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>> Alter: It is 9:13 A.M. My name I will say Alison alter, and I chair the audit and finance committee. We have two items on our agenda. Item 1 we will take up after the executive session and item 2, we will go into executive session to interview members, special candidates for the municipal stop sign commission. The committee will now go into closed session to take up one item, pursuant to section 551.074 of the government code, the committee will discuss personnel matters related to item 2, appointment of members to the municipal civil service commission, interview and discuss identified applicants. Is there any objection going into executive session on items announced? Hearing none, the committee will now go into executive session. You can now go into the other -- Kathie, you were on when we said that?

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>> Alter: We're going to go into executive session and then come back out [indiscernible] -- [executive session]

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>> Alter: I'm wondering if we can start without her. I'm not hearing back from her here. Just going to call her and see if she's okay if we start.

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>> Alter: Apparently councilmember pool and councilmember harper-madison are stuck in the same never-never land and councilmember pool would like to be able to vote. Staff, can you get her a link? If we send her our link, it may be specific to this because we're considered panelists. They may not be able to get in. They're getting messages that the meeting needs to be started. So is there someone on staff who can address this for them quickly so that we can -- >> Staff is working on what you just requested. She's looking into it and going to go ahead and get that going. >> Mayor Adler: We need Kathie to get back into both meetings. [Working on technical issues].

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>> Alter:. So councilmember pool is saying that she is being sent the same link twice. It didn't work the first time and it's still not working. And I don't think it works if one of us sends the link that we're using because our links are specific to us. So they can't get in unless they have the one that makes -- [technical difficulties].

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>> Alter: I now see the whole committee back. Councilmember pool ask on the phone. Councilmember Flannigan, councilmember tovo and mayor Adler are here. We're also joined by councilmember harper-madison. It is 11:08 and we are out of closed session, as I mentioned. I would like to take up item 1, which is possible action on recommendation for appointments to the municipal civil service commission. I want to thank all of our applicants. We had really strong applicants this year. It was a very tough decision and I want to thank you all for being willing to step up for what is one of the more demanding

commission appointments, the one that takes the most knowledge and the most time, so thank you very much. And I want to encourage anyone who we're not appointing to continue to apply, continue to be engage and to reach out to your particular councilmember also if you're interested in serving on something else and note that we do have other appointments that change next summer as well.

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So I would like to make a motion to appoint Erica cane as the eight pointee to -- appointee to fill out seat that runs to 5/21. And then for chair we would like to appoint Pamela Lancaster. That would be the motion. And then we would like to ask staff, as indicated in executive session, to convey our thanks to all of the applicants and have them keep their eyes open for future opportunities. It's the committee's intention to explore setting up an alternate system if we can figure out how to do that. And with respect to the commission chair, now that you have a fully constituted commission, if you desire a change in chair, we would invite you to get back in touch with audit and finance

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and we can initiate a changing of the chair if there's new information or a new approach that you desire and/or feel free any one of the commissioners to speak to my office and we can think about an appropriate process there. Ms. Lancaster is the current chair and we thank her for her service. We are also reappointing her on our agenda, but we made that decision last week. So if I can have a second to my motion... Motion seconded by mayor Adler. All those in favor say aye. So that's unanimous on the dais. Thank you to Ms. Cane and Ms. Lancaster for serving and thank you for our applicants. With that it is 11:10 and I will adjourn our audit and finance meeting. I believe our next meeting is in August, I believe, or maybe in July.

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We will have that all on our calendar. I apologize for all the technical difficulties this morning. And I hope staff will work to address that so we can avoid that, certainly tomorrow, but moving forward if we need to continue. Thank you everyone for being here this morning. Appreciate it.