

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 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, 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 Present: Amy Griser, Budget and Finance Director; Derek Uber, Assistant County Manager*

Council Staff Present: Jennifer Liptak, Jared Barker, Stephanie Buka

II. Roll Call

Summary: *Ex-Officio Member Present: Rich Fitzgerald*

Roll Call: Present: Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, Bob Macey, and Chair William Robinson

Absent: Jim Burn, Vince Gastgeb, and Chuck McCullough

III. Approval of Minutes

3861-08 Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2008 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.

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

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinance**

3675-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing the County Solicitor to pursue a legal remedy against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in order to recover any revenues that may be due to the County as a result of continuing County funding of the state's court system.

Sponsors: Matt Drozd

Summary: *Chairman Robinson said Ms. Liptak will try to obtain information from the courts to see if the Commonwealth does in fact owe the County money.*

Councilman Drozd said he believes that \$488 million dollars is the figure that is due.

Councilman Finnerty asked what other counties in Pennsylvania are doing concerning this matter. Chairman Robinson said Ms. Liptak will look into this topic.

Councilman Macey asked where the monies would go if the County was successful in receiving these funds. Chairman Robinson responded by saying it is not clear at this point.

Action: Held in Committee

Resolutions

3843-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2008 (Submission #04-08).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Ms. Liptak mentioned the grant from the Jewish Healthcare Foundation to assist with the Kane Regional Centers and the grant for the Heinz Family Support Center. She said everything is in order.*

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

3844-08

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny approving certain Inter-Departmental Transfers in the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Ms. Liptak explained the inter-departmental transfers in the Operating Budget and said everything is in order. Chairman Robinson added that there is nothing in this bill that has not already been authorized for transfer.*

Councilman Finnerty asked whether or not the transfer of operations of Weights and Measures from the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Administration to the Office of the Controller will require hiring more people. Ms. Liptak said it would be at the Controller's discretion whether or not to hire additional employees.

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

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.*