

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021



THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** CONVENED IN A REGULAR MEETING ON Wednesday, March 31, 2021 AT 9:30 AM, AUSTIN CITY HALL, 301 W. 2nd STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS (This meeting was conducted by video conference from remote locations).

Council Member Alter called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. In attendance were Council Member Pool, Mayor Adler, Council Member Kelly, and Council Member Tovo.

Citizen Communication: Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Mary Ingle, Paul Robbins, Olivia Overturf, Tiffany Washington, and Chivas Watson spoke.

Agenda Item #1: Approve the minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee Meeting of January 20, 2021.

The minutes of the January 20th 2021 Audit and Finance Committee meeting were approved on Council Member Kelly's motion, Council Member Pool's second, on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Adler was absent.

Agenda Item #2: Homelessness Follow-up Audit (City Auditor's Office)
Sponsors: Council Member Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

Kelsey Thompson, Senior Auditor, presented on the Homelessness Follow-up Audit. The presenter, and Adrienne Sturup, Assistant Director, Austin Public Health, spoke and answered questions from the committee. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #3: Police Oversight Follow-up Audit (City Auditor's Office)
Sponsors: Council Member Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

Maria Stroth, Senior Auditor, presented on the Police Oversight Follow-up Audit, Farah Muscadin, Director of Police Oversight, spoke and answered questions from the committee. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #4: Potential Audit of Disaster Response (City Auditor's Office)
Sponsors: Council Member Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

Corrie Stokes, City Auditor, presented on the potential audit of Disaster Response, and answered questions from the committee. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #5: Cultural Arts Center Audit Update – Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex (Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation)
Sponsors: Council Member Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

Suzanne Piper, Chief Administrative Officer - Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Dr. Courtney Robinson, Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation Board Member, presented on the Cultural Arts Center Audit Update – Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex, and answered questions from the committee. Ed Van Eenoo, Austin Chief Financial Officer also spoke. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #6: SMBR update on the Disparity Study and MBE/WBE Program (Small and Minority Business Resources Department)
Sponsors: Mayor Steve Adler, and Council Member Alison Alter

Item was postponed without objection.

Agenda Item #8: Discuss issues surrounding ACE, LLC, and their operations, management, and financials of the downtown Hilton Hotel
Sponsors: Council Member Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

Council Member Pool, Council Member Tovo, and Council Member Kelly spoke on the issues surrounding ACE, LLC. The item will be further discussed during the next AFC meeting. ACE back-up added late.

Agenda Item #10: Identify Items to be discussed at future meetings

Corrie Stokes, City Auditor, spoke on future items to be discussed.

Executive Session

The committee entered Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. to discuss Item 9 without objection

Agenda Item #9: Discussion and evaluation of applicants to the Municipal Civil Service Commission (Human Resources Department/Office of the City Clerk).
Sponsors: Council Member Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

The committee returned from Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #7: Discussion and possible action regarding applications and appointments to the Municipal Civil Service Commission (Human Resources Department/City Clerk Office)
Sponsors: Council Member Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

Applications were discussed during Executive Session. The following four candidates for the municipal civil service commission will be interviewed. McKenzie Frasier, Kavita Gupta, Kevin Mullen, and Andy Mormon

Adjourn: Council Member Alter adjourned the meeting without objections at 11:31 AM.

The minutes were approved on the 28th day of April 2021 on Council Member Kelly's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 5-0 vote.