



**Council Audit and Finance Committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 23, 2012**

**MINUTES**

THE *AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE* CONVENED ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012 AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, ROOM 1101, CITY HALL, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET.

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Chair Sheryl Cole. In attendance were Council Member Bill Spelman, Council Member Laura Morrison, and Council Member Kathie Tovo. Council Member Chris Riley was also present to participate in discussion on Item 8, but did not participate as a member of the Audit & Finance Committee.

*NOTE: Agenda Items were taken in the following order: #8, #9, #3, #4 – see notes below, and Items #5, #6, and #7 were postponed to a later meeting of the Audit & Finance Committee.*

**Agenda Item #1:** Citizen Communication

*The following expressed support for the proposed extension of service hours for the Capital Metro Red Line:*

- *Celia Israel, Chair of the Alliance for Public Transportation*
- *Paul Crews, President of the AART Group*
- *Shannon Sedwick, Owner of Ester's Follies, member of the Sixth Street Austin Board, President of the Old Pecan St. Association, and owner of a condo at the Sabine*
- *John Conley, Race Director of the LiveStrong race, and representing the Special Events League of Texas*
- *Pamela Power, Chair of the Downtown Austin Alliance*
- *Nilda de la Yata, owner of El Sol Y La Luna restaurant*

*Several Council Members had specific questions for some of the speakers and of Transportation Department Director, Robert Spillar regarding the proposed extension of service hours for the Capital Metro Red Line.*

*Gus Pena, a citizen of the City of Austin, expressed his support for the audit of Austin Energy's rate proposal.*

**Agenda Item #2:** Approval of the January 25, 2012 minutes

*The minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting of the Audit & Finance Committee were approved on Council Member Tovo's motion, seconded by Chair Cole, with a 4-0 vote.*

*NOTE: At 5:05pm, City Auditor Ken Mory was called out of the meeting due to a family emergency. Deputy City Auditor, Corrie Stokes, took Mr. Mory's place for Agenda Items #3 and #4.*

**Agenda Item #3:** Presentation and acceptance of the Community Development Commission Audit (City Auditor's Office)

*Corrie Stokes, Deputy City Auditor, presented the results of the audit, which was performed by Rebecca Takahashi as the Auditor-in-Charge (AIC), and Niki Raggi, Assistant City Auditor. The report was accepted by Council Member Morrison's motion, seconded by Council Member Spelman, with a 4-0 vote.*

**Agenda Item #4:** Presentation and acceptance of the Neighborhood Assistance Center Audit (City Auditor's Office)

*Corrie Stokes, Deputy City Auditor, presented the results of the audit, which was performed by Olga Ovcharenko as the Auditor-in-Charge (AIC), and Niki Raggi, Assistant City Auditor.*

*Greg Guernsey, Director of the Neighborhood Planning and Review Department, responded to questions from Council Members.*

*NOTE: Due to time constraints, and because the meeting room was needed for another meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Cole asked Mr. Guernsey to return at the next scheduled meeting in order to allow all Committee members to ask questions.*

*The report was accepted by Council Member Morrison's motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cole, with a 4-0 vote.*

**Agenda Item #5:** Presentation of the Austin Water Utility Quarterly Financial Report (Austin Water Utility)

*This item was postponed to a later meeting.*

**Agenda Item #6:** Presentation of the Water Treatment Plant 4 Quarterly Report (Austin Water Utility)

*This item was postponed to a later meeting.*

**Agenda Item #7:** Presentation and acceptance of the City's Investment Policy (Financial and Administrative Services)

*This item was postponed to the March meeting.*

**Agenda Item #8:** Discussion and possible action relating to the proposed extension of service hours for Capital Metro Red Line and related financial considerations. (Austin Transportation)

*Robert Spillar, Director of the City's Transportation Department, presented information on the proposed Inter-local Agreement (ILA) to extend regular service hours for Capital Metro's Red Line on Fridays and Saturdays.*

*Doug Allen, representing Capital Metro, and Jeff Knodel, Deputy CFO, were also present to respond to Council Members' questions about the proposal.*

**Agenda Item #9:** Presentation and discussion from the EMS Association regarding the upcoming civil service election.

*Steve Stewart, President of the Austin-Travis County EMS Employees' Association, thanked the Council for their support of civil service legislation passed during the last session of the Texas Legislature and presented update on where they are with regards to the civil service election, which they hope will be placed on the May 12<sup>th</sup> ballot.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m. on Council Member Spelman's motion, seconded by Council Member Morrison, with a 4-0 vote.*