQUIDARA: No. No. 7 MR. HAND: Take the DB -- the DB option. It 8 has both a DB and a DC option. 9 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 10 MS. LAQUIDARA: It's 20 years. 11 MR. CHATMON: Age 55 --12 THE MODERATOR: Okay. It's a combination of 13 20 or more years? 14 MS. LAQUIDARA: 20 years and Age 55 --15 THE MODERATOR: Right. 16 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- or 20 years and age -- or 17 fewer than 20 years and age 65, you vest at 18 five --19 THE MODERATOR: I remember -- I remember us talking about that last year. The reason I'm 20 21 raising this, guys, is this. As you raise the 22 criteria for the -- by the criteria, the requirements, the minimum, whatever you call it, 23 24 we -- if it's a series of degrees and experience 25 and all this, the likelihood as you raise that is

substantial experience, both by training and by experience. They're unlikely to be -- and I say this complimentary, not with -- we're probably not going to see people who can spend 30 years at it, or even -- because you're -- likely people who are coming into the job that are 35, 40 years old when they take the job. I just -- I know that we had discussions last year -- and as I looked this over and I thought about it -- and I know the City has this for some -- that there are -- there are options like --MS. LAQUIDARA: Defined contribution and --THE MODERATOR: How about -- are there 401 plans and that sort of thing that are --

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MS. LAQUIDARA: -- went to 457 plan, but the defined contribution is like that. And Joey can talk about the defined contribution, which is what the millennials are choosing. Basically when they come, they're choosing a defined contribution.

THE MODERATOR: Well, since I'm nowhere near

one of the millennials, I'm that other --MS. LAQUIDARA: Joey. We have one --

Page 96 1 THE MODERATOR: I'm far into that --2 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- at the table, right there. 3 THE MODERATOR: -- other millennia. But my point is, is that I know that there's been -there was some discussion before. 6

And, John, I think you have been considering some discussions in the -- in the future about that issue, of, if you raise the criteria and you raise the requirements for whoever becomes the next generation of replacement, the likelihood of that person being somebody who works 20 or 25 years is becoming less and less. And you're going to be competing for people at a -- at a -- you're going to be competing for people with a lot of experience and who are looking for mobility because they may or may not be here eight, ten, twelve, fifteen years. They certainly aren't going to likely be here 30 or 40 years.

And so what are your thoughts on that, John? Do you think that some of those options ought to be there as part of the -- if you're going to supplant the plan you're in, that there ought to be some sort of plan like that?

MR. KEANE: Well, one of the proposals was put the future employees in the General Employees'

Page 97 Pension Plan. Of course, that takes a change by 2

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MR. KEANE: -- as to the class of people that are eligible to belong. That's one.

But, secondly, you know, the Board may wish to establish a 401(a). The DC plan is always an option, but it's not a very good option for anybody. We're running a retirement plan, and we want the new top guy to have the worst deal of anybody around?

THE MODERATOR: Well --

MR. KEANE: I mean, that's --

THE MODERATOR: And if we're talking about --MR. KEANE: What does that say? What does that tell you?

THE MODERATOR: Well, if we're -- I'm not arguing it. I'm really throwing it out there. I want to get this clear because it was bothering me. If we're raising the criteria and the qualifications, the likelihood is that part of a plan that will be -- would be used for recruitment is what is the plan of -- what is my plan in lieu of being in a 20- or 25-year plan because you may or may not have people who are committed to a 20-

Page 98 or 25-year plan. 2 I was just wondering, is -- I don't know -- I 3 am no expert on various retirement options. I'm 4 not sure I understand my own. But the reality is 5 that a 401(a), or whatever it is -- are those 6 things that are doable out there? 7 And I'm kind of looking to you, Joey, because 8 I know you -- are those kinds of things doable? 9 Because they might make the job that much more attractive, if we do as you planned -- as you set 10 11 forth in seven and eight, which is raise the 12 credential requirements, both time and education --13 14 MS. LAQUIDARA: Well, if --15 THE MODERATOR: -- substantially. 16

MS. LAQUIDARA: If we're trying to attract somebody to a public pension fund, then the comparable jobs and retirement plans are public retirement plans. In 2014, '15, and '16, those public retirement plans are not the three times multiplier, on Wednesday, if you retire at three, you get an extra bag of money. Those are not the plans now. So that's the market.

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If we're competing with the private market, that's a whole different thing. You're not going

to win on the retirement plan. That's just salary.

And so, hence, the -- how the discussions have been -- how previously with us in the mediation -- to go to the market and to get the competition because that's what's actually going to set the salary, a pension plan administrator.

I mean, Mr. Greive, if I may make a plug, is grossly underpaid -- grossly underpaid, Mr. Greive, for his qualifications.

11 MAYOR BROWN: She's trying to get you a raise 12 here.

MS. LAQUIDARA: But you go to the market, and if you're looking at a private pension plan, you're looking at -- looking at what other police and fire pension trust funds are offering and what other cities are offering. And they're not offering very rich -- that's not what people are looking at any longer for compensation. They're looking at their salary.

THE MODERATOR: Okay. All right. That was just a thought I had because I didn't know whether -- I just -- what I wondered is whether or not, if you put them in a General Employee Pension Plan -- or whether or not you're talking about

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people who -- I mean, what happens if you lose -if you leave after ten or fifteen years? 3 MR. KEANE: You get your money back. 4 MS. LAQUIDARA: Well, you keep saying -- I 5 mean, I'm a great example. I'm leaving. And, you 6 know --

7 MR. GREIVE: Well, unless you're in the DC 8 component, which in that case --

9 THE MODERATOR: Okay. All right. I'm not --10 I'm not arguing for or against.

MR. KEANE: Right.

THE MODERATOR: I'm simply throwing out that, as we -- you would all agree that the -- that the purpose of No. 7 -- and as it's written, No. 7 raises -- and -- raises requirements and narrows the field of candidates.

When you do that, then you are -- as I think Cindy says more eloquently than me, you are competing in a marketplace that is some public, some private, some, probably, of both, but you're also talking about people that probably -- the model that you've set may not be replicated. And I say that positively. It's just unlikely that that's going to occur. So I throw that out.

Any other thoughts on any of the issues that

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MR. KEANE: Well, let me just get back here to seven and eight for just a minute.

THE MODERATOR: Yes, sir.

MR. KEANE: I don't just sit in an office. I am the chief lobbyist. I go to Washington. I've testified before congressional committees. I go to Tallahassee -- come over here to the City Council, although not near as much as I used to. I am the chief press officer. I am the chief member relations officer.

It's not just sitting in the office clipping coupons and reading the stock reports. We have a very small staff over there, so there's a lot going on.

The newspaper compared me to somebody in Tampa. That person just went to work there. And I would agree with what the general counsel said a while ago. You know, everybody wants to make more money, but when you've been doing a job for almost 24 years, no matter where you go, you get more money than the guy that just started or the person that just started. And all that has to be figured

into it.

When my salary was established by the Pension Board, we hired a nationally recognized consultant firm who previously did work for the City and other City agencies. So that's where all these things come from. They took into consideration the tenure in the job.

And the newspaper wants to talk about supervising six people. It's running a \$2 billion program. So that's -- some of these perceptions are mischaracterized.

THE MODERATOR: And I'm far from the person who would say that I've always agreed with what was in the newspaper, and I really don't want to get sidetracked here. What I want --

MR. KEANE: Me neither.

17 THE MODERATOR: -- to talk about is seven and 18 eight for a minute.

19 MR. KEANE: Right.

THE MODERATOR: Seven is a criteria that the -- that the task force has recommended. It's not dissimilar to criteria that we had worked on in the -- I think what we've been calling the MSA or the mediated settlement agreement.

MR. HAND: Uh-huh.

THE MODERATOR: What I -- what I want to know now is what is your reaction to seven as it's -- as it's now proposed by the task force -- realizing that it doesn't have anything to do with you at all. It has to do with a process that will be some day used for the selection of a person who does that very comprehensive job that you've described and that you've done. What's your reaction to seven?

MR. KEANE: Well, as we told you this morning, Senator, we reject it. We're going to send you some substitute language. And you tasked us to do that by the Monday --

14 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

MR. KEANE: -- session.

16 THE MODERATOR: Is -- are there specific 17 things in there you find more troubling than 18 others?

MR. KEANE: The general invasion of the rights of the trustees to make the selection. The legislature has ordained that the trustees be solely responsible for the administration of the fund and selection of their advisers and people

like that. And this is -- it's almost like our investment policy's got handcuffs on one hand.

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"We want you to make all this money, but you can't invest in this."

But we'll have some substitute language for you on Monday.

THE MODERATOR: And the same question --

6 MR. HAND: Can I ask --

THE MODERATOR: Yeah. Go ahead.

8 MR. HAND: -- a question, Senator Smith?

Just so I'm clear, this is very similar to language we agreed to in the mediation settlement agreement. And, also, again, at that January 29th meeting, this is language that the task force put forward at that point with apparently what seemed to be your agreement. So you're now saying the Board has a different position on this language and hence the substitute language that's coming --

17 MR. KEANE: Correct.

18 MR. HAND: Okay.

19 THE MODERATOR: Well, let me -- and I want to 20 return one minute because there's -- there's soon 21 to be seen some method to this madness. And I'm 22 jumping around a moment.

23 On No. 10, the return to collective 24 bargaining, I looked and reread this at lunch two 25 or three times. And I'm so glad Cindy got back in

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now | 1 time because I want to ask this question.

Based on what happened in the MSA discussions, and based on what I've read both in the ruling by the circuit judge -- and I realize all that's subject to the First District Court of Appeals. I'm not making any guesses.

MS. LAQUIDARA: Yes.

THE MODERATOR: I am troubled here about whether or not -- and I really kind of want your opinion on this. And I'm not criticizing the task force on this whatsoever, but as I have -- as I have thought back on it over the last couple of days, collective bargaining is not what we're doing here and it's not what you do. As a matter of fact, the City, I think, has been pretty consistently saying that, even arguing -- even the bargaining of, quote, benefits is concerning to -- on the City's side for the Board.

My point being, then, why would we have any language in an agreement between the Board, you representing them from now -- and the City, Mr. Mayor, your side -- I'm concerned about anything that talks about collective bargaining that doesn't involve the people who are the collective bargaining agents, which would be

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Page 106 the -- I know I saw -- well, I see fire here and I know police is here.

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3 So the police and -- and I've not spoken to 4 any representative in any of them because they're 5 not part of this process on any of these subjects. 6 But it seems to me -- and I'm just throwing this 7 out for you-all's discussion -- why in the -- and 8 this is what you do for a living, essentially --9 what does it matter what the Board and the City say about collective bargaining? Whatever the 10 11 rules of collective bargaining, whatever PERC says 12 they are, whatever our court says they are, or 13 whatever they are, they are, whatever the parties 14 agree to or agree to waive is what they do or 15 don't do, but why would this be included in any

16 agreement between you guys now? I --

17 MR. KEANE: That's why we rejected it. MS. LAQUIDARA: Well --18

THE MODERATOR: But I -- Cindy, I want --

MS. LAOUIDARA: I think in terms of the meeting of the minds aspect of it, because of prior history, we have contained in here issues regarding benefits. And we're talking about them

23 24 here today and we have. And the new employees

25 provides the clearest incident of that.

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And so I think we just need to make clear that, whatever provisions are in here as to those pension rights, that those aspects of this agreement lasts three years. And the powers to modify those lie with the elected collective bargaining representatives and with the City, so that three years from now, the unions have a right to go to their agents and say, "We want to bargain the pensions and" -- "bargain pensions with the City."

And the Police and Fire Pension Fund doesn't have standing to say, "Well, wait a minute. Those are mine."

And the reason for that is, at some point -let's say these changes are made to fulfill the PFPF's fiduciary obligations to maintain the trust. That's a different issue than the unions. The unions have a right, three years from now, to come in and say, "The world has changed. I want a different pension."

And they shouldn't have and the City can't be in the position of having our hands tied by a multiyear agreement with the Police and Fire Pension Fund on that.

25 THE MODERATOR: Well --

MS. LAQUIDARA: So it's a matter of the meeting of the minds.

3 THE MODERATOR: What my --

MS. LAQUIDARA: I don't want them to leave 4 5 here thinking that in Year 4 if we want to change 6 it they're going to be able to say, "No, you 7 can't," as to the benefits.

Now, as to the management of PFPF, as to whatever agreement may or may not be reached in unfunded liability and actuarial reports, that's all their expertise, but --

THE MODERATOR: My view is -- in the language of No. 10, my view is -- my question is, I should say -- but my question reflects my view to a certain degree, and that is, unless the Circuit Court decision is modified and reversed, the determination of hiring benefits for Police and Fire shall immediately be resumed through the collective bargaining --MS. LAQUIDARA: That -- yeah.

20 21 THE MODERATOR: None of that --22 MS. LAQUIDARA: Doesn't belong in it.

23 THE MODERATOR: -- has to do with the pension

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MS. LAQUIDARA: Right. I agree with you on

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2 THE MODERATOR: Whether the Pension Board says, "We believe it is collectively bargained," 4 "not" --

5 MS. LAQUIDARA: Yeah.

THE MODERATOR: -- that will be decided by 7 somebody --

8 MS. LAQUIDARA: Correct.

9 THE MODERATOR: -- but it won't be -- why is the Board being asked to sign off on something 10 11 that I -- I don't mean this the wrong way, but it 12 doesn't matter what the Board says.

MS. LAQUIDARA: Right.

THE MODERATOR: They're neither the collective bargaining -- they run -- they have their fiduciary responsibilities for the Pension Board.

Then there's Chapter 447. I'm not saying --I don't know the answer. And by the way, nobody knows the answer. People -- lawyer -- you can buy a lawyer who will give you a different answer. Whatever the obligation for bargaining or whatever the pervasiveness of a waiver may or may not be, that's not going to be something that the Pension Board --

Page 110 1 MS. LAQUIDARA: I agree. It's just for 2 the --3 THE MODERATOR: Their opinion doesn't matter. 4 MS. LAQUIDARA: Right. This was more just --5 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 6 MS. LAQUIDARA: And we agree that language is 7 really far too detailed for -- to serve these 8 purposes. We didn't want to be appearing to do 9 anything other than in good faith. And while the rest of the agreement on the management issues 10 10 11 would remain, we want to be clear that our 11 position is on the benefits. We have the right to 12 12 be sitting down at the table with the unions three 13 13 14 years from now on the benefit piece only. 14 15 And so it's more of a meeting of the minds 15 16 clarification. I agree with you that that 16 17 language goes overboard and purports to give a 18 right to the fund on -- to weigh in on collective 19 bargaining that, frankly, is not their issue any more than it is the man in the streets, so --20 21 THE MODERATOR: Well, and beyond that -- and 22 I know that -- and I now understand the Circuit 23 Court's the only court that's made a decision on 24 this, but I know --25 MS. LAQUIDARA: Other than PERC actually Page 111 designating a certified bargaining agent, you 2 know --

19 20 21 contrary to the statute. 22 23 24 25 number two, if I asked --1 MR. KEANE: There is --2 THE MODERATOR: -- or a number three. 3 MR. KEANE: -- a number two. THE MODERATOR: Yeah. Right. But it doesn't 5 That fact is, that's your position? matter. 6 MR. KEANE: Yeah. 7 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 8 MR. KEANE: Want me to tell you number two? 9 THE MODERATOR: Go ahead. 10 MR. KEANE: Would you put it up, please. 11 There you go. 12 And this is from the 175 and 185, Section 6, 13 and 175.061, the provisions in this section, which 14 above it talks about how the trustees are 15 selected -- may not be altered by participating 16 municipalities. 17 THE MODERATOR: In 1999, this plan was deemed 18 as compliant. What if --19 MS. LAQUIDARA: Correct. 20 THE MODERATOR: What, if any, effect does 21 that have on that, in your view, John? And I'm 22 not saying -- once again, in your view, what 23 effect does that compliance --24 MR. KEANE: Well, I can tell you all about it 25 because I was there when the language went in.

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         THE MODERATOR: Right. Sure, which --
         MS. LAQUIDARA: -- which Randy and Steve --
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Right.
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Because they have.
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Correct.
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         THE MODERATOR: -- except, beyond that we
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Yes.
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: Yes.
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And I want to hear -- from your perspective, John, the lock that you absolutely believe is blocking everything from getting us done here, at least -- is that the City's maintaining that they want the fifth-person process on the Board to change. And you absolutely oppose that; is that correct?

MR. KEANE: We oppose it because the law opposes it.

17 THE MODERATOR: Okay. I understand that, but 18 so that we're clear, for whatever reason, the Board opposes it for every reason?

MR. KEANE: We oppose it because it's

THE MODERATOR: I got it. All right.

MR. KEANE: That's number one.

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THE MODERATOR: Now -- but there's probably a

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MR. KEANE: In '99, they were doing a major rewrite to 175 and 185 that had failed in the two previous sessions. And the reason it failed is because we opposed it. We had competent members of the House and Senate who were responsive to our pleas.

One of the provisions in 175 and 185 -- that, if you worked ten years and are 55, you can get a pension. We don't want anything to do with that. We want people to come here and work a full career. And so we managed to kill the legislation in the '97/'98 sessions.

In 1999, we had a meeting with the other proponents, and they said, much as we're doing here, "We know where we want to go. How do we get there?"

And we said, "We have this suggestion. Since the Jacksonville fund was created prior to the enactment of 175 in 1939, let's put, 'The day before 175 was created, any funds created prior to that, we're deemed to comply."

So we didn't have to do that ten years and 55 pension. And that's been the law ever since. We have these revisionists that come along and say,

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Well, it certainly doesn't say that at all. It deemed to be complying on that date. But that's our view.

MS. LAQUIDARA: And if I --

THE MODERATOR: And I want to take a wild guess that the other side doesn't agree with that.

MS. LAQUIDARA: If I may, briefly, you know, we've all won far weaker arguments than we purport to have, and legislative history is the only thing that -- actual legislative history versus the discussion each of us had at various times with the legislature.

And many other things have happened. Since that time there's been a sea-shift. It's the reason why people interpret the same constitutional provision in 1954 differently than they did, you know, 20 years earlier. The world changes around them, and people apply that skill set in reviewing it.

employment of trustees for the fund. I don't see

22 The long and short of it is, if we pull 23 back -- because we're arguing about the 24 composition of trustees on the fund and the

why it matters to the Pension Board as to trust -clearly, this is an issue of the elected officials feeling that they have some aspect of it.

4 We too went up and looked at this issue and 5 looked at specifically -- because when we saw 6 what -- the mayor can't appoint -- because that's under the State statute. The consolidated 8 government of Jacksonville has always been 9 interpreted differently -- that when they speak of 10 the legislative body or the governing body, it 11 includes the mayor as a strong executive function 12 under consolidated government.

And we have been busily cleaning up the fact wherein previous years they have somehow read the City or legislative body to not include an employment process from the mayor. So that's all to say that in 175/185, when you look at it under the unique structure of consolidated government, you want to look at the intent, and then, number two, look at it as consolidated.

We're fighting over a hypothetical person to be appointed under the City's proposal in a public process following a hearing by elected officials. It's kind of hard to argue that that person is not going to fulfill a fiduciary duty. So, you know,

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1 I'll leave this in your good hands --2 THE MODERATOR: I understand.

3 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- but I just don't see how

that --5 THE MODERATOR: Well, I --

6 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- becomes an issue --

THE MODERATOR: I have a --

8 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- of being able to do your 9 job.

THE MODERATOR: I want to move us out of this governance quagmire and get to the -- I have an idea that I want everybody to just listen to for a moment -- probably take a break, and then I want to get a reaction to it. But I think that we -- I have an idea that I'd like to run by you guys, just -- I worked on it at lunch. I worked on it last night.

You're my witness.

I've written it out several ways and scratched through it several ways. I just want to know this. And I propose this to both sides for your consideration.

If Items 4 and 10 -- make sure my numbers are right -- if Items 4 and 10 -- and to be clear, I'm making sure -- four being selection of the JPFP

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Board members, ten being the collective bargaining

- 2 language that we just discussed. If Items 4 and
- 3 10 were deleted from the proposals and Item 8 was
- modified to allow an agreed-upon retirement
- 5 option, would the Board accept Items 3, as
- 6 proposed by the moderator, 5, with the obvious
- 7 language adjusted regarding the mayor, 7, 8, 11,
- 8 12, and 13? I'm going to repeat it again.
- 9 If Items 10 and 4 were dropped from the
- 10 proposal and Item 8 was allowed to be modified, if
- 11 agreed upon, as to a retirement option, would the
- 12 Board accept Moderator's No. 3 and the offers --
- the recommendations of the task force numbered 7, 13
- 14 8, 11, 12, 13, and 5, adjusted only for the
- language which would be affected -- would be the 15
- 16 mayor language?
- 17 Questions? Just ask me the questions about
- 18 what I'm talking about doing here, and then we're
- 19 going to probably break and let everybody go
- 20 talk --
- 21 MR. HAND: Sure.
- 22 THE MODERATOR: -- maybe, and think about it.
- 23 MR. HAND: And one just clarification. In
- 24 our morning session, I think, John, you said that
- 25 you were sort of agnostic as to No. 13, since that
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  - required City action; is that right?
- 2 MR. KEANE: Right.
- 3 MR. HAND: Okay. So that may not even be a
  - subject of --

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- 5 THE MODERATOR: I didn't --
- 6 MR. HAND: -- discussion.
  - THE MODERATOR: Yeah. I put it in for --
- 8 MR. HAND: Yeah.
- 9 THE MODERATOR: Because you had made that
- statement, actually, because it didn't matter --10
- 11 MR. HAND: Yeah.
  - THE MODERATOR: But, again, it would be --
- 13 four and ten were dismissed. Would the Board
- 14 accept Moderator's 3, 7, 8, provided there's --
- 15 agreed upon -- if there was agreed -- it could be
- 16 modified to provide for agreed-upon retirement
- 17 option -- eleven, twelve, thirteen, and five, five
- 18 adjusted only to the mayor's language because if
- 19 you did away with four, you wouldn't have the
- 20 mayor's language in five.
  - Now, you may all note that I skipped nine. I
- skipped nine because nine will not really work 22
- 23 until everything else is decided upon. And there
- 24 are -- but I also wanted to throw into this that
- 25 Paragraph 9, as it relates -- No. 9, as it relates

- to Paragraph 6, has already been accepted.
- Paragraph 6 has already been accepted by the
- 3 Board.
- 4 So what I'd like to do is to allow you guys
- now to take a break if you want to and discuss
- 6 this and have a -- each side come back and give me
- 7 your response. Now, guys, this is not the only
- 8 way to move forward -- I'm not suggesting it --
- 9 but I've got to get moving here. I've put
- 10 something out there that I think may give you
- 11 guys -- you may have -- say, "I don't agree to any
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- 13 We'll try to come up with another way to go
- 14 down the street. But this is a plan that would
- 15 remove almost all the governance issues. You may
- 16 have a -- come back -- that is your own group
- 17 proposal -- grouping of proposals.
- 18 You may come back and say, "Yours is
- 19 terrible, Rod, but I have a group proposal I'm
- 20 willing to make."
  - Let's try to now take all these outstanding
- 22 issues and do what we have to do, that is, find a
- 23 way to see if we can all accept some of it in the
- 24 effort of moving us forward because, if we got
  - governance off the table, we are then down to only

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- that's not going to be an easy issue.
- 3 MR. HAND: And the unfunded liability, right.

the issue of current employees. But, folks,

- THE MODERATOR: And the unfunded liability --4
- 5 unfunded liability hinging, in part -- well, is --
- 6 governance and benefits will affect that.
- 7 So I'd like to now take 15 minutes. Would
- 8 that allow everybody to go talk about this a
- 9 little bit -- or you can obviously make a call --
- MR. KEANE: Let me just ask -- let me just 10
- 11 ask a question. Did we decide -- did the City
- 12 accept for the new employees?
- 13 MR. HAND: Well, we handled that this --
- 14 MAYOR BROWN: We already took care of that.
- 15 THE MODERATOR: Yes. Yeah.
  - MR. KEANE: That was finalized?
- 17 THE MODERATOR: That was accepted. Yeah, I just haven't -- I haven't gotten it -- I have 18
- 19 not -- you're talking about the early retirement?
- 20 MS. LAQUIDARA: The whole thing. The whole
  - thing. THE MODERATOR: The whole thing. The whole
- 22 23 thing.
- 24 MR. KEANE: We did, but, you know, then it 25 was passed around, and I thought your last thing

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Page 122 is you were going to --2 MR. HAND: No. No.

3 THE MODERATOR: No. No. No.

4 MR. HAND: Rod is going to memorialize it so 5 we can sign it --

THE MODERATOR: I just don't -- I don't have anybody here today to do that, guys. I'm on my own on that.

9 MR. KEANE: Okay.

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THE MODERATOR: But that's -- but for the fact that I'm going to have to get it put together to bring back with me, that's gone. Now --

MR. KEANE: That's good.

THE MODERATOR: -- where we are is, on governance, I've put out a lumped proposal. I want your reactions. Again, if you don't want me to do this, tell me not to, but somebody's got to get the ball moving here. And this is a -- this is a real move that you guys can react to and -no pride of authorship. Do not care if you come back with an entirely -- but I want somebody to say, "How do we get out of this mess and get out of it as quickly as we can in governance and get on to some other issues?"

If we don't do this, then I'm going to leave

Page 124 made the proposition -- it's my proposition, and I'm asking you to react to it, but it seems to me that I'm asking the Board to deal with more items than I am. And I'm asking you guys to drop, entirely, a couple.

I'm going to let the Board react first, and then I'm going to have the City react. And then we'll kind of work from there and see where that gets us; okay? Is that all right with everybody? MAYOR BROWN: Sounds good to me.

THE MODERATOR: John, your reaction to the moderator's -- and I was asked outside, by the way, "Is it normal for moderators to do this?" I said, "I don't know. I've never seen this

We're -- normally, I keep you in separate rooms and come talk to you, but this is transparent, so if anybody doesn't want me to do this, I will not do it. I will not make any proposals. I just think it's easier for me to get it moving than for us to sit and wait for somebody to start.

MR. KEANE: Thank you, Senator. It's fine with us that you continue to make well-thought-out proposals.

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governance open, and we're going to have to move 2 forward, but I would like to try to get governance off the table and see if we can get down to the more difficult issues, which are going to be 5 issues of unfunded liability, how we're going to do that, issues of what changes there would be, if 6 7 any, in --8 MR. KEANE: Current employees.

THE MODERATOR: -- current employees, and then the issue of No. 9, which is kind of a wraparound issue of, when we get to the end, how are we going to say we'll wrap it up?

13 So I'm going to say -- what time do you have, 14 Madam Court Reporter?

THE COURT REPORTER: 2:48.

THE MODERATOR: It is 2:48. Let's take 16 17 till -- 15 minutes. I'll give you a little

longer, a quarter after three; is that right?

19 A quarter after three?

20 A quarter after three, we'll reconvene here.

21 Okay. Thank you.

(Recess from 2:48 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.)

23 THE MODERATOR: Okay, guys. I think, by way 24

of proceeding -- I was trying to figure out who'd

25 go first. I'm going to -- since neither of you

Page 125 Concerning the governance, number one, it's

2 our understanding, based on your --

model used before, anyway."

3 THE MODERATOR: Yeah. Let me --

MR. KEANE: -- conversation --

THE MODERATOR: Let me back -- I did -- that was a question asked of me. Guys, I took -- he already had agreed to some things today. I'm

8 not -- I'm not -- those are already off the table.

9 One and two and six, I didn't address those.

MAYOR BROWN: Right.

11 THE MODERATOR: Those were already agreed to. 12 You agree that those were already agreed upon and 13 that's why they wouldn't be part --

14 MR. HAND: Right.

MR. KEANE: Correct.

THE MODERATOR: Okay. Go from there, then --

17 MR. HAND: Pending the review --

THE MODERATOR: Pending language to make sure we got it right.

20 MR. HAND: Yeah.

21 THE MODERATOR: Got it.

22 Go.

23 MR. KEANE: One and two --

THE MODERATOR: Those are agreed upon.

MR. KEANE: -- have previously been agreed

Page 126 1 to. 2 THE MODERATOR: Yep. 3 MR. KEANE: No. 3, which I seem to have lost 4 here, but I will find it again real quick --5 THE MODERATOR: Here was your No. 3, and mine 6 was the moderator's language; do you want that? 7 I'll give you an extra copy there. 8 MR. KEANE: I had a No. 3 a while ago. 9 THE MODERATOR: I've got an extra --MR. KEANE: Tooth fairies -- I found it. I 10 11 found it, No. 3. 12 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 13 Go ahead. 14 MR. KEANE: I'm going to have to confer with 15 Bob Klausner. I'm going to call him this evening, 16 but we're very close to agreement with it. It's -- I think the crux right now -- whether the 17 18 Board appoints its counsel and the General 19 Counsel's Office serves as our local preferred -research, revision -- helping counsel, but 20 21 we'll -- so if we could just temporarily pass on 22 No. 3 --23 THE MODERATOR: Got it. 24 MR. KEANE: -- we will get back to it. 25 No. 4 has been withdrawn, is our --

THE MODERATOR: It hasn't been, but if -- in 2 my proposal, it is. For purposes of my proposal, 3 it is. They haven't agreed to do that, but I'm just saying if they did, so go ahead. Four is 4 5 withdrawn for purposes of this discussion. 6 MR. KEANE: Okay. I'm not sure, Senator, 7 when you mixed up all my papers, but let me see if 8 I can get them. 9 THE MODERATOR: I'm guilty of a lot of things. I don't remember that being one of them, 10 11 but -- five was -- the only thing that would be 12 changed on five from the current proposal by them 13 would be, if four was withdrawn, the mayor -- of 14 course, language would come out of five. 15 MR. KEANE: Okay. So that means five is 16 tentatively agreed upon, then --17 THE MODERATOR: If --18 MR. KEANE: -- if four goes away? 19 THE MODERATOR: Yes. 20 MR. KEANE: And No. 6 --21 THE MODERATOR: Has been agreed to. 22 MR. KEANE: -- was agreed to this morning. 23 THE MODERATOR: Correct. 24 MR. KEANE: I think this is where I caught 25 you mixing my papers up, but now I'm back to

Page 128 No. 7. We need to put the words to the Board in here at several places because the Board's the one that's going to be making the selection. Does that sound reasonable to everyone? It's 5 only in here one place right now. It says the 6 executive search firm retained by the Board, 7 but . . . 8 THE MODERATOR: Other than that --9 MR. KEANE: For example, on Line 3, after Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund, the 10 11 Board should be governed -- we just want to make 12 it clear that it's the Board that's going to 13 select the future administrator in 2017 when I 14 move on. Is that --15 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 16 MR. KEANE: -- acceptable right now or do we 17 want to --18 THE MODERATOR: Well, just go ahead -- I 19 just -- right now I just want --20 MAYOR BROWN: I think you should just go --21 THE MODERATOR: You go through your 22 proposals, and then we'll get a reaction back and 23 forth. I'll do it that way. You go ahead and 24 tell me your concerns so -- one of the things you 25 were saying about seven is that generally the

Page 129 language is acceptable to you for purposes of this 2 agreement if the Board is -- it's made very clear 3 to you that the Board is the --4 MR. KEANE: Clarified by the Board. 5 No. 8 is acceptable when you add the 6 additional words at the end of -- it looks like 7 the second sentence after the words, General 8 Employees' Pension Fund, strike the period, insert 9 a comma, and insert, or a 401(a), at the employee's option, period. 10 11 No. 9, you --12 THE MODERATOR: It's not part of this. 13 MR. KEANE: -- completely? 14 THE MODERATOR: Yeah. 15 MR. KEANE: And that takes us to No. 10, 16 which is proposed to be withdrawn. 17 THE MODERATOR: Correct. 18 MR. KEANE: And then we're to No. 11, 19 consultation with the parties. We're in constant 20 communication, so that's acceptable to us. 21 And twelve, acceptable. 22 And the City has already previously said that 23 thirteen is acceptable to them.

MR. HAND: Well, except thirteen's -- again,

you said you were agnostic, so it's a nonissue.

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Page 130 1 MR. KEANE: Just because it's on this list --2 THE MODERATOR: Right, thirteen --3 MR. HAND: Would not be --4 THE MODERATOR: Thirteen would be --5 MR. HAND: Would not be -- would not be part 6 of this, yes. 7 THE MODERATOR: Thirteen would be out because 8 you want it out? 9 MR. HAND: Well, and because John says he's 10 agnostic about it. 11 THE MODERATOR: Okay. That's fine. 12 MR. HAND: This is not an issue for 13 discussion. 14 MS. LAQUIDARA: Don't junk it up. 15 THE MODERATOR: That's fine. Okay. I'll --16 MR. KEANE: That's the Pension Board's 17 response, Senator, and --18 THE MODERATOR: Thank you for that. And I

19 know that's unfair, to a certain degree, to make you move as quickly as that, but I -- but I think 20 21 you did a good job, coming back, giving some 22 concerns. 23 Chris or Mr. Mayor, whoever, your response --

24 MR. HAND: I just have --25

THE MODERATOR: -- to this proposed plan?

MR. HAND: -- a couple of questions if I 2 might, Senator. 3

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THE MODERATOR: Go ahead. MR. HAND: John, looking at number -- let me start with -- the same question for several. Let me start with No. 7. Seven talks about the sort of selection of a future administrator. I noted on, I think it was the November PFPF Board meeting agenda, that there was some discussion of qualifications of a future executive director post 17.

Can you -- I just haven't had a chance to go back and read the transcript or see any related documents. Would you mind relaying to us kind of what those conversations were, just because -helpful background for us.

17 MR. KEANE: Be delighted to, Chief.

MR. HAND: Sure. MR. KEANE: The discussion you referred to as work being performed by Dr. Herbert, who is the chairman of our personnel committee, they're -he's working on the succession plan and the restructuring of our office. He worked on amendments to the job specs and what have you.

And that's what that was all about. It's for

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the administrative staff and for the position of deputy executive director that the Board has recreated -- had nothing to do with this part --

4 this long-range work that's so far away.

5 MR. HAND: It was -- so it was unrelated to 6 the job specs for the executive director position? 7 MR. KEANE: Yes, sir.

8 MR. HAND: Has there been any -- again, not 9 trying to get into shade discussions --

MR. KEANE: No. No.

11 MR. HAND: -- or anything --

12 MR. KEANE: We don't have --

MR. HAND: -- that's illegal --

14 MR. KEANE: We don't have any shade

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MR. HAND: Yeah. But has there been any discussion or action taken by the Board as to, for example, the issue that's discussed here, the issue of qualifications or standards or criteria or anything like that?

MR. KEANE: Not yet.

MR. HAND: No action? Have there --

23 MR. KEANE: But they're familiar with the 24 words from the rejected mediated settlement 25 agreement, and we've had discussions on how we

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off and away with --

3 MR. HAND: Sure.

MR. KEANE: -- so many other pressing things, but --5

want to try and do it. But, you know, it's so far

6 MR. HAND: Have there been any proposals 7 made -- even if there haven't been anything 8 accepted in the Board context, any proposals made 9 as to that subject?

MR. KEANE: No, sir.

11 MR. HAND: Okay.

12 MR. KEANE: We did inquire for a search firm, 13 after Chairman Scheu's committee talked about 14 hiring a nationally recognized search firm, and 15 wanted to find out how much that cost. We're

16 pretty sure we're not going to use them. 17 THE MODERATOR: Let me interrupt one thing.

I forgot to raise -- John, you had raised with me earlier -- and at this table earlier -- there are some times when the term "2014 agreement" is used

21 in this. My understanding is that "2014

agreement" -- that your understanding of "2014 22 23 agreement" would be the 2014 agreement as it

relates to the existing agreement?

MR. KEANE: Our use of the 2014 agreement is

Page 134 an amendment to the current agreement. 2 THE MODERATOR: And does that remain your 3 position? 4 MR. KEANE: That's our position. 5 THE MODERATOR: Okay. I just wanted to make 6 sure of that --7 MR. KEANE: The task force --8 THE MODERATOR: -- because that language is 9 in there --10 MR. KEANE: -- had a different position. 11 THE MODERATOR: -- and I wanted to make sure nobody's getting -- okay. I got it. 12 13 MAYOR BROWN: We got that. 14 THE MODERATOR: All right. Chris, I didn't 15 mean to interrupt you. 16 MR. HAND: That's all right. No problem. 17 The same sort of set of questions as to -- as 18 to No. 8, sort of -- this goes into the question 19 of kind of compensation and Pension Fund. And this is more of a -- just sort of a similar

question. Has there been sort of previous -- are

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there limitations on the options that the Board

can offer, either by policy or by law?

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Page 135 Pension Fund or a 401(a)-type plan. Are there either legal or policy limitations on which types 3 of options the Board can offer a future administrator? 4 5 MR. KEANE: The charter says, as well as 175 and 185 -- it says that the administrator will be 6 7 employed -- the Board will serve at the Board's 8 pleasure under the terms and conditions 9 established by the Board. 10 MR. HAND: Got you. So no -- as far as 11 you're aware, no limitations? 12 MS. LAQUIDARA: None that -- that was another 13 legal issue of their precise use of the word 14 "pension plan." Sometimes they're considered 15 benefits. Sometimes they're considered an ultra 16 vires act. 17 MR. HAND: Got you. 18 MS. LAQUIDARA: And so, hence, the need to 19 pin this down, as to what that means --20 MR. HAND: Sure. 21 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- and how it would be done 22 here. 23 MR. HAND: Got you. Okay.

THE MODERATOR: Let me follow up and make

sure -- because I got confused there. The

Page 136 administrator has historically worked for the 2 Board; is that --3 MS. LAQUIDARA: Yes. The only issue --4 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 5 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- here is -- for example, a 6 457 is capped by law. How much can you put into a 7 457? How much --8 THE MODERATOR: Uh-huh. Uh-huh. 9 MS. LAQUIDARA: There's some issues on 10 whether -- there's a legal issue, a legal dispute, 11 about whether a -- the Board of trustees can 12 create a pension plan. It is the City's position 13 that, if you are a governmental employee, you're 14 either an FRS or you're in the City's plan, but 15 there isn't the ability for any governmental unit 16 to create a separate retirement plan, that you're 17 one or the other. 18 The Pension Fund disagrees with that. We're 19 litigating that. If we don't resolve this, that's 20 an issue that the courts will resolve. 21 So one of the things here, again -- without 22 deciding that issue, it's important to pin down 23 what type of plan the trustees could offer because 24

that's a significant expense; right? And so all of us will be gone. We won't always have the same Page 137 Mr. Keane. We won't have the other trustees. And they could have a really rich plan to the detriment of the trust. So it's important to us to say that they can't create it -- their pension plan -- let's agree today to what it will be. And there are FRS plans -- like senior plans, the same plans our elected City Council members are in, there's a plan, an FRS, three percent. So there are plans out there within the government. And I think it behooves us, if we're going to pick, you know, the equivalent of a 401 for government, which is, I think, a 457 -- but, you know, Joe's probably cringing as I make up these numbers. But we need -- we need to know what that means because that does become a divisive issue. THE MODERATOR: And, John, my understanding, your proposal is that it would be the employee -the employee -- it would be the future administrator's option to go -- under your proposal, it would be their -- they would either 22 go into the general -- City General Employees' Pension Fund, or a 401(a) option, to be decided by the -- 401(a), the option to be decided by the

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Page 138 employee. That's your proposal? 2 MR. KEANE: That's our proposal. 3 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 4 MR. KEANE: And --5 MS. LAQUIDARA: I just don't know what that 6 means because I'm not skilled in what --7 THE MODERATOR: We'll deal with that --8 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- a 401(a) is --9 THE MODERATOR: -- but I get it. I get it. 10 But --11 MS. LAQUIDARA: Once we know it, we might be 12 fine with it --13 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 14 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- but we may not, so we just 15 need to know what that means in terms of money. 16 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Back to you, Chris. 17 I'm sorry. 18 MR. HAND: John, this is just to make sure 19 we're consistent. Your title is CEO/executive director. We've used the title, "Plan 20 21 Administrator, Chief Investment Officer." Do we 22 need to use a different -- I mean, just trying to 23 make sure we're clear on -- but what -- your 24 current title is executive director; is that 25 right?

Page 139 MR. KEANE: Executive director/administrator. 1 2 MR. HAND: Oh, is that your preference? This 3 is -- I'm really just trying to make sure. It doesn't matter to you? 4 5 MR. KEANE: Just call me on payday. 6 MR. HAND: Okay. Right. 7 MR. KEANE: You want to be called too, don't 8 you, Mayor, on payday? 9 MAYOR BROWN: Yeah, on payday. THE MODERATOR: All right. Other questions, 10 11 Chris? 12 MR. HAND: Let's see. 13 MAYOR BROWN: John, just one question. On 14 seven and eight, those changes are the reflection 15 of the Board's position, correct, changes that we 16 were -- that you were talking about, modification? 17 MR. KEANE: The Board has authorized me to come over here and represent them, their --18 19 MAYOR BROWN: Okay. 20 MR. KEANE: -- changes that were under the 21 scope of my authority, to come over here and 22 discuss it with you-all and take it back then for 23 final ratification, yes, sir. 24 THE MODERATOR: Okay. 25 MAYOR BROWN: That's fine.

Page 140 1 MR. HAND: John, this -- another question 2 about -- well, I'll get back to that. 3 Well, let me ask this. And this -- I don't know if Mr. Klausner has done this calculation or 5 this is -- this is -- and I'm trying to remember 6 from previous discussions. 7 The last sentence of No. 8 says: The benefits will be distributed to Senior Staff 8 9 Pension Plan participants after closure of the plan, as if such participants had been enrolled in 10 11 the Florida Retirement System Special Risk Plan or 12 by the purchase of annuities, as permitted by law. 13 Is it your understanding that the benefits in 14 the Senior Staff Plan are identical to those in 15 the FRS Special Risk Plan; in other words, that --16 obviously, the FRS Special Risk Plan is a 17 well-known plan in the state. Are those identical 18 sets of benefits -- is one sort of larger or 19 smaller than the other? Do you happen to know? Mr. Klausner did this calculation at one point, 20 21 but --22 MR. KEANE: No. This language came from the Retirement Task Force, and they're talking about 23 24 the distribution, not the amount of benefit. It's

25 how the benefit would be distributed, either by Page 141 paying a monthly pension or by the purchase of annuities as permitted by law. 3 MR. HAND: Got it. So your --THE MODERATOR: My memory, though, Chris, 5 is --6 MS. LAQUIDARA: Is it was --7 THE MODERATOR: -- the same as yours. My 8 memory is that this language was from the MSA 9 because there was a calculation that was actually made. 10 11 MS. LAQUIDARA: That they were very close. 12 THE MODERATOR: Now, if you're asking me what 13 it -- what the result was, I remember this 14 language. Maybe you guys looked at it, but I 15 think that language is -- was what -- you're 16 right. We actually had somebody compute it. I 17 think Bob or somebody for Bob --18 MS. LAQUIDARA: We did --19 THE MODERATOR: -- came in and gave us that 20 number, but that was -- they were -- I'm not 21 saying they're the same --22 MR. HAND: Uh-huh. 23 THE MODERATOR: -- but they were so

insignificantly different that that -- the task

force language on that last sentence, unless

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Page 142 someone corrects me, I believe, is the identical 2 language we had in our mediated settlement --3 MS. LAQUIDARA: I will --4 THE MODERATOR: -- agreement --5 MS. LAQUIDARA: I have it --6 THE MODERATOR: -- is that not right? 7 MR. HAND: It's very close. 8 MS. LAQUIDARA: Yes. I have it here, so --9 MR. HAND: Very close. 10 10 MS. LAQUIDARA: So we'll --11 MR. HAND: Very close. 11 12 THE MODERATOR: Because I know I wouldn't 13 remember this on my own. 14 MR. HAND: So, John, it sounds like -- is 14 15 your position today that this is a -- this is sort 15 16 of a distribution-technique language, as opposed 16 17 17 to a benefit-level language?

18 MR. KEANE: Yes. 19 MR. HAND: Okay.

THE MODERATOR: And, again, that Senior Staff 20 21 Pension Plan participants would be you and two 22 beneficiaries?

23 MR. KEANE: Currently, yes. 24 THE MODERATOR: All right. 25 MR. HAND: Skip nine.

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MR. HAND: We talked about ten. John, only because I have -- we just got this today, and I've not yet gone back and refreshed my recollection as to this particular section of Article 22 of the charter or Paragraph 32 of the restated settlement agreement. In your opinion, and I guess in the opinion of the Board, since you're authorized to speak for them, how would that caveat at the end affect the language of No. 11?

THE MODERATOR: So that I'm keeping up with you guys, your language in eleven starts: The City and the JFP?

MR. HAND: Correct. And then Mr. Keane had made two changes, one striking out the 2014, and adding the caveat of saying that meetings will be in accordance with Article 22.07(b) of the charter and Paragraph 32 of the restated settlement agreement.

19 20 21 MR. KEANE: The provisions for Article 22.07(b) require that we provide information to 22 23 the City and we meet periodically. Provision of 24 Paragraph 32 of the restated agreement did the 25 same thing, said, "We will meet periodically."

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And it was the words that I incorporated in my opening statement to discuss the situation when 3 conditions change from what was originally perceived when the agreement was reached. Those 5 two citations require that the Board staff meet 6 with City officials to discuss the settlement 7 agreement and other items of interest that either 8 party wishes to chat about.

9 MR. HAND: Okay. I think that's all the questions I had. I don't know if others had questions, but those are all the questions I had.

12 THE MODERATOR: Guys, anybody else on your 13 side got some other questions?

Okay. Well, let me see if I can summarize, then. Your answer back, John, in summary is that if ten and four were gone -- I'm going to read this kind of backwards -- thirteen is no longer an issue? Everybody agree with that?

MAYOR BROWN: Correct.

20 MR. KEANE: Correct.

THE MODERATOR: Thirteen is off.

22 Twelve would be acceptable.

23 Eleven would be acceptable, except you want 24 the 2014 out and the additional language you just 25

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5 you've talked about in eight was your proposed 401

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8 MAYOR BROWN: Technical distribution.

9 THE MODERATOR: And -- yeah, the

distribution, is that -- did you find the MSA? 10

11 MS. LAQUIDARA: Yes. I have the MSA --

THE MODERATOR: Is that the same language?

13 MS. LAQUIDARA: I have the MSA and I haven't

14 pulled -- part of the part of being so

uncoordinated is going back and forth between

documents --

THE MODERATOR: Right.

MS. LAQUIDARA: Hand this to Derrel and -compare that to the -- I scored three percent on the bell curve in coordination. It takes me 20 minutes to do this.

22 MR. KEANE: Counselor, we're very 23 coordinated.

24 MS. LAQUIDARA: I'm very uncoordinated.

25 MR. CHATMON: Going back over -- we had been

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         MAYOR BROWN: Distribute --
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: -- Derrel. Could you compare
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         MS. LAQUIDARA: That's -- he has both in
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     plan, as if such participants had been enrolled in
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     the Florida Retirement System Special Risk Plan or
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    by the purchase of annuities as permitted by law.
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: He didn't have annuities, I
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          MR. HAND: It's identical language.
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: Is it identical?
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          THE MODERATOR: It has a word --
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          MAYOR BROWN: Well, the word
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          MR. CHATMON: "Distribution" was not included
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     in our plan.
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          MAYOR BROWN: -- is not included, so we have
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          MR. CHATMON: Right. As --
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          THE MODERATOR: Benefits will be distributed?
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          MR. CHATMON: Right. As referring to our
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    mediated settlement agreement last year,
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     Subparagraph 3, the current Senior Staff Pension
     will close on or at -- on or before August 3rd,
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    benefits. Participants in the current plan will
     receive the plan benefits which the parties have
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     have been enrolled in the FRS Special Risk Plan.
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          Again, the one that we did last year was
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     dealing with the level of benefits; however, this
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     language is just dealing with how it's
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     distributed.
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          THE MODERATOR: Okay.
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          MR. CHATMON: It's a different function.
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: Right.
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          THE MODERATOR: All right.
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          MS. LAQUIDARA: And so we do want to be clear
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     that there's not an obligation to early distribute
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     any benefits; right?
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          THE MODERATOR: I guess. I'm kind of --
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MR. CHATMON: But the -- if I may, the
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     agreement last year, we were looking at the level
     of benefits that they would receive, the members
     themselves. Here we're actually talking about how
     the benefits will be received.
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          THE MODERATOR: Okay. And I know that this
     is -- probably shows me to be way -- tell me what
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     that equates to in terms of the difference of
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     impact between what the risk -- excuse me. Tell
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     me what the difference is on those persons who
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     would be affected between the language we had in
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     the MSA -- obviously, I know that we can't close
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     it by August 2013. That didn't -- but what I'm
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     asking is: What is the difference, effect?
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          MR. CHATMON: We need to know what the level
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     of benefits for FRS were at the time because,
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     basically, we were comparing back then, saying
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     that that was how much money the individuals would
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     receive, whatever rate, whatever we were using as
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     the comparative for FRS.
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          Here we're just saying the methodology in
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     which you're actually getting the distribution --
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     I believe Mr. Keane actually correctly
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     identified -- whether it's monthly or is a lump.
          MS. LAQUIDARA: Right. We --
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MR. CHATMON: So it's a different

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Page 150 consideration. 2 MS. LAQUIDARA: Right. So, actually, John, I 3 think we have an agreement that the FRS 4 standard -- the three percent senior 5 administration was the same --6 MR. HAND: I think we need to go back and 7 just -- I think we need to redo that calculation 8 and just make sure we're clear and on the same 9 page on that. 10 THE MODERATOR: All I'm saying --11 MS. LAQUIDARA: Let me ask it --12 THE MODERATOR: John, you're willing to 13 accept -- for purposes of this, you were willing 14 to accept the language in the task force 15 recommendation that begins with: Benefits will be 16 distributed to Senior Staff Pension? 17 MR. KEANE: Correct. 18 THE MODERATOR: Okay. And you guys want to

THE MODERATOR: Okay. And you guys want to
go back even -MR. HAND: No. We're not suggesting that. I
just want to -- I just want to make sure we're
clear on the language -THE MODERATOR: Okay.
MR. HAND: -- before we agree --

1 MR. HAND: It's helpful to know John's
2 position and his -3 THE MODERATOR: Got it.

MR. HAND: -- interpretation --

THE MODERATOR: I got it.

THE MODERATOR: Got it.

6 MR. HAND: -- before we just -- yeah, 7 that's --

8 THE MODERATOR: All right. We got it.

9 MR. HAND: Yeah.

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MR. KEANE: And it will be exactly like when any plan is closed. You start paying the people, either lump sum, wash it out, give them an annuity, cash them out in full, or however;

MS. LAQUIDARA: We have to see -- we just have to look at the three -- there were three people. And so, yes, typically, we would have a rollover. You'd give them a -- either a sum or a commitment for the payment of those months -- and the trustees, of course, would have to see what's -- which is to their advantage without being to a disadvantage --

MR. KEANE: Sure.

24 THE MODERATOR: What I'm -- the City's not 25 receding from its position of the -- of the Page 152 language? You're just saying, "We need to see the impact of that"?

MR. HAND: We just need to make sure we're clear on the impact of that language.

5 THE MODERATOR: But both of you, at least at 6 this point, are satisfied with the language of the 7 force recommendation? You just may need to --

8 MAYOR BROWN: Yes.

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9 THE MODERATOR: I got it. I got it.

All right. Go ahead. Okay. Any other responses from you guys?

Now, one of the things, Chris, I have not asked you -- or Mr. Mayor, whoever wants to respond to this -- at the heart of this deal, to make it work on this language, obviously, is -- ten and four would come out of the package. John has now given you back his reaction. I'd expect you to go take some time to talk about those reactions.

But the reactions were fairly mild. There's the 401 possibility, which we talked about earlier today. There is also the -- which I think I'm the one who actually raised that because I remember it from conversations last year. There's the 2014 -- 2014 language, which we're going to have to come

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up with some definition of 2014 at some point. It will apply to everything, anyway.

But other than that, he's essentially accepted -- he's going to call Klausner to see how Klausner reacts to my Moderator's No. 3, which I think you looked at, and you don't have any major heartbreak with. You just want to make sure that it doesn't change the status quo dramatically. I think it's -- what I'm putting on the record here is -- my goal was to maintain the status quo on that issue and whatever we can do. It may end up being language that says we maintain status quo.

But having said that, if they will -- the Board will do what they've done here on these issues, realizing that one, two, and six had already been removed by their agreement -- which is agreement on their part to the -- to the language -- can we make this thing go?

MR. HAND: Well, we're going to -- we're going to seriously consider it. I mean, I will tell you, just by way of background, No. 4, which is the question of the membership of the Board, that is -- we have a Board involved, as well. And that's the Jacksonville City Council, which passed a J-bill two years in a row on this matter. The

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2 J-bill. It's gone through legislative process. 3 So we're going to need to --4 MAYOR BROWN: Let me -- I think, you know, 5 clearly, it's something that, you know, as mayor, 6 I've focused on. And, you know, there's a 7 legislative branch and an executive branch. And 8 so the fifth member should come -- you should get 9 a fifth member on the Board from the executive 10 branch.

Duval County legislative delegation passed that

The delegation approved it twice, Duval delegation approved it twice, presented it to the legislature. I think, you know, just -- it's an important -- it's very important that we look at

Will we consider it? Absolutely, but I think that's a major, major issue. Council, you know, thinks it's important, as well. So, you know, you have a lot of stake on that -- on that fifth appointment -- just bringing it up.

THE MODERATOR: I --

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22 MR. KEANE: May I respond to that, Senator? 23 THE MODERATOR: If you think you need to, but 24 I'm going to give you some advice a judge once 25

gave to me. Don't argue a case you might be

already arguing -- you might be ahead --2 MR. KEANE: That's no problem. It's good 3 advice.

4 THE MODERATOR: All right.

MR. KEANE: You may want to inquire if the City Council will share one of their two appointees with you. That would be the easiest way to skin that cat.

MS. LAQUIDARA: Well, actually, I think the proper process in the consolidated government and the proper interpretation is the mayor recommends and the Council confirms, so it still gives them just two as the City because they're the City as a whole --

MR. KEANE: Correct.

16 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- the mayor and the City 17 together --

18 THE MODERATOR: Well, here's where we are. I 19 know we have No. 3 to look at, but we're not far 20 apart on No. 3.

21 MAYOR BROWN: Can I -- can I make a suggestion --22

23 THE MODERATOR: Yes, sir. Absolutely.

24 MAYOR BROWN: -- for No. 3?

25 THE MODERATOR: Absolutely. Page 156

1 MAYOR BROWN: Can you reach out to Klausner 2 today, maybe you and John reach out to him today, 3 and find out and clarify, get some clarification 4 on that? I just --

5 THE MODERATOR: You know what? 6 MAYOR BROWN: We're here --

THE MODERATOR: I'm more than happy to call him. My problem is I know he's traveling because I have spoken with him. I mean, I don't want to -- I have him on my phone, like I have many of you, Joey and others, because I -- from last year.

11 12 I'll try giving him a call and discuss the respective proposals on this and -- in context of 13 14 it. I want to be clear. I won't -- what I 15 will -- I will come back and -- as I have done, I 16 have felt free to put at this table and in this record -- and I will repeat that which I'm allowed 18 to repeat, which is essentially, is it okay or is 19 it not okay, and if it's not okay, how do we need 20 to change it. And then I would bring that back 21 and have that brought to the table so that we 22 don't have any question about anything being done 23 that isn't transparent to everybody.

But I can try that. And I'll be -- I'd be happy to take that at a break here in just a

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minute and see if I can get that done. But I know 2 when I spoke to him yesterday -- or day before

yesterday, before this, I know he was going to be

traveling. And I -- and I actually talked to him 5 about -- did not talk to him about this proposal.

I talked to him about something altogether

7 different, but I will tell you that I know he was

8 traveling. And I know that he is going to be

9 available next week some because I've asked him if he could possibly be available for us to get ahold 10

11 of him. So I will -- Mr. Mayor, that's a good

12 idea --

13 MAYOR BROWN: Yeah. I just think that --14 THE MODERATOR: I'll give it a try. I'll 15 give it a try. We're this close.

16 MAYOR BROWN: We're trying to -- you know, 17 we're trying to come to closure on this part.

18 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

> MAYOR BROWN: We have a lot of time. We can do it.

21 THE MODERATOR: Let me -- no. No. I --22 anything else? Let's talk about for a moment --23 let's be on the optimistic side. And let's be 24 optimistic that we either have or we get fairly 25 early Monday a resolution of the governance

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THE MODERATOR: Let's assume -- realizing that I have put off No. 9 and I will continue to put that off until we get much further in the process because nine is a wraparound kind of process, anyway -- but we already know that Paragraph 6 of No. 9 has been agreed upon. And there are some other paragraphs in there that probably -- may or may not even be relevant when we finish this.

My plan then will be that we will move to current employee issues. Have you made your current employee proposals?

15 MR. HAND: We have.

> THE MODERATOR: And those remain the proposals. So then, John, you'll react to their current employee proposals with your current employee proposals, if any, or your response to their current proposals on -- to their proposals on current employees. Do you agree with that?

22 MR. KEANE: Yes, sir. That's a Monday 23 project.

24 THE MODERATOR: That's a Monday -- I 25 understand that. If we -- while we tackle that,

Page 159 the other issue we will tackle after current employees will be -- I don't know if we're going to call it plan design, unfunded liability, whatever you want to call it. It will deal with -- it also will deal with your investment authority. I mean, I think all those issues each of you raised last time will be questions that we raise.

9 What else is left if we get those things resolved?

MR. HAND: I think you've outlined all the issues. And you talked about current employees and unfunded liability. Those are --

THE MODERATOR: And unfunded liability is being tied into investment authority, plan design. All that kind of intersects there, anyway.

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MR. HAND: Uh-huh. THE MODERATOR: But I think the next thing we have to resolve -- if we've got governance, if we've got it or if we can get it with very little changes -- and Paragraph 3 ought not be the holdup here, guys. We're -- everybody at the table is saying the same thing, that you're entitled to your own pension- and retirement-related counsel, and that you ought to use the general counsel on

Page 160 ordinary matters, that that ought to be the 2 general process. If we -- I know for a fact that Mr. Klausner and your -- and the general counsel agree to that concept, so that ought not be a hangup. So we ought to be able to get by that.

I guess you guys will have to look at the 401, giving a better definition of what is -what's available there as a retirement option, but I think the idea being something that gives us a little -- the Board a little more flexibility, realizing that people may not -- who are available for this much more elevated requirements may not be interested in going to the General Employee Fund. And so I want to kind of hear back on that.

But if we get that, governance can be done. And then we're on current employees. And current employees is going to be --

18 MR. KEANE: Quick.

> THE MODERATOR: Well, it's quick and -- maybe quick -- one guy's quick is not another guy's quick. So we'll see. And then we're down to issues of unfunded liability.

23 I'd like to take a --

MR. HAND: The two, of course, are tied together, but --

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2 MS. LAQUIDARA: One thing --

3 THE MODERATOR: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

MS. LAQUIDARA: -- on the two paragraphs we 5 were -- it would be helpful if Mr. Keane had a moment to think about -- when we, quote, close the 6 7 plan -- because this isn't a real plan. It's not

THE MODERATOR: I know. I know that.

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9 THE MODERATOR: We're back to Paragraph 8 10 now?

11 MS. LAQUIDARA: We're back to that.

12 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

> MS. LAQUIDARA: That the original -- I've had a chance to collect my thoughts. The mediated statement was the measurement of what would get paid out in the future. This would be closed, and this is a measurement in which we're using. It did not require the fund -- because I think it would be against the fund's interests as a whole to liquidate that amount, set aside an annuity and do it -- because, clearly, the funds has the assets to pay it.

So it's the measurement of retirement that would come normally under the constraints of the FRS retirement system, so that, for example, if

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someone were seven years in, we would not be liquidating an annuity, causing the trust to withdraw money from the corpus, put it in a separate account and -- we would be freezing -- as we've talked all along -- when you have different pension plans, the rights under that. And they'll get paid out at the appropriate time. So I think that -- I'm not sure the task force focused on that difference, but I think that might be the difference in the language that's troubling us. 

So, again, our intent is to adhere to what you would agree to using the FRS measurement because my recollection was it was very close --sometimes good for you, sometimes bad for you, altogether same -- but also follow the terms from which one would get that so that there wasn't -- I think none of us were interested in causing the fund to have to liquidate a significant amount of money and set it aside from the -- you know, from the main body, just for --

THE MODERATOR: Well, what I have -- what we currently have in front of us is Paragraph 8 -- MS. LAQUIDARA: Right.

24 THE MODERATOR: -- of the task force 25 recommendation, which begins with the JPF's

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1 current senior -- will be frozen -- da, da, da, 2 da, da, da -- and ends with, as permitted by 3 law on annuities.

4 MS. LAQUIDARA: Right.

THE MODERATOR: What the Board has said is that they accept that language. That language was language that you-all had advanced. And what I would ask you to do is think this over. If you've advanced that language and they've accepted it, it seems to me like everybody's kind of agreed to it.

Now, if we need some additional language from the MSA -- but this is -- this is subsequent to the MSA. It is the recommendation. And the Board has accepted it as part of a package. If you're going to change that, we need to change that now -- and maybe you guys take a few minutes. If they've agreed to accept that language, do you want to change that language or do you want to agreet it. Circle?

accept it, Cindy?

MS. LAQUIDARA: I want to make sure that we have a meeting of the minds. I don't think either side intended to be liquidating amounts from the trust and setting aside a corpus. I think they intended to recognize that we'll be paying out the amounts in accordance with the FRS Special Risk

Plan.

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And here when they have after closure of the plan that such participants will be enrolled in the Special Risk Plan, which probably doesn't make sense to someone who's been so -- with many years in, or when there's a purchase of annuities as permitted by law, that that's really not -- it's an expense for the Board that would be unnecessary when you have the Board's commitment to pay that expense out of the corpus as you do presently, so --

12 MR. HAND: It sounds like where we are, 13 Senator, is --

MS. LAQUIDARA: Yeah.

MR. HAND: -- we've made -- and thank you for your leadership. We've made great progress today. We've got essentially agreement on new hires. We've got agreement on multiple governance provisions, Financial and Investment Advisory Committee; ethics, certification, disclosure; actuarial standards. We've moved closer together on some of these others. There's just clearly some fine-tuning --

24 THE MODERATOR: Okay.

MR. HAND: -- that's got to be done on those.

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If there's any -- and, again, some additional

consultation needs to be done on those if we're

3 going to be able to get together.

4 THE MODERATOR: I got it. But I want to -- I
5 want to warn everybody against this. When
6 language is proposed --

MR. HAND: Right.

THE MODERATOR: -- and language is accepted, unless I'm shown some real reason that that language, as proposed and accepted, is creating a problem -- and you're outside my real understanding here. I do -- I'm not a pension expert. But I don't -- I want us to be very cautious about advancing language, accepting language, and then saying we need to change language. I'm not saying we do and you're not

17 saying we do. 18 MS. LAQUIDARA: No. I'm just saying --19 THE MODERATOR: I just want to make sure --

20 MS. LAQUIDARA: -- I want to make sure we're 21 in agreement.

22 MAYOR BROWN: No. I agree with that. I 23 think clearly --

24 MS. LAQUIDARA: Right.

MAYOR BROWN: -- proposed, we accept, we all

Page 166 agree. I think we're --2 THE MODERATOR: I got that. 3 MAYOR BROWN: -- right where we need to be. 4 THE MODERATOR: Okay. That's kind of where I

5 am. 6 MAYOR BROWN: I think that's a problem --7 THE MODERATOR: Okay. I'm going to take a 8 break, try to call Bob Klausner, if that would be 9 okay with everybody. Why don't we take -- you

10 guys want to take -- what time is it, Madam Court 11 Reporter?

12 THE COURT REPORTER: It's 3:57.

13 THE MODERATOR: We're set to go till five 14 today?

15 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, sir.

16 THE MODERATOR: Okay. Then we're going to 17 renew at 4:15. I'm going to try to make a call. 18 We'll renew at 4:15 and see if we can get all this 19 off the table.

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21 THE MODERATOR: Well, surprise and good news. 22 I did get a chance to talk to Bob. I read him the 23 language, which is all I could do.

24 I would say that there was general agreement.

25 He asked me if I would send it to him so he could

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review it and get back to me tomorrow.

2 I said I could and would. And I will. In 3 fact, I've asked John to send it just as soon as 4 we go.

Guys, we have got a lot done today, but I am now of a position that we need to -- I want to repeat kind of where I think we are so that if there's anybody that thinks I'm in the wrong place -- and then that -- I believe that right now the City is considering dropping items which I've identified as four and ten, but the City's got some more work to do on that issue.

I think that Items 1, 2, and 6 have been agreed upon already under governance. And Items -- three is the one that I have just referred to that we're either -- we either have it or we're going to have something very close to it that I think we'll get. And I've talked to Cindy and she said -- I mean, you guys are saying the same things pretty close, so I don't think we're going to get that done.

Seven and eight, I have asked Joey -- a little bit more definition on the 401. He's explained that to me. The City is considering

25 that. That would be -- that would be language for Page 168

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the employee's option to go into the general, or to use that plan, but that plan would essentially be the employee's option. 3

4 Eleven and twelve are agreed upon, except I 5 know that -- I'm not forgetting that the 2014 6 thing has to be massaged.

Nine is not part of this.

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Thirteen has now been retracted by the City and is really out of the process.

10 So is that where everybody thinks we are? 11 Have I misstated or skipped anything, or is that 12 kind of where we are?

13 MR. HAND: The way I -- we are -- now that 14 you've presented your proposal and we've heard 15 from Mr. Keane and we've had some back and forth, 16 we're just completing our evaluation --

17 THE MODERATOR: Yep.

18 MR. HAND: -- of that proposal --

19 THE MODERATOR: Got it.

20 MR. HAND: -- and intend to come back Monday 21 morning --

22 THE MODERATOR: We'll be with you Monday 23 morning.

24 MR. HAND: Correct.

THE MODERATOR: You will go -- no, I'm sorry.

Monday morning I will give the reaction language

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from Klausner. That will be the first thing on 3 three.

4 MR. HAND: Okay.

5 THE MODERATOR: Yeah. Then it will be with you guys to respond to three, whatever that may 6 7 be, and to what you were -- decided you would do

8 as to four, ten, and eight. And then, based on

9 that, we may or may not have -- five, you

understand the change in five was insignificant. 10

11 If four is gone, five is the same as it was

12 offered, except the mayor language would come out.

13 It's like -- because the mayor would not be making

14 the choice in five, but that would be -- that 15 would only be adjusted that way.

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And so it will be -- we'll respond to three 17 on this side. We'll respond to --

MAYOR BROWN: Four and ten.

THE MODERATOR: -- ten and four on this side, eight on this side, only as to that very narrow issue.

22 Okay? Is that where we are? Is that what 23 you understand?

John, is that where you think we are? MR. KEANE: Yes, sir.

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          THE MODERATOR: Mr. Mayor, you think that's
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     where we are?
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          MAYOR BROWN: That's where we're at.
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          THE MODERATOR: Okay. So Monday I'm assuming
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     we're going to get this done pretty early. And
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     that I want to discuss, which will be the City's
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     current employee proposals, your reaction, and
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     then we'll move from there.
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     good day. We've moved a lot of material today.
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          John, I want to thank you for preparing a lot
     of material today and moving.
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          Mr. Mayor, thank you for keeping this thing
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     focused and moving.
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          Cindy, thank you for your time.
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          And with that, we will convene again -- for
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     purposes of Monday morning, Madam Court Reporter,
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     we are set to be nine until -- I've got to put it
     on -- 11:30. Monday is nine until 11:30. We will
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     start at nine because that's what's going to be on
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     the door. It'll start at nine o'clock till 11:30.
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          Thank you, folks. That's it for today.
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           (The meeting was concluded at 4:21 p.m.)
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