

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, January 19, 2022



THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** CONVENED IN A REGULAR MEETING ON Wednesday, January 19, 2022 AT 9:30 AM, AUSTIN CITY HALL, 301 W. 2nd STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS (This meeting also included attendees by video conference from remote locations).

Mayor Pro Tem Alter called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM. In attendance were Council Member Pool, Council Member Kelly, and Council Member Tovo. Mayor Adler was absent.

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.

Paul Robbins spoke

Agenda Item #1: Approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 Audit and Finance Committee meeting.

The minutes of December 15, 2021 AFC meeting were approved on Council Member Pool's motion, Council Member Tovo's second, on a 4-0 vote. Mayor Adler was off the dais.

Agenda Item #4: Private Gas Utility Franchising and Rate Regulation.
Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

Rondella Hawkins, Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs (TARA) Officer, Financial Services Department, presented on the Private Gas Utility Franchising and Rate Regulation and answered questions from the committee. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #5: Disparity Study and the Inclusive Procurement Working Group.
Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

Tamela Saldana, Assistant Director Small & Minority Business, presented on Disparity Study and the Inclusive Procurement Working Group and answered questions from the committee. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #2: Discussion and possible action on the disaster preparedness audit initially presented on November 10, 2021.
Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter, and Council Member Kathie Tovo

Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager, Juan Ortiz, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Aoife Longmore, Chief Financial Officer, Management Services, Linda Pounds-Adams, COVID-19 Senior Emergency Plans Officer, Bryce Bencivengo, Public Information & Marketing Program Manager, presented on the disaster preparedness audit initially presented on November 10, 2021, and answered questions from the committee. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #3: Workforce Development Follow-up Audit.
Sponsors: Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter, and Council Member Leslie Pool

Item was postponed.

Agenda Item #6 Identify items to be discussed at future meetings.

Corrie Stokes, City Auditor, and Committee spoke and identified items for future meetings. No action was taken.

Adjourn: Mayor Pro Tem Alter adjourned the meeting without objections at 11:48AM.

The minutes were approved on the 23rd day of FEBRUARY 2022 on Council Member Mackenzie Kelly's motion, Council Member Leslie Pool's second on a 5-0 vote.