

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

Michael Finnerty, Chair

Members:

Barbara Daly Danko

Amanda Green Hawkins

Heather Heidelbaugh

Bob Macey

Chuck Martoni

Sue Means

John Palmiere

Jan Rea

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA - County Manager or Designee
Warren Finkel - County Budget and Finance Director or Designee
Steve Kossert - Director of Facilities Management

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

Mr. Casciato was present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

Mr. Kossert was present from the Department of Facilities Management.

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

Council Members Present: 4 - Finnerty, Macey, Means and Palmiere

Council Members Absent: 5 - Daly Danko, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Martoni and Rea

Council Members Non-Members: 1 - DeFazio

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 5 - Finnerty, Macey, Means, Palmiere and Rea

Council Members Absent: 4 - Daly Danko, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh and Martoni

Council Members Non-Members: 2 - Futules and DeFazio

III. Approval of Minutes

[8140-14](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 5, 2014.
Passed

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[8127-14](#) An Ordinance establishing an Allegheny County Sunny Day Fund and providing for the administration of revenues placed into such fund.

Sponsors: Council Member Russell Robinson

The bill was held in the absence of the primary sponsor.

Held in Committee

[7974-14](#) An Ordinance establishing an Allegheny County "Rainy Day" Fund and

providing for the administration of revenues placed into such fund.

Sponsors: Council Member Russell Robinson

The bill was held in the absence of the primary sponsor.

Held in Committee

Discussion Topic

Presentation on the state and functions of the Facilities Management Department

Mr. Kossert provided a brief overview of the mission, organization and operations of the Department of Facilities Management. Mr. Kossert, Mr. McKain and Mr. Casciato also discussed the overall budget for the department, the workings of the City Works scheduling and workflow tracking software, and recent cost and energy saving and sustainability initiatives.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain suggested that the Department functions in an integrated fashion, with its priorities merging in terms of implementation.

In response to a question from Mr. Macey, Mr. McKain and Mr. Kossert noted that there are not any existing LEED certified County owned buildings at the present time to their knowledge, but that LEED certification would be a priority going forward.

Mr. Macey asked about the status of the Fourth Street Garage, and Mr. McKain noted that the demolition is being handled by the Department of Public Works, and indicated that the demolition is being undertaken in an unconventional fashion, with most of the current work being done inside the outer shell of the structure.

In response to a question from Mr. Palmiere, Mr. Kossert indicated that he is unaware of any history of legionnaires' disease at the Kane centers. Mr. McKain offered to check that recollection with Mr. Biondo, but indicated that he had no knowledge of any history of legionnaires' either.

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Kossert provided additional detail regarding the mechanics of data entry for the City Works program.

At Ms. Means' request, Mr. Kossert provided a detailed description of the concept of sustainability, and he and Mr. McKain highlighted some of the more noticeable sustainability initiatives undertaken recently.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Casciato provided a recap of the first two phases of the Noresco project and the funding mechanism that was used to pay for the project, which resulted in an aggregate net savings to the County of roughly \$30 million. The Chair requested a written recap of the Noresco project, and Mr. McKain agreed to provide it.

Mr. Macey asked about the condition of Shuman Center, and Mr. McKain, Mr. Casciato and Mr. Kossert discussed recent improvements that have been made to the facility. Mr. Kossert indicated that his opinion is that the facility's useful life has been extended as a result of the improvements.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47.