



THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL **AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** CONVENED IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014 AT 10:10 AM IN THE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, ROOM 1101, CITY HALL, 301 W. 2nd STREET.

Council Member Bill Spelman called meeting to order. In attendance were Council Member Laura Morrison and Council Member Kathie Tovo. Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole was off the dais.

Agenda Item #1: Citizen Communication

Sharon Blythe, Rescue Austin Memorial Parks Director, thanked the Council Members for their service and spoke regarding the cemetery master-planning process. Zolla Vega spoke regarding activities permitted in cemeteries.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of October 22, 2014 minutes

The minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting were approved on the motion from Council Member Spelman, seconded by Council Member Morrison, with a 4-0 vote.

Agenda Item #3: Cemetery Management Audit which evaluated the cemetery revenue collection, accounting, and vendor payments as compared to applicable laws, City policies, and best practices (Office of the City Auditor)

Niki Raggi, Assistant City Auditor, presented the Cemetery Management Audit. Raggi, Sara Hensley, Parks and Recreation Department Director, Gilbert Hernandez, Cemetery Manager, Cora Wright, Parks and Recreation Department Assistant Director, and Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer, answered questions from Council Members. Sharon Blythe and Zolla Vega spoke regarding the Cemetery Management Audit. The audit was accepted on a motion from Council Member Spelman, seconded by Council Member Morrison, with a 4-0 vote.

Agenda Item #4: Terms of the financial agreement between the City of Austin and the Lone Star Rail (Financial Services Department & Austin Transportation Department)

Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Black, Lone Star Rail District Director, and Joe Lessard, Transportation Planning Director at Knudson, LP, presented on the financial agreement between the City of Austin and the Lone Star Rail District. Hart, Black, Lessard, and Betty Dunkerley, Lone Star Rail Consultant, answered questions from Council Members.

Agenda Item #5: Effectiveness of existing camera operations and exploration of future body cameras (Austin Police Department)

The item was withdrawn with no objections.

Adjourn – Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting without objections at 12:06 PM.