THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026 AT 9:30 AM,
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TX AND SOME MEMBERS
MAY BE PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Kirk Watson, Chair
Ryan Alter, Vice Chair
Vanessa Fuentes
Jose "Chito" Vela
Marc Duchen
Krista Laine (Alternate)

Public comment will be allowed in person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in person or remotely. Items posted for possible action are available for sign-up. Briefings are not open for sign-up. For full instructions on participation in person or by telephone, please visit the Council Committee Information Center home page, which is linked here:
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A quorum of the City Council may be present at this meeting. Action will only be taken by the members of the committee, and an alternate member may only vote when a regular committee member is absent.

The committee may go into a closed session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel on any item on this agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

Public Communication: General

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. This section is limited to five speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes for the October 21, 2026, meetings of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. Discussion and possible action on the proposed Audit and Finance Committee workplan for calendar year 2027.

Sponsors: Mayor Kirk Watson, and Council Member Ryan Alter

Briefings

3. Update on the City's Treasury, which includes the City's investment portfolio, debt management programs, and bond issuance activities. [Belinda Weaver, Treasurer; Kim Olivares, Director - Austin Financial Services]

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4. Update on social services strategy to include solicitation overview, pay for performance, grants versus contracts and stakeholder engagement. [Kerri Lang, Director; Daniel Culotta, Assistant Director - Austin Budget and Organizational Excellence; Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager - City Manager's Office]

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5. Briefing on the Credit Card Audit, which determines whether the City manages credit cards in accordance with policy and best practices. [Patrick Johnson, Assistant City Auditor; Ashley Rodriguez, Senior Auditor - Austin City Auditor's Office]

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6. Briefing on the Civilian Staffing Audit, which looks at whether the City assigns civilian staffing to tasks that create efficiencies and allow sworn staff to focus on responding to emergencies. [Tyler Myers, Assistant City Auditor; Kristina Kern, Senior Auditor - Austin City Auditor's Office]

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Future Items

7. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

Previously Distributed Memos to Mayor and Council (Information only; not for discussion)

FY2026 Bond Program Initial Quarterly Report dated October 16, 2026

Data and Insights Hub Launch dated October 23, 2026

TRUST Act: Status Update on Existing Surveillance Technologies – Resolution No. 20260205-061 dated November 4, 2026

Mueller Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Closure dated November 9, 2026

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