

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

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, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Chuck McCullough - Members

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.*

Invited Guests:

John Weinstein, County Treasurer or Designee

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Amy Griser, Director, Budget & Finance

Derek Uber, Deputy County Manager

Summary: *Invited Guests Present: John Weinstein, County Treasurer; Jim Flynn, County Manager; Amy Griser, Director, Budget & Finance; Derek Uber, Deputy County Manager*

Recognized Attendees: Janice Vinci, Treasurer's Office; Pete Schepis, Deputy Director, Budget & Finance; Randy Brockington, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services

Council Staff Present: Jennifer Liptak; Stephanie Buka

Roll Call: Present: Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, Bob Macey, William Robinson, and Rich Fitzgerald
Absent: Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Vince Gastgeb, Amanda Green, and Chuck McCullough

II. Roll Call**III. Approval of Minutes**

5150-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 29, 2009 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.

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

IV. Agenda Items**Resolutions**

5088-09 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #15-09).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Ms. Liptak provided members with a description of the amendment to the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009.*

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

5113-09 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #16-09).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Ms. Griser was invited to the table to discuss the amendment to the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009.*

According to Ms. Griser, as a result of the Pittsburgh G-20 Summit the County Police, Sheriff's Office, Jail, Courts, District Attorney's Office, Department of Public Works, and the Division of Computer Services incurred some costs. Ms. Griser listed the current estimate at \$2.5 million dollars, the majority of which is personnel costs. Chairman Robinson requested that Ms. Griser appear before the committee again once all of the G-20 figures are reconciled, and Ms. Griser agreed to meet with the committee in two weeks.

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

Discussion Topic:

County Treasurer Weinstein will provide the Committee with an update on the County's 2009 revenue collections.

Summary: *Mr. Weinstein provided members with a handout and presentation concerning the County's 2009 revenue collections.*

In response to a question from Chairman Robinson, Mr. Weinstein stated the County does not have the ability to increase or decrease license fees since they are set by the state.

In response to a question from President Fitzgerald, Mr. Weinstein attributed the increase in real estate tax collections to new construction.

Mr. Weinstein replied to a question from Councilman Finnerty concerning the collection of the alcoholic beverage and rental vehicle taxes.

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.*