AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
October 21, 2026

Committee Members Present:

1. Kirk Watson, Chair
2. Ryan Alter, Vice Chair
3. Jose "Chito" Vela, Mayor Pro Tem
4. Marc Duchen
5. Krista Laine (Alternate Member)

Committee Members Absent:

1. Vanessa Fuentes

Call to Order

Mayor Watson called the committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Public Communication: General

There was one speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the minutes for the July 16, 2025, and August 19, 2026, meetings of the Audit and Finance Committee.**
   The minutes for the July 16, 2025, and August 19, 2026, meetings were approved. The motion was made by Council Member Duchen and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vela. The motion passed on a 5 – 0 vote, with Council Member Fuentes absent and Council Member Laine serving as a voting member.

2. **Approve the corrected minutes for the March 27, 2024; July 23, 2024; May 19, 2025; September 17, 2025; October 15, 2025; and January 14, 2026 meetings of the Audit and Finance Committee, and the corrected minutes for the August 5, 2025; October 16, 2025; and February 3, 2026 special called meetings of the Audit and Finance Committee.**
   The corrected minutes were approved. The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Vela and seconded by Council Member Alter. The motion passed on a 5 – 0 vote, with Council Member Fuentes absent and Council Member Laine serving as a voting member.

Discussion and Possible Action

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding bylaw amendments for the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission and Austin Travis County Food Policy Board.**
   Stephanie Hall, Deputy City Clerk from the City Clerk's office discussed the bylaw amendments. The committee approved two separate actions. First, recommending to the full Council, approving the bylaw amendments for the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission. The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Vela and seconded by Council Member Laine. The motion passed on a 5 – 0 vote, with Council Member Fuentes absent. Second, recommending to the full Council, approving the bylaw amendments for the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board. The motion was made by Council Member Duchen and seconded by Council Member Alter. The motion passed on a 5 – 0 vote, with

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Council Member Fuentes off the dais.

4. **Discussion and possible action to set the Audit and Finance Committee meeting dates for calendar year 2027.**
   The committee approved the proposed meeting dates for the calendar year 2027. The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Vela and seconded by Council Member Alter. The motion passed on a 5 – 0 vote, with Council Member Fuentes absent.

5. **Discussion and possible action on the City Auditor's calendar year 2027 Audit Plan.**
   The committee approves recommending to the full Council, the City Auditor's 2027 Audit Plan. The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Vela and seconded by Council Member Laine. The motion passed on a 5 – 0 vote, with Council Member Fuentes absent.

Briefings

6. **Briefing on City's Redevelopment and Public Facilities Portfolio, including Colony Park, St. John Site, Northeast Service Center, and Public Safety Headquarters; and Real Estate and Asset Strategy.**
   The committee received a briefing from Mandy DeMayo, Real Estate and Asset Strategy Officer and Kim Olivares, Director from Austin Financial Services.

7. **Briefing on social services strategy that will include issue area, compliance, and policy discussion.**
   The committee received a briefing from Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager from the City Manager's Office, Kerri Lang, Director and Daniel Culotta, Assistant Director from Austin Budget and Organizational Excellence.

8. **Briefing on Living Wages Audit, which looks at whether departments are monitoring their contracts to ensure compliance with the living wage requirements.**
   The committee received a briefing from Kathie Harrison, Assistant City Auditor and Mateo Macias, Senior Auditor from the Austin City Auditor's Office.

Future Items

9. **Identify items to discuss at future meetings.**

   No items identified.

Mayor Kirk Watson adjourned the committee meeting at 11:11AM.

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