

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, August 27, 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

Sue Means

Nicholas Futules, John Palmiere

Jan Rea

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4PM.**Invited Guests:****William D. McKain, CPA-County Manager, or Designee****Warren Finkel-Director, Budget and Finance Department, or Designee**

Jared Barker, Walter Szymanski, Lori Sicard and Erin Graney were present from the staff of Council.

Tom Baker was present as a non-committee member.

Pete Schepis, Tim Cox, Mary Soroka, Kathy Celestino were present from the Department of Budget and Finance.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Finnerty, Barbara Danko, Bob Macey and Sue Means

Members Absent: 5 - Amanda Green Hawkins, Heather Heidelbaugh, John Palmiere, Jan Rea and Nick Futules

III. Approval of Minutes

[8456-14](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee of Allegheny County Council held on June 25th, 2014

Passed

IV. Agenda Items**Resolutions**

[8428-14](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2014 (Submission #10-14).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

The clerk read the title of the resolution into the record and Mr. Szymanski summarized the grant allocations.

The Chair directed the members to the questionnaires that were submitted to the various administrative departments to prepare for the budget.

Ms. Danko inquired as to the the grant to Health and Human Services.

Ms. Celestino and Mr. Schepis approached the table and clarified that the grant amount increased but it was going to the same programs it was previously funding.

Mr. Macey inquired as to contractors involved in the Head Start program. Ms. Celestino stated that there was one contractor that had been previously selected as the service provider and continued to be the sole provider.

Mr. Schepis stated that for some of the allocations there are existing contractors and others would be subject to an RFP.

Ms. Emily Kulik of DHS further explained the RFP process and bidders/providers for the

Human Services grant, stating that Deloitte and Touche has historically been the provider for IT services for the Department of Human Services.

Mr. Macey inquired as to privacy protections over private health information. Ms. Kulik stated that the Data Warehouse has been in existence for about 10 years whereas the electronic health access is a newer development that is protected with the requisite requirements on a state and federal level.

Ms. Means inquired as to the source of the additional grant money. Mr. Schepis stated that the amounts change from the grant request on an annual basis. Ms. Means requested reports on the success of head start. Mr. Schepis stated that he would provide the information to the Council Members.

Ms. Danko inquired as to the Head Start grant and the Mayor's head start program and its relation to this grant. Ms. Celestino stated that the City gets additional and separate funding for their Intermediate Unit.

Mr. Macey requested a geographic services study to see where the money is concentrated within the County with the Head Start Grant.

Ms. Means inquired as to the nature of the services involved in the programs involving low-income individuals and families. Mr. Schepis stated that these are case management plans centered around identified individuals with various backgrounds meeting the income standard.

Ms. Danko inquired as to the Head Start Funding and if it went directly to the school district or various support agencies. Mr. Schepis promised to disclose the sources of the funds.

Mr. Macey made a motion for affirmative recommendation and Ms. Danko seconded the motion.

The Chair mentioned the upcoming budget meeting schedule which has been provided previously.

Affirmatively Recommended

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22PM.