



**Council Audit and Finance Committee Special Called Meeting
Friday, April 20, 2012**

MINUTES

Minutes were approved at the May 01, 2012 Meeting

THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012 AT 4:40 P.M. IN THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, ROOM 1101, CITY HALL, 301 W. 2nd STREET.

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 a.m. by Chair Sheryl Cole. In attendance were Council Member Tovo, Council Member Spelman, and Council Member Laura Morrison.

Agenda Item #1: Citizen Communication

Citizen Communication was postponed until after item 2 was presented.

Steve Maguire, who lives in the Zilker neighborhood, was concerned that the number of listings on AirBnB is higher than what the audit identified, and asked for a clarification of how the numbers were arrived at. Deputy City Auditor, Corrie Stokes, and Assistant City Auditor, Rachel Snell, both answered Mr. Maguire's and Council Member questions. Additionally, Paul Thomasovic from Code Compliance was present to answer Council Member's questions regarding the renting of individual rooms within a residence.

Helen Rockenbach, lives in Southwood. Wants to note that the HOT info has not been posted on the HomeAway website. Notes that this is a land use issue and neighborhoods do not want motels within single family zoning.

Bob Easter, Director of the Austin Rental Alliance. Thanked Auditor's Office and Staff for excellent report. Believes that the Austin Rental Alliance can overlay some other information along with the report and provide some input on the issue. Also believes that they have increased the number of new filers for the City.

Agenda Item #2: Presentation and acceptance of the Short-term Rental Reivew Audit (City Auditor's Office)

Rachel Snell, Assistant City Auditor, presented the results of the audit, which was performed by Patrick Johnson, as the Auditor-in-Charge (AIC). The report was accepted by Council Member Morrison's motion, seconded by Council Member Tovo, with a 3-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole had to leave for a previous appointment so she appointed Council Member Spelman as Temporary Chair.

Council Members Spelman and Morrison requested additional information which will be handled as a Special Request, and Council Member Spelman will disseminate to the other Council Members and the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m. on Council Member Morrison's motion, seconded by Council Member Spelman, with a 3-0 vote.