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## **Media Release**

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### **Carlucci: Lot J, stadium upgrades, Jags lease should be linked.**

#### **Says if city doesn't handle correctly, "Voters will never forgive us."**

City Council finance chair Matt Carlucci today said that if the city does not handle Lot J, TIAA stadium upgrades, and the lease for the Jacksonville Jaguars correctly, "voters will never forgive us."

While the three major issues may appear to be separate, "They are not," said Carlucci in a tweet. "They are tied tightly together and should be negotiated as one deal."

Carlucci, who has urged a thorough review and analysis by the Downtown Investment Authority rather than the fast-track being urged by Mayor Lenny Curry.

Now, Carlucci is making five recommendations the city should follow for transparency, accountability, and public confidence.

1. Pay attention to the Council Auditor's report and observations.
2. Get negotiations out of the back room.
3. Let the DIA do its job as mandated by city ordinance.
4. Have the DIA review and conduct a market study on viability and sustainability.
5. The Downtown Development Review Board should be involved with the architectural specs so we know what the development will look like and how it fits with the greater downtown area.

Currently, DIA executive director Lori Boyer is scheduled to make a recommendation to the DIA board for a vote Wednesday. The council is scheduled to vote on the DIA recommendation at a special meeting on Thursday, and the council is planning a final vote at its December 8 meeting.