

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 30, 2006

4:00 PM

Reconvened meeting of November 28, 2006

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

William Russell Robinson, Chair; Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Mike Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, and Vince Gastgeb - Members

Reconvened Meeting of 11-28-06**I. Call to Order**

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Amy Griser, Director, Budget & Finance

Derek Uber, Deputy County Manager

Summary: *Invited Guests Present: Mr. Flynn and Mr. Uber (Flynn also represented Ms. Griser)*

II. Roll Call

Summary: *Non Committee Members in attendance: Council Member Rea*

Roll Call: Present: Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, and Chair William Robinson

III. Agenda Items**Resolution****2885-06**

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting an Operating Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter, by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses of conducting the public business of Allegheny County and for meeting debt charges for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson, Rich Fitzgerald and Joan Cleary

Summary: *The Chair summarized action taken at original meeting of November 28, 2006.*

Mr. Drozd presented 2 amendments relative to staffing. The Chair said that all the amendments really did was shift funding and there was no reference to staffing in the amendments. Ms. Liptak said that Council is not presented with a position based plan nor do they draft a position based budget. The Chair said there was no mechanism in place to accomplish Mr. Drozd's amendments with regard to specific positions. He said all they could do was transfer funds and hope that the administration will spend it that way.

Ms. Cleary, Mr. Finnerty and Ms. Frazier spoke against the amendment.

Mr. Drozd withdrew both of his amendments.

Mr. Flynn addressed the committee and said that he has always been very cooperative with Council and their staff and that it concerns him when there are issues raised about the operation of county government especially regarding the Executive Branch. He extended an offer to any member of council that may have any issues regarding staff and that he would prefer that to making public statements regarding individual positions. He

said that the Executive branch does not work for just one person but for the good of the county.

Mr. Drozd said that he did not accuse any individual about the direction of their efforts and did not intend to discredit anyone.

Action:

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

IV. Adjournment