

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 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:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Amy Griser, Director, Budget & Finance

Derek Uber, Deputy County Manager

Summary: *Invited Guests Present: Amy Griser, Director of Budget & Finance; Derek Uber, Deputy County Manager*

Council Staff Present: Jennifer Liptak; Jared Barker; Stephanie Buka

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

5175-09 Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2009 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.

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

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

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinance**

3819-08 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 4, entitled "Finances," through the creation of a new Chapter 480, entitled "Essential Services and Tax Exempt Verification Certification," in order to provide for a tax exempt certification and essential services fee for certain properties within the County for which an exemption from the real property tax is claimed.

Sponsors: Chuck McCullough

Summary: *Councilman McCullough explained his amendment to this piece of legislation.*

President Fitzgerald told members that UPMC will be attending the Government Reform Committee Meeting scheduled for next Thursday in order to discuss the closing of UPMC Braddock Hospital.

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

Resolutions**5136-09**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #17-09).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Ms. Liptak explained the amendment related to the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant, the 2009 Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund and the Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program.

Mr. Barker described language from the Rules of Council and from the Ethics Code after Councilman McCullough mentioned a lawsuit he filed concerning the \$6.6 million from the Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund. Chairman Robinson suggested that Councilman McCullough refrain from voting, however Councilman McCullough expressed his belief that there is no conflict of interest and stated he will vote on this matter.

In response to a question from Councilman Gastgeb, Chairman Robinson said the Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund is in its second year, while the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant is a one-time grant. Chairman Robinson explained that these two budget blocks would be considered at a later date.

Director Davin reported that the \$6.6 million has already been allocated, and he estimated that \$100,000 has yet to be allocated.

Action:

A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Gastgeb, that this matter be Amended and Affirmatively Recommended as Amended. The motion carried unanimously.

5156-09

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009 (Submission #18-09).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Ms. Liptak provided a summary of the amendment to the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2009.

Action:

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

Discussion Topic:**2010 Operating Budget****Summary:**

Chairman Robinson reported that information related to the 2010 Operating Budget will be presented at the November 4, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council.

2010 Capital Budget**Summary:**

Chairman Robinson reported that information related to the 2010 Capital Budget will be presented at the November 4, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council.

Councilman Gastgeb commented that he would like to see three fiscal years worth of data.

2010 Grants and Special Accounts Budget

Summary: *Chairman Robinson reported that information related to the 2010 Grants and Special Accounts Budget will be presented at the November 4, 2009 Regular Meeting of Council.*

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.*