

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, November 9, 2006**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Budget and Finance**

***William Russell Robinson, Chair; Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Mike Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, and Rich Nerone***

**I. Call to Order**

**Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Amy Griser, Director, Budget & Finance**

**Derek Uber, Deputy County Manager**

**Summary:** *Invited Guests Present: Mr. Uber; Pete Schepis and Warren Finkel for Ms. Griser.*

*Council Staff present: John Mascio and Jennifer Liptak*

**II. Roll Call**

**Summary:** *Non Committee Council Members in attendance: Council Member Rea*

**Roll Call:** Present: Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Brenda Frazier, and Chair William Robinson  
Absent: Jim Burn, Michael Finnerty, and Vince Gastgeb

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**2854-06** Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2006 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.

**Action:** **A motion was made by Caldwell, seconded by Cleary, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. Agenda Items****Resolutions**

**2818-06** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Operating Budget for 2006, as previously amended by other resolution(s) of County Council.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Ms. Liptak provided a summary of the bill. She said that after reviewing the document, everything seemed to be in order.*

*The Chair said that he had no questions or concerns regarding the bill.*

*Ms. Cleary asked if the county was appropriating additional funds for Shuman Center. Mr. Schepis said that the county had the opportunity to bring in more state money plus they generated more revenue, which accounts for the increase.*

*Ms. Cleary also asked about the utilization of County Sales Tax revenue. Mr. Finkel said that originally they anticipated bond refinancing but complications arose and since the County collected additional sales tax they would use that revenue to pay for the debt service on two bond issues of the Redevelopment Authority. He said that the tax revenue will be used rather than using bond proceeds within the Authority.*

*Mr. Finkel pointed out that there was a clerical error in the Attachment. He said that the Department of Shuman Center should read, "Kane Regional Center". The Chair asked if there was any objections to making this clerical change. There was no objection to making the change.*

**Action:**      **A motion was made by Caldwell, seconded by Cleary, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2819-06**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2006 (Submission #11-06).

**Sponsors:**      Chief Executive

**Summary:**      *Ms. Liptak provided a summary of the bill. She said that her review of the documents revealed that the amendments are in order.*

*Ms. Caldwell asked about the matching funds for the Child Mental Health Initiative Program. Mr. Finkel said that the State and County match funds are not additional amounts but are already funded from the 2006/07 Mental Health Grant and the match with County funds are from the Cost Center.*

**Action:**      **A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Caldwell, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Discussion Topic:**

**The 2007 Comprehensive Fiscal Plan**

**Summary:**      *The Chair reminded the committee that as of yet, there is not any document before Council or the committee that is a budget. He said that they are in the process of building a document that they will call a budget. He said that those who have concerns about how they will shape the budget or how to fund it should discuss those concerns with Ms. Liptak and she would confer with him.*

*Discussion took place relative to the budget process.*

*The Chair said that Ms. Liptak would work with them to find monies but cautioned them not to go too far from the comprehensive plan. He said to be sure that they are on firm ground before making any major changes.*

*Ms. Liptak said that she would send an e-mail to all Members of council which will contain a framework that the Chair designed for use during the budget process. She said that next week she will be preparing the proposed legislation for introduction.*

*Further discussion took place regarding the budget process and budget time line.*

*Another discussion took place relative to the use of fund balance.*

**V.      Adjournment**

**Summary:**      *The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM*