

# Allegheny County Council

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

4:30 PM

Conference Room 1

## Committee on Budget and Finance

*Paul Klein, Chair; Patrick Catena, Samuel DeMarco, Nick Futules, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, Charles Martoni, Sue Means and John Palmiere, Members.*

## I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:31.*

## Invited Guests:

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

*Ms. Brbekec was present from the Department of Budget & Finance.*

*Mr. Hurley, Mr. Exler and Mr. Earley were present from the Department of Economic Development.*

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

## II. Roll Call

**Members Present:** 6 - Patrick Catena, Sam DeMarco, Paul Klein, Ed Kress, Sue Means and John Palmiere

**Members Absent:** 3 - Nick Futules, Bob Macey and Chuck Martoni

**Members** 2 - DeWitt Walton and John DeFazio

**Non-Members:**

## III. Approval of Minutes

[10135-17](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting held on March 29, 2017.

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

## IV. Agenda Items

### Resolutions

[10132-17](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2017 (Submission #04-17).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill.*

*Mr. McKain noted that the HACP grant is typically budgeted each year, and that an amount of \$360,000 had been estimated based on prior years, but that an additional \$65,000 had been received. Mr. McKain discussed the general parameters of the services that are offered in housing communities.*

*Mr. Hurley discussed the Community Development Block Grant budgeting process, noting that past practice is to appropriate the Department's administrative funding, but to hold off on appropriating the amount for the individual grants until the grant decisions had been made. Mr. Hurley discussed the history of the CDBG program and described how five communities in the County opt out of the program.*

*Mr. Hurley noted that the Department received 792 proposals and funded almost 400 of*

*those in the past three years, with total requests of over \$70 million and total awards running closer to \$25 million. Mr. Hurley indicated that 75% of the funds have to be granted to low or moderate income communities, and that most of the requests that are denied due to income guidelines.*

*Mr. Hurley noted that the current administration and Congress are moving towards not altering the current year's budget for the CDBG program, so he is confident that the program will be funded unless there is a budget impasse. Director Hurley indicated that HUD has informed the Department to submit the County's CDBG plan as though the current funding levels would be preserved, which has been done.*

*Mr. Hurley noted that there were 216 applications requesting just under \$22 million in funding requests, with about 53% of the requests being granted in whole or in part in 55 municipalities. Mr. Hurley indicated that water and sewer projects are not eligible for funding, and that this ruled several communities' proposals out.*

*In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Hurley described the process of moving forward with a grant once it is selected for funding, noting that contracting, bidding, prevailing wage, and other processes come into play. Mr. Hurley indicated that no funding is granted up front; all is provided as reimbursements for projects once they demonstrate compliance with all federal and other statutory and regulatory requirements.*

*In response to a question from Mr. DeMarco, Mr. Hurley noted that the total appropriation of \$12,888,600 is the same amount that was proposed for appropriation in last fall's budget process.*

*In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Hurley and Mr. McKain described the process of notifying the selected projects and municipalities.*

**A motion was made by Catena, seconded by DeMarco, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## **V. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:46.*