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FROM: Nick Howland, Chair *NH*
Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board

DATE: June 26, 2017

SUBJECT: Annual Report - Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (JEPB)

As required by Ordinance 2016-521-E, please find below a summary of the JEPB activities for the reporting period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The JEPB meets as a body on a monthly basis and for special meetings as required. During the reporting period, we conducted 13 meetings. In addition, each member is assigned to at least one of two standing regulatory committees - Air, Odors and Noise or the Water & Hazardous Materials Committee. The JEPB has also established the Education & Public Outreach Committee to coordinate non-regulatory functions and to review requests for funding from the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. Each of the committees also meet on a monthly basis. During the reporting period, we held 10 meetings of the Air Committee, 13 meetings of the Water Committee which includes a special workshop held on the topic of Erosion & Sediment Control and 11 meetings of the Education & Outreach Committee.

In fulfilling our regulatory role, each meeting includes a review and action on any consent orders and a review of enforcement activities. Other standing items on each monthly agenda include a staff report and legislative report from the EPB Program Administrator, a report from the Environmental Quality Division Chief, and updates from JEPB representatives to the Waterways Commission and the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful (KJB) Commission. Periodically, the JEPB will have presentations from various entities that are relative to our mission of preserving and protecting natural resources. During the reporting period, the JEPB hosted presentations from consultants with the Jacksonville Zoo Living Shoreline Project, from JEA on sanitary sewer system failures following Hurricane Matthew and from Jacksonville University regarding its Mercury Study.

Another key responsibility of the JEPB is to administer the Environmental Protection Trust Fund which consists of non-General Revenue monies collected by the City pursuant to Ordinance Code Chapter 362, Chapter 368 or Chapter 376. During the reporting period, the JEPB considered several funding requests for various environmental projects. The Board approved the following:

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| • Jacksonville Zoo Living Shoreline Project | \$165,000 |
| • Tree Canopy Survey Project | \$103,895 |
| • Lower St Johns River Technical Advisory Comm. | \$ 75,000 |
| • Duval County Soil & Water District - Envirothon | \$ 25,000 |
| • Microbe Study - Point Source Removal | \$136,432 |

Each of those approved activities has either been appropriated by the Jacksonville City Council or is in some stage of the legislative approval process.

Rulemaking is also a JEPB responsibility. During the reporting period, the JEPB held rulemaking hearings as follows:

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| • October 2016 | Rule 4 – Noise Pollution | Petition for language change - no action |
| • March 2017 | Rule 2 – Air Pollution Control | Annual update required by FDEP |
| • April 2017 | Rule 4 – Noise Pollution | Petition for language change |
| • May 2017 | Rule 4 – Noise Pollution | Changes to 4.211(a) concerning commercial waste collection |

The JEPB administers an extensive outreach program designed to educate citizens on their impact to the environment. As a part of this program, the JEPB hosted or sponsored the annual Environmental Symposium at UNF, Envirofest at the Cummer Museum; the Pollution Solution and Aquafest festivals held at MOSH and made several presentations to school-based and community organizations.

All meetings of the JEPB, including committees, are digitally recorded. Meeting summaries, including reports and presentations, are produced, maintained and posted to the JEPB website (www.coj.net/epb). There are no current vacancies on the JEPB and the roster is attached.

The JEPB, established in 1965, continues to serve a unique and critical role in our local government as the primary regulatory agency for all environmental matters that occur within Duval County. Over the years we have devised an effective and efficient way to conduct business which is open to the public, and we are continuously looking for process improvements. We are proud of the service we provide and offer ourselves to be of service to you, members of the City Council and to the Administration. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know. Thank you.

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