

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Approved**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015**

**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

### Invited Guests:

**William D. McKain, CPA-County Manager or Designee**

**Warren Finkel-Director, Office of Budget & Finance or Designee**

*Kim Booth and Michele Poulous were present from the Courts.*

*Tim Cox, Kathy Celestino, Mary Soroko, and Greg Casciato were present from the Office of Budget and Finance.*

*Mr. Szymanski, Mr. Barker, and Ms. Sicard were present from the staff of County Council.*

## II. Roll Call

**Members Present:** 5 - Finnerty, Barbara Danko, Sue Means, John Palmiere and Jan Rea

**Members Absent:** 3 - Amanda Green Hawkins, Heather Heidelbaugh and Bob Macey

**Members Phone:** 1 - Nick Futules

## III. Approval of Minutes

[8699-15](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting of Allegheny County Council held on November 20th, 2014  
**Passed**

## IV. Agenda Items

### Resolutions

[8696-15](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2015 (Submission #1-15).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*The Chair asked for a motion to approve, made by Council Member Danko and seconded by Council Member Means. The Chair, Mr. Finnerty, asked for an amendment to the bill which would delete a grant that was not available yet appeared in the resolution.*

*A motion to approve the amendment was made by Ms. Danko and seconded by Ms. Rea. The motion to amend was unanimously approved by a quorum of committee members.*

*The Chair requested that Council Budget Director, Mr. Szymanski, review the remaining budget blocks.*

*The Chair referred the members to the attachment to the bill reviewing the grant blocks and the programs receiving the funds highlighting that no matching funds from the County was required.*

*Ms. Means inquired about the population served by the grants and requested information on the funding sources to the Pittsburgh Foundation for these programs. The Chair*

*stated that the County is not aware of the sources of money to the Pittsburgh Foundation and Ms. Danko clarified that many donars contribute small amounts of money that are collectively handled by the Foundation on behalf of various donars.*

*Ms. Means further inquired about the recipients of the program for home health care and Ms. Celestino and Ms. Soroko came to the table to give information on the programs. Ms. Soroko offered to obtain the number of people on the waiting list for care to be served by the program through the Department of Aging.*

*Ms. Danko inquired about program applicants and if they were required to pay to take the certification tests as was mentioned in a local news article regarding 911 center part time employees. Ms. Soroko stated that she did not know if test fees were required pursuant to participation in the Career Link Program.*

*The Chair moved to the grant regarding the Family Division Security Cameras.*

*Ms. Means inquired about the program serving youth in the PACTT. Ms. Booth and Ms. Poulous of the Courts came to the table to give additional information on the program. Ms. Danko inquired about the youth in the program and when services were provided. Ms. Booth stated that court employees staffed the program and that after-school supervision was provided for the purpose of training and general supervision. Ms. Means inquired about court ordered participation and Ms. Booth stated that recipients are mostly subject to participation through orders of the court.*

**Amended and Affirmatively Recommended as Amended**

Enactment No: 1-15-RE

## **V. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM.*