



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

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### Members

Patrick Burt - Chair  
Larry Klein  
Jack Morton  
Yiaway Yeh

**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Conference Room**  
**Civic Center**  
**250 Hamilton Avenue**  
**Palo Alto, California**

### AGENDA

1. Oral Communications
2. Audit of Ambulance Billing and Revenue Collection
3. City Auditor Peer Review Team Introductions
4. Discussion of Future Meeting Schedules and Agendas



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### Status of Referral Items in Committee

Council Referral Date	Action Date	Item Title/Status Description	Status
1/23/06		<b>Business Registry Fee</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Staff has identified approximately 13,000 businesses in the City and has met with the GAC to discuss the implementation and gather comments. This included review of the proposed registry form and which business would be included. The GAC felt strongly that home-based businesses would be included in the program, which has resulted in further discussions since this recommendation would significantly increase administrative costs of the program. Other steps taken include discussion with other agencies that have similar programs, review of software systems available and clarification of legal issues. Other steps currently being worked on are the development of a marketing plan for the program, coordination of collection and enforcement efforts, website development and creation of an ordinance and project implementation timelines. On March 20, 2007, the Finance Committee tabled the BRF until discussions are held on a potential Business License Tax (BLT), which will be scheduled for the first meeting in September 2007.</p> <p>The current Finance Committee tabled the BLT.</p> <p>In February 2008, the Council approved a funding approach for the Public Safety Building. The BLT will be reviewed as a funding option for consideration. This work will start after the 2008-09 budget process is completed. Staff will return with a plan on the BLT.</p> <p>Staff has tentatively scheduled discussions for a potential BLT on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.</p> </div>	<b>SCHEDULED</b>