

# Allegheny County Council

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

4:30 PM

Conference Room 1

## Committee on Budget and Finance

*Paul Klein, Chair; Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Bob Macey, Sue Means, John Palmiere  
and Paul Zavarella, Members.*

## I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:32.*

### Invited Guests:

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

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

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

*Ms. Soroka, Ms. Perez, Mr. Rambo, Mr. Lentz, Mr. Cox and Mr. Humenik were present from the Department of Budget & Finance.*

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

## II. Roll Call

**Members Present:** 1 - Paul Klein

**Members Absent:** 4 - Sam DeMarco ,Bob Macey,Chuck Martoni andJohn Palmiere

**Members Phone:** 2 - Nick Futules andSue Means

## III. Approval of Minutes

### [11087-19](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee on Budget and Finance meeting held on April 17, 2019.

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

## IV. Agenda Items

### Resolutions

### [11072-19](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2019 (Submission #02-19).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Ms. Soroka, Mr. Rambo and Ms. Humenik summarized its provisions, noting that the resolution would allow for the acceptance of \$100,000 in new grant funding for the County Police Department to purchase five used vehicles for use as undercover vehicles by the Drug Task Force, and just over \$1.2 million in new grant funding for use by the Department of Human Services for housing support and case management enhancements for individuals with opioid use disorder in an attempt to promote domestic stability and reduce recidivism in individuals aged 18 and over. Ms. Soroka noted that neither grant requires a County match, and both are Federal grant programs.*

*In response to questions from Ms. Means, Ms. Soroka clarified that the vehicles, while new to the County, will be pre-owned, and that it is anticipated that there will be some*

*amount of funding left over in order to assist in re-conditioning the vehicles once they have been used by the Task Force. Ms. Soroka also noted that a second year of funding can be secured under this particular grant program, and that the application for that revenue is in process, and indicated that the Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area includes Allegheny, Washington and Beaver Counties in Pennsylvania, along with counties in Kentucky and Ohio.*

*In response to questions from Mr. Futules, Ms. Soroka indicated that the cars to be purchased will be used so that they can look like they are plausibly used in drug transactions.*

*In response to questions from Ms. Means, Ms. Soroka reiterated the grant amount and the lack of a required County match, indicated that there is no information relating to whether the grant is renewable or not at this time, and that the County served over 2,000 individuals with opioid use disorder in 2016-17.*

*In response to a question from the Chair, Ms. Soroka indicated that the recipients of the services funded through the grant are likely to be individuals who are already receiving services from Human Services.*

*In response to questions from Ms. Means, Ms. Soroka indicated that she is unaware at present exactly what type(s) of housing would be funded through the grant, but noted that Human Services is already providing services and thus should be well-placed to ensure that environments are appropriate, and offered to request and share additional information.*

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

## **V. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.*