

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

Robert Palmosina, Chair; Liv Bennett, Sam DeMarco, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and Bob Macey, Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee(s)

Mary C. Soroka, Director, Budget and Finance or Designee(s)

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Ms. Soroka was present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

Ms. Roka and Mr. Varhola were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 1 - Robert Palmosina

Members Absent: 0

Members Phone: 6 - Olivia Bennett, Sam DeMarco, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and Bob Macey

Members Non-Members: 4 - Patrick Catena, Anita Prizio, Paul Zavarella and Bethany Hallam

III. Approval of Minutes

[11567-20](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2020 meeting of the Committee on Budget & Finance.

**A motion was made by Duerr, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Passed.
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[11564-20](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2020 (Submission #06-20).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

A motion was made by Mr. Macey and seconded by Mr. Duerr to bring this topic to the floor for discussion. This motion passed without objection.

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that this funding is separate from the funding that Council has already approved relating to the CARES Act. He noted that this funding is specifically for nursing homes and expenditures that would help Kane. Mr. McKain noted that the funding would assist Kane with personnel, disinfectant equipment, PPE, televisions in all of the rooms and that will in turn benefit the residents because they often have to share an area and this will allow for social distancing. Mr. McKain noted that there is a dashboard that will get sent to Council that will be updated daily on the plan for the \$212 million and how it was expensed. He noted that Ms. Soroka has to ensure that entities, such as

communities and fire departments, are able to sustain and complete a federal audit. Mr. McKain noted this funding is specifically from the state of Pennsylvania for nursing homes in addition to what was already approved by Council.

Mr. McKain noted that the Heinz Endowment grant is for the Public Defender and he proud of their work in recent years. Mr. McKain discussed the hiring of social workers for the first time a few years ago within the department. He noted the target of the grant is for services for delinquent youth, building and developing an educational plan that is for every youth represented by the Public Defender and for individuals waiting to get back into school.

Mr. McKain noted that the BJA grant is to help support the coronavirus emergency relief fund. He noted funding will be used for individuals when they go to alternative housing and for resources that can help these individuals with PPE, such as thermometers and sanitation services to help clean these facilities. Mr. McKain also noted that funding will help clean and protect employees, visitors, and individuals in alternative housing.

Ms. Hallam requested to receive a more detailed line item breakdown and Mr. McKain made note of that request and stated there will be an effort to work towards it.

A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20.