DRAFT AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 20, 2026

Committee Members Present:

1. Kirk Watson, Chair
2. Ryan Alter, Vice Chair
3. Jose "Chito" Vela, Mayor Pro Tem
4. Marc Duchen

Committee Members Absent:

1. Krista Laine (Alternate Member)
2. Vanessa Fuentes

Call to Order

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

Public Communication: General

There were three speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the minutes for the April 15, 2026, meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee**
   The minutes for April 16, 2026, meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee were approved on Council Member Duchen's motion and Council Member Alter second, with a 4 – 0 vote.

Mayor Watson recessed the meeting at 9:41am for the Committee to go into closed door executive session.

Executive Session

9. **Conduct interviews in order to appoint members to the Municipal Civil Service Commission (Personnel matters -Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code).**
10. **Austin Public Library wireless assessment (Deliberation regarding critical infrastructure facility - Section 551.0761 of the Texas Government Code).**

Call to Order

Mayor Watson resumed the committee meeting after returning from executive session at 10:24 a.m.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. **Discussion and possible action to appoint members to and designate the Chair of the Municipal Civil Service Commission.**

The Audit & Finance Committee approves recommending to City Council the filling of three positions for the Municipal Civil Service (MCS) Commission. Appointing Kevin Mullen, Cortney Caruthers, and Ron Bennett as members of the MCS Commission. Furthermore, reappointing Kevin Mullen as chair of the MCS Commission. The motion was made by Council Member Duchen with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Vela, and approved on a 4 – 0

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vote.

Briefings

8. **Fiscal Year 2025 annual comprehensive financial report**

The Committee received a briefing from Marija Norton, City Controller - Austin Financial Services; Tracey Cooley, Audit Managing Director; Madeline Morris, Audit Manager – Deloitte and Touche

Discussion and Possible Action

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding proposed changes to membership requirements of the Joint Sustainability Committee.**

The committee approves recommending proposed ordinance related to the change in membership requirements of the Joint Sustainability Committee to City Council with a motion from Council Member Alter and a second from Council Member Duchen, on a 4 – 0 vote.

4. **Discussion and possible action on proposed changes to Fiscal Year 2027 financial policy**

The committee received a briefing from Ed VanEenoo, Chief Financial Officer – City Manager's Office and Kerri Lang, Director – Austin Budget and Organizational Excellence. No action was taken.

6. **Discussion of potential 2026 bond election under the adopted bond decision framework.**

No action taken

5. **Discussion and possible action regarding possibly calling an election in 2026 to amend language in the City's charter to include changes to fix inconsistencies, update the charter language to be current with applicable law, and possible changes to add, delete or revise language related to City administration, budget or any other provision in the charter.**

Discussion led by Council Member Alter. No action taken.

Briefings

7. **Briefing on pedestrian safety audit**

The committee received a briefing from Patrick Johnson, Assistant City Auditor; Henry Katumwa, Supervising Senior Auditor - Austin City Auditor's Office

Future Items

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

Mayor Watson requested for item 5.

Mayor Kirk Watson adjourned the committee meeting at 11:22 a.m.

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