

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, March 26, 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 4:01.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA - County Manager

Warren Finkel - County Budget and Finance Director

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

Mr. Johnson was present from the Allegheny County Retirement Office.

Mr. Finkel and Mr. Casciato were present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

Ms. Griser was present from the Office of the Controller.

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

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 8 - Finnerty, Daly Danko, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Macey, Means, Palmiere and Rea

Council Members Absent: 1 - Martoni

Council Members Phone: 1 - Futules

Council Members Non-Members: 2 - DeFazio and Russell Robinson

III. Approval of Minutes

[8159-14](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 19, 2014.

Passed

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[8148-14](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2008 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Ms. Means asked how much revenue may still be tied to older unexpired capital appropriations, and Mr. McKain explained the dynamic that lead to this particular shifting of funds to the specific park trail project at issue.

Ms. Means, Mr. Scipani and Mr. McKain discussed the process of obtaining matching

funds through the Parks Foundation.

Affirmatively Recommended

[8149-14](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2011 Capital Budget for Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

Affirmatively Recommended

[8150-14](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission #04-14).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

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

In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. Schepis provided an overview of the program to which the grant amendment relates, and noted that the grant will not free any other revenues up for other purposes.

Mr. Macey noted that the revenue involved is project specific and cannot be used for other purposes.

Ms. Rea asked for additional detail regarding the program, and Mr. Schepis provided more information regarding the specific services available to dependent juveniles through the program.

Affirmatively Recommended

[8151-14](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny approving certain Inter-Departmental Transfers in the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014.

Sponsors: Controller

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

The Chair indicated that he has received an opinion from Council's solicitor, indicating that the bill suffers from a legal flaw.

Ms. Means requested an opportunity to amend the resolution, and the Chair indicated his intent to deny the request.

Ms. Heidelbaugh asked for a clarification of the Chair's power to issue his ruling, and the clerk noted that the Chair was within his rights, but that any ruling of any presiding officer could be subject to appeal, assuming that the will of the body was to do so. In response to a question from Ms. Heidelbaugh, the Clerk explained the procedure.

After a short pause to allow for the review of the legal opinion, Ms. Heidelbaugh attempted to offer a motion. The Chair adjourned the meeting.

Held in Committee

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:19.