

# Allegheny County Council

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

## Committee on Budget and Finance

*Robert Palmosina, Chair; Liv Bennett, Sam DeMarco, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and Bob Macey, Members*

**I. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 4:03.*

**Members Present:** 6 - Olivia Bennett, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Bob Macey and Robert Palmosina

**Members Absent:** 1 - Sam DeMarco

**Invited Guests:**

**William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee(s)**

**Mary C. Soroka, Director, Budget and Finance or Designee(s)**

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

*Ms. Soroka was present from the Department of Budget & Finance.*

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

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** 5 - Olivia Bennett, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Bob Macey and Robert Palmosina

**Members Absent:** 1 - Sam DeMarco

**Members Phone:** 1 - Cindy Kirk

**Members** 2 - Anita Prizio and Paul Zavarella

**Non-Members:**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. Agenda Items**

**Resolutions**

[11403-20](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2020 (Submission #01-20).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that the grant in question is from the Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania for use by the Department of Administrative Services, Office of Marketing and Special Events. This funding would be used to distribute various promotional material to encourage community response to the 2020 U.S. Census. Mr. McKain noted the importance of responses because the number of responses can impact the resources that are received from the federal government. This grant would assist with the continuing efforts to push for responses to the U.S. Census.*

*In response to a question from Mr. Macey, Mr. McKain noted that there were would be 100 census hubs and 50 resource partners. There will be an increased effort for outreach to individuals who are harder to reach. Radio, television, and social media efforts will be conducted. Mr. McKain noted that there would be multiple departments working together on this outreach, including the Marketing Department, Human Services, and the Health*

*Department.*

*In response to a question from Mr. Futules, Mr. McKain noted that expenses associated with this grant and distribution of materials can be absorbed by the County.*

**A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Bennett, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**V. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:12.*