

# Allegheny County Council

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2008**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Budget and Finance**

*William Russell Robinson, Chair; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Mike Finnerty, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Chuck McCullough - Members*

**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 in attendance: Mr. Flynn, Ms. Griser, and Mr. Uber*

*Recognized attendees: Pat Valentine, Human Services*

*Council Staff in attendance: John Mascio, Jennifer Liptak, and Jared Barker*

**II. Roll Call**

***Roll Call:*** Present: Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, Chair William Robinson, Council Member Rich Fitzgerald, and Council Member Nick Futules  
Absent: Jim Burn, John DeFazio, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Chuck McCullough

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. 4097-08** Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 13 & May 27, 2008 Budget & Finance Committee Meetings.

**Action:** **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Drozd, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

***Votes:*** Yes: 3 - Drozd, Finnerty and Chair Robinson  
Abstain: 1 - Cleary  
Absent: 6 - Burn, DeFazio, Gastgeb, Green, Macey and McCullough  
Non-Member: 2 - Council Member Fitzgerald and Council Member Futules

**Resolution**

**4073-08** A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2008 (Submission #08-08).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Ms. Liptak provided the Committee with a summary of the bill. Ms. Cleary asked about the 12.8 million dollars for Mental Health Operations. Ms. Liptak said that most of it would be used to help relocate residents of Mayview State Hospital.*

*Mr. Drozd said that there were concerns within his community regarding where some of these people are being placed. He said that the County should be more cognizant of their concerns.*

*The Chair said that Mr. Drozd's point is well taken and that the County should be mindful of transitioning these people back into communities. He said that he will invite Human Services Director Marc Cherna to a Committee meeting to discuss the transition*

process.

*The Chair asked Mr. Flynn how the 12.8 million dollars would be utilized. Mr. Flynn deferred to Ms. Valentine. Ms. Valentine provided the Committee with a detailed explanation of the processes involved. She said that the time line for closure of the civil section of Mayview is December 31, 2008. She said that those are the patients that have no involvement with criminal court. She said that the forensic section are those that have been arrested and arraigned and thought to have psychiatric disorders. Mr. Finnerty asked where the forensic section is moving. Ms. Valentine said to another State hospital.*

*The Chair asked how the money would be spent. Ms. Valentine said that most of the money would be spent on housing and staff. She continued to answer numerous questions from the committee.*

*Mr. Drozd asked if whole process was cost effective for the County. Ms. Valentine said it was.*

*The Chair said that Council needs to be reassured about the success and efficiency of the program so that they can share this with their constituents. He asked Ms. Valentine to keep Council in the loop. Ms. Valentine said that there is a website which provides meeting minutes, updates on implementation, monthly infrastructure reports, and much more information regarding this.*

*The Chair asked if she would provide Ms. Liptak with distilled information and Ms. Liptak will pass it on to him. Ms. Valentine said she would do that.*

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

#### V. Adjournment

**Summary:** *The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM*