

**AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016**



THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** CONVENED IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016 AT 9:08 AM, AUSTIN CITY HALL, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

**Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo called meeting to order at 9:08 AM. In attendance were Council Member Pool and Council Member Renteria. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais.**

**Agenda Item #1:** Approve the minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee meeting of February 24, 2016.

***The minutes of the February 24, 2016 Audit and Finance Committee meeting were approved on Council Member Renteria's motion, Council Member Pool's second, on a 3-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais.***

**Agenda Item #2:** A maximum of five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed three minutes to address topics not posted for committee action. Speakers may also sign up for specific items that the committee may take action on.

***No speakers.***

**Agenda Item #3:** City of Austin Utility Customer Care Audit, which evaluated the customer service provided by Austin Energy to City utility customers (City Auditor) [Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, CO 1: Council Member Ellen Troxclair]

***Walt Persons, Assistant City Auditor, presented an audit of the City of Austin Utility Customer Care. The audit was accepted on a motion from Council Member Pool, Council Member Renteria's second, on a 4-0 vote.***

**Agenda Item #4:** City of Austin Code Investigations and Resolutions Audit, which looked at how consistently Austin Code investigated and enforced code violations (City Auditor). [Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, CO 1: Council Member Ellen Troxclair]

***Katie Houston, Assistant City Auditor, presented an audit of the City of Austin Code investigations and resolutions. Carl Smart, Director of Austin Code, answered questions from Committee members. The audit was accepted on a motion from Council Member Renteria, Council Member Troxclair's second, on a 4-0 vote.***

**Agenda Item #5:** Reappointment of Municipal Civil Service Commissioners and recommendation for a chair for the Municipal Civil Service Commission (Human Resources) [Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Leslie Pool, CO 1: Council Member Ellen Troxclair]

***Sylba Everett, Municipal Civil Service Administrator, presented an overview of the appointments for the MCS Commission and answered questions from Committee members. A motion to reappoint Melissa Rogers and reappoint Teresa Perez-Wisely to a new term and recommend Pamela Lancaster as chair for***

***the Municipal Civil Service Commission passed with Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Renteria's second on a 3-0-1 vote Council Member Troxclair abstaining.***

**Agenda Item #6:** Request from the Zoning and Platting Commission and Planning Commission to create the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee and Joint Committee on Code and Ordinances, which will consist of members of the Planning Commission and the Zoning and Platting Commission. [Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Steve Adler, CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo]

***Jerry Rusthoven, Planning and Zoning Department Manager, made presentation to create the Joint Comprehensive Plan Committee and Joint Committee on Code and Ordinances and answered questions from Committee members. A motion to bring this item back to the next Audit and Finance Committee so that Council Members Pool can work with staff to get answers to her questions passed on Council Member Renteria's motion, Council Member Pool's second, on a 4-0 vote.***

**Agenda Item #7:** Recommendation from the Zero Waste Advisory Commission that Austin City Council seek an independent third party audit of the Austin Resource Recovery department. [Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Steve Alder, CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo]

***Bob Gedert, Austin Resources Recovery Director, indicated that his preference was for his department to be reviewed by the Office of Performance Management rather than have a third-party audit. Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer, Kimberly Springer, Deputy Budget Officer and Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy CFO, answered questions from Committee members. Citizens: Jerry Acuna, Zero Waste Advisory Commission Chair, and Andrew Dobbs spoke in favor of 3rd party Audit. Council Member Troxclair moved to recommend to Council to bring in a third party auditor to audit the Austin Resource Recovery department. The motion died for lack of a second.***

**Agenda Item #8:** Recommendation from the Zero Waste Advisory Commission that Austin City Council prioritize Austin Resource Recovery in the performance and budget review by the Office of Performance Management [Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Steve Adler, CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo]

***Bob Gedert, Austin Resources Recovery Director, Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer, Kimberly Springer, Deputy Budget Officer, and Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy CFO, answered questions from Committee members. A motion to recommend to full Council for discussion a resolution directing the City Manager that the Office of Performance Management prioritize the Austin Resource Recovery budget and performance passed with Council Member Renteria motion, Council Member Pool's second, on a 4-0 vote.***

**Agenda Item #9:** Proposed amendments to City Code Section 2-1-144 relating to the Environmental Commission [Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Steve Adler, CO 1: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo]

***Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, and Marisa Farias, Vice Chair of the Environmental Commission, made a presentation and answered questions from Committee members. Council Member Pool's motion to approve the amendments, with deletion of item d) continuing to limit the number of members with land development expertise to three, passed with Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second, on a 3-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair opposing.***

**Adjourn – Mayor Pro Tem Tovo adjourned the meeting without objections at 11:13 PM.**

***The minutes were approved on this the 25 day of April 2016 on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Troxclair's second on a 4-0 vote.***