

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

***William Russell Robinson, Chair; Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Mike Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, and William E. Lestitian -
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 in attendance: Mr. Flynn and Ms. Griser*

Council staff in attendance: John Mascio, Jennifer Liptak, and Jared Barker.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Susan Caldwell, Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Chair William Robinson, and Council Member John DeFazio

Absent: Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, William Lestitian, and Vince Gastgeb

III. Approval of Minutes

3381-07 Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2007 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.

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

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinance**

3404-07 A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2007 (Submission #13-07).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Ms. Liptak provided the committee with a summary of the bill. She indicated that the first is an amendment to accept additional funds in the amount of \$473,699 from the PA Dept. of Community & Economic Development for this program. She said that the funds are used to provide Supported Engagement activities for welfare recipients. Eligible participants are trained through trade unions with new skills/trades in an effort to assist them in attaining employment.*

She said that the second item is a new grant to fund the initial implementation of a GIS-based, Work Management Information System to further enhance communication and field data collection throughout Public Works. She said that it will be a model to apply the same application to other County departments.

She said that there are no County matches required.

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

Discussion Topic:**2008 Budget Process**

Summary: *The Chair described the 2008 Budget Process and the goals of the Committee during that process. He said that all Members of Council have received a copy of the tentative schedule and no one has indicated to him that they have any problems or conflicts with the scheduling. He said that Council will take it's own internal assessment of the financial state of the County and will be open to comments from the Controller and the Chief Executive.*

He said to coordinate all budget concerns and related material through Ms. Liptak.

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM*