

Possible List of Council Standing Committees

Council Committees	Scope
Audit	Audit Oversight (for example: audit reports, bond oversight, citizen commission oversight, purchasing and contract audits)
Finance	Financial Policy Oversight and Government Performance (for example: financial policies, bond programs, retirement systems, employee benefits, banking/investment policies, performance metrics/reporting, bond oversight, budget alignment with priorities, policy impact on affordability)
Mobility	All Transportation Modes (for example: roads, ABIA, transit, pedestrian, bicycle, ground transportation, taxi, Lone Star Rail, TX High Speed Rail, core transit corridors)
Public Utilities	Utility Oversight (for example: Austin Water, Austin Resource Recovery, Drainage Utility, utility / telecommunications regulatory issues)
Austin Energy	Utility Oversight – Austin Energy
Health & Human Services	Health and Human Services (for example: equity, social services, education, public health, health care services, animal welfare, targeted populations)
Public Safety	Public Safety (for example: criminal justice, code enforcement, disaster preparedness, fire, police, EMS, judicial/quasi-judicial)
Planning and Neighborhoods	Land Use (for example: Imagine Austin, Land Development Code, development processes, neighborhood planning, noise, zoning, annexations, eminent domain, landmark review, design)
Open Space Environment, and Sustainability	Environment (for example: climate protection, forestry, waterfront, heritage trees, open space, parks, rivers and lakes, trash, recycling and compost, sustainability)
Housing and Community Development	Housing and Community Development (for example: affordable housing, community services block grants)
Economic Development	Economic Development (for example: job training, small and minority business development, economic incentives, improvement districts, economic development corporation oversight, general trade and commerce, MBE/WBE contracting practices)
Innovation and Creative Industries	Innovation and Creativity (for example: emerging technology, tourism, events, entertainment, live music, film/tv production, sports, library, art)
Intergovernmental Affairs	Legislative Priorities, Intergovernmental Relations: Federal, State, local intergovernmental affairs (for example: Legislative Agendas, Interlocal Agreements, Joint Programs/Committees)

NOTE: Council Committees may work jointly when there is overlap on a particular issue and will also collaborate with City Departments, City Commissions, and intergovernmental/other Committees that Councilmembers sit on.

Affordability Task Force – Council may create one or more Task Forces to address cost of living and affordability issues.