

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 5, 2015

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

*Michael Finnerty, Chair;
Nick Futules,
Amanda Green Hawkins,
Heather Heidelbaugh, Terri Klein,
Bob Macey,
Sue Means,
John Palmiere and
Jan Rea
-Members*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee
Mary Soroka, Director, Department of Budget & Finance

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

Ms. Soroka, Ms. Celestino and Mr. Cox were present from the Department of Budget and Finance.

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 1 - Michael Finnerty

Members Absent: 6 - Amanda Green Hawkins, Heather Heidelbaugh, Bob Macey, Sue Means, John Palmiere and Jan Rea

Members Phone: 2 - Nick Futules and Terri Klein

III. Approval of Minutes

[9271-15](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2015 meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinances

[9207-15](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Szymanski explained its provisions.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. McKain and Ms. Soroka noted that the County's debt service payments were remaining approximately constant.

In response to a question from Ms. Klein, the Chair noted that the millage would remain unchanged from 2015 to 2016 with the bill as drafted.

The Chair and Mr. Szymanski discussed the revenue to be raised through property taxes

in 2016.

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

Resolutions

[9238-15](#) A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2015 (Submission #10-15).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Szymanski described its provisions.

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

[9248-15](#) Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants Budget, Special Accounts Budget, and Agency Fund Budget, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill.

The Chair referenced the pages in the comprehensive fiscal plan corresponding to the grant, special account and agency fund budgets, and noted that his bill accounts for additional grant revenues that have been realized since the Chief Executive introduced his budget bills in early October. The Chair summarized the additional appropriations made under his bill that did not appear in the Chief Executive's version, and noted that he was removing the Community Development Block Grant line item from the budget in order to allow for specific discussion of the 2016 CDBG appropriations once they are finalized by the Department of Economic Development.

The Chair, Ms. Klein and Mr. Szymanski discussed the page in the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan that shows the anticipated CDBG appropriation.

The Chair noted that, because of these changes, his version of the bill contemplates just over \$15 million less in appropriations than the Chief Executive's version did.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:24.