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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

Mike Finnerty, Chair

Members; Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Paul Klein, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, Sue Means, John Palmiere

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:04.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee

Mary Soroka, County Budget Director or Designee

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

Mr. Humenik, Mr. Lentz and Mr. Rambo were present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 3 - Finnerty, Sam DeMarco and Sue Means

Members Absent: 6 - Nick Futules, Paul Klein, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni and John Palmiere

III. Approval of Minutes

[9928-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting held on November 16, 2016.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[9925-16](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member DeMarco, Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni and Council Member Palmiere

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and the Chair summarized the alteration that had been made to the Executive's recommended budget, adding \$100,000 to the Vacant Property Review Board appropriation and deducting \$100,000 from the non-departmental services appropriation.

The Chair discussed the 2017 budget in relation to the 2016 budget, noting a slight increase in total appropriations, and highlighted the most significant sources of funding, including property tax revenues, together with Commonwealth and federal funds.

The Chair described the most significant expenditure categories, highlighting human services and emergency services.

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

[9926-16](#)

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member DeMarco , Council Member Kress, Council Member Macey, Council Member Martoni and Council Member Palmiere

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and the Chair summarized the two changes that had been made to the Executive's recommended budget, with \$60,000 added as an appropriation for locker room improvements at Settler's Cabin Park and \$180,000 added as an appropriation for park road improvements, and \$240,000 deducted from the appropriation for roadway lateral stabilization projects to balance the changes.

The Chair gave a general overview of the categories of major expenditures and revenues within the capital budget, noting that road and bridge projects constitute the bulk of the capital expenditures. The Chair also indicated that the capital budget had been increased in recent years in order to enable the expansion of the number of projects funded.

Ms. Means highlighted the increase in the appropriation for park road improvements, and Mr. DeMarco recapped the conversation on this topic from the prior committee session.

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

Discussion Topic

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14.