

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, December 1, 2005**

**5:30 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Budget and Finance**

*William Russell Robinson, Chair; John DeFazio, Ron Francis, Brenda Frazier,  
Vince Gastgeb, Jay Jabbour, and Doug Price*

**Reconvened Meeting of 11-29-05**

**Roll Call:** Present: William Robinson, John DeFazio, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb, and C.L. Jabbour  
Absent: Ron Francis, and Doug Price

**I. Reconvened**

**Summary:** *The meeting was reconvened at 5:30.*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**  
**Amy Girser, Director, Budget & Finance**  
**Derek Uber, Assistant County Manager**

**Summary:** *Committee Members Present: Robinson, Frazier, Jabbour, Gastgeb (by telephone).*

*Non-Committee Members Present: Fitzgerald, Kress*

*Recognized Attendees: Mr. Johnson*

*Recognized Staff: Mr. Barker, Ms. Liptak*

**II. Agenda Items****Resolutions****2206-05**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny approving certain Inter-Departmental Transfers in the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2005.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Enactment No:** 50-05-RE

**This bill was given an affirmative recommendation at the November 17, 2005 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.**

**2207-05**

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budgets for 2005 (Submission #19-05).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Enactment No:** 54-05-RE

**This bill was given an affirmative recommendation at the November 17, 2005 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.**

2217-05

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, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

**Sponsors:** William Russell Robinson, Rich Fitzgerald, John DeFazio, Brenda Frazier and Joan Cleary

**Summary:**

*The Chair shared an amendment for informational purposes only. The amendment would reduce the Purchasing budget and increase the General Contingency fund pending approval of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the City of Pittsburgh.*

*Motion to approve Bill No. 2217-05 as amended: Jabbour, Frazier.*

*VV*

**Action:**

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

**Enactment No: 55-05-RE**

**This bill was amended and held at the November 17, 2005 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.**

2218-05

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a Capital Budget pursuant to Article IV, §2 and Article VII, §4 of the Home Rule Charter by setting forth appropriations to pay the expenses for capital expenditures during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

**Sponsors:** William Russell Robinson, John DeFazio, Rich Fitzgerald, Brenda Frazier and Joan Cleary

**Summary:**

*Mr. Gastgeb introduced an amendment titled "Gastgeb 3" to decrease HAVA appropriations by \$150,000 in order to create an appropriate for the County to acquire a second Showmobile. Mr. Gastgeb indicated that the Showmobile functions as a portable stage that can easily be moved around the County, and that it is popular enough that the County cannot meet all of the requests to use it. Mr. Gastgeb indicated that this would reduce the HAVA appropriation from \$7.6 million to \$7.45 million, which he feels is more than adequate. In response to questions from President Fitzgerald, Mr. Gastgeb noted that he has discussed the matter with Parks and Public Works, and that administering a second Showmobile would not be prohibitively expensive.*

*Motion to approve: Jabbour, Gastgeb*

*VV*

*Mr. Gastgeb introduced an amendment titled "Gastgeb 4" which would decrease the HAVA fund by \$200,000 in order to create a capital budget disaster/contingency fund that could be used in the event of a disaster within the County.*

*Director Johnson expressed concerns about the adequacy of HAVA funding if this amendment were to pass, and the Chair suggested that alternative sources for this funding could be found that may not be as controversial.*

*Mr. Gastgeb expressed his feeling that HAVA is still overfunded, but agreed to hold his amendment.*

*Mr. Kress elected to hold an amendment he had introduced on November 29.*

*Motion to approve Bill No. 2218-05 as amended: Jabbour, Frazier*

*VV*

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

**Enactment No:** 56-05-RE

### **2219-05**

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting the Grants, Special Accounts, and Agency Fund Budgets, by setting forth appropriations to pay said expenses during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006.

**Sponsors:** William Russell Robinson, John DeFazio, Rich Fitzgerald, Brenda Frazier and Joan Cleary

**Enactment No:** 57-05-RE

**This bill was given an affirmative recommendation at the November 29, 2005 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.**

### **Ordinance**

### **2212-05**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the tax levy upon all real property subject to taxation within the limits of Allegheny County.

**Sponsors:** William Russell Robinson, John DeFazio, Rich Fitzgerald, Brenda Frazier, Joan Cleary and C.L. Jabbour

**Summary:** *The Chair introduced the bill and noted that it had not been changed from last year's tax ordinance.*

*Motion to approve: Frazier, Jabbour*

*VV*

*Mr. Jabbour indicated that he would like to be added as a sponsor of Bill No. 2212-05*

*because he supports keeping the millage rate at the same level as 2005.*

**Action:**        **A motion was made by Frazier, seconded by Jabbour, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**  
**Enactment No:** 53-05-OR

**III.    Adjournment**

**Summary:**        *The meeting adjourned at 6:00.*