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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

Paul Klein, Chair; Patrick Catena, Samuel DeMarco, Nick Futules, Ed Kress, Bob Macey, Charles Martoni, Sue Means and John Palmiere, Members.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05.

Invited Guests:

The Honorable John K. Weinstein, Allegheny County Treasurer or Designee

William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee

Mary C. Soroka, Director, Budget and Finance or Designee

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

Ms. Vinci was present from the Office of the Treasurer.

Mr. Barker, Ms. Roka and Mr. Varhola were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 3 - Paul Klein, Sue Means and John Palmiere

Members Absent: 4 - Nick Futules, Ed Kress, Bob Macey and Chuck Martoni

Members Phone: 2 - Patrick Catena and Sam DeMarco

III. Approval of Minutes

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

IV. Agenda Items**Discussion Topic****Status of County Revenue Presented by Allegheny County Treasurer John K. Weinstein**

At the request of the Chair, Ms. Vinci gave a brief presentation in which she highlighted the County's total revenue collections summary, the stability in the County's cash receipt pattern from 2016 to 2017, the revenue received from the Airport Authority as a reimbursement for County Police services, property tax collections (not accounting for refunds due to appeal and other refund-like factors), alcoholic beverage tax collections, rental vehicle tax collections, state sales tax revenue receipts, hotel tax revenue receipts, interest income, state gaming revenue receipts, revenue received from licensing activities, and ATM fee revenues. Ms. Vinci noted that, overall, revenues are up from 2016 to 2017, although some individual revenues are down somewhat due to factors like fewer entities renting vehicles in the County and the shift from annual dog licenses to lifetime dog licenses.

Mr. Palmiere suggested that one of the favorable factors for certain revenue sources like the alcoholic beverage tax is likely the success of local professional sports teams.

In response to a question from Mr. Palmiere, Ms. Vinci noted that it is a significant achievement to have increasing revenues, despite difficult times for many local governments.

Ms. Means thanked Ms. Vinci for the efficiency of the Office of the Treasurer.

In response to a question from the Chair, Ms. Vinci indicated that she was not aware of any significant or surprising revenue issues, apart from the uncertainty that can come along with relying upon the budgetary actions of the Commonwealth and federal governments.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:21.