



**Council Audit and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 30, 2012**

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THE *AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE* CONVENED ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012 AT 2:34 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 2:34 a.m. by Chair Sheryl Cole. In attendance were Council Member Laura Morrison, Council Member Kathie Tovo, and Council Member Bill Spelman.

Agenda Item #1: Citizen Communication

Following citizens had spoken:

Paul Robbins, environmental activist and consumer advocate, spoke about the Water Treatment Plant 4 cost overruns. Council member asked questions about Robbins's speech.

Scott Johnson spoke about the clean air program that was discussed at the Council meeting prior to 10/3/2012.

Schiller Liao from the Asian American Resource Center spoke in support of dissolving the Asian American Resource Center Advisory Board.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of the September 26, 2012 minutes

The minutes of the September 26, 2012 meeting of the Audit & Finance Committee were approved on the motion from Mayor Pro Tem Cole, seconded by Council Member Spelman, with a 4-0 vote.

Agenda Item #3: Presentation and possible action on the dissolution of the Asian American Resource Center Advisory Board (Office of the City Clerk)

Shirley Gentry, City Clerk, proposed the dissolution of the Asian American Resource Center Advisory Board (AARCAB) due to completion of the Board's mission. Council Member Spelman moved the motion to bring this item to the full Council with the understanding that the City Clerk will draft the ordinance that would be brought before Council to dissolve the AARCAB. Council Member Morrison seconded the motion. The motion was passed on a 4-0 vote.

Agenda Item #4: Presentation and acceptance of the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company Management Oversight Audit (Office of the City Auditor)

Rachel Snell, Assistant City Auditor, presented the results of the audit, which was led by Olga Ovcharenko, Auditor-In-Charge (AIC) over the project.

Council Members had several questions for Cheryl Mele, the Board of Directors member representing Austin Energy.

The report was accepted on Council Member Tovo's motion, which was seconded by Council Member Spelman, and a 4-0 vote.

Agenda Item #5: Presentation and acceptance of the Austin – Travis County Emergency Medical Services Collection Controls Audit (Office of the City Auditor)

Walton Persons, Assistant City Auditor, presented the results of the audit, which was led by JoJo Cruz, AIC over the project.

Council Members had questions for EMS management, which were answered by John Ralston, Assistant Director, and James Shamard, EMS Chief of Staff. Shamard emphasized the importance of the issues to him and Chief of EMS; he stated that several changes have been made to address the deficiencies. Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), responded to Council's questions regarding the similar practices in other City departments. Council asked CFO to conduct a survey about the Cash Handling Policy awareness and compliance.

The report was accepted on Council Member Morrison's motion, which was seconded by Council Member Spelman, and a 4-0 vote.

Agenda Item #6: Presentation and acceptance of the Austin Police Department Worker Safety Audit (Office of the City Auditor)

Niki Raggi, Assistant City Auditor, presented the results of the audit, which was led by Kathie Harrison, AIC over the project.

The report was accepted on Council Member Morrison's motion, which was seconded by Council Member Spelman, and a 4-0 vote.

Agenda Item #7: Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Water Utility Financial Policy Changes (Austin Water Utility & Financial Services Department)

David Anders, AWU Assistant Director, presented proposed changes to the AWU's financial policies.

Council asked questions and suggested additional clarifications to the policy. Council Member Morrison moved the motion to bring these financial policies, as amended, to the full Council. Council Member Spelman seconded the motion. The motion was passed on a 4-0 vote.

Agenda Item #8: Presentation of the City Auditor's Integrity Unit FY 2012 Performance Report (Office of the City Auditor)

Jason Hadavi, Chief of Investigations, present the performance report for the City Auditors Integrity Unit. Council Members asked several questions of Mr. Hadavi about the trends that he showed and specifics about the cases that did not have an accountability action.

Council requested additional information about the cases that did not have accountability actions.

No action was taken on this item.

Agenda Item #9: Presentation of the City Auditor's FY 2012 Accomplishments Report
(Office of the City Auditor)

Kenneth Mory, City Auditor, presented the 2012 Accomplishments Report for the Office of the City Auditor.

Council Members had several questions for Mr. Mory related to the performance measures and strategies highlighted in the report. Council complimented Mr. Mory for this year's work.

No action was taken on this item.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Cole without objection.