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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

*Michael Finnerty, Chair;
Nick Futules,
Amanda Green Hawkins,
Heather Heidelbaugh, Terri Klein,
Bob Macey,
Sue Means,
John Palmiere and
Jan Rea
-Members*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:06.

Invited Guests:

Hon. John K. Weinstein, Allegheny County Treasurer
Allegheny County Manager William D. McKain, CPA, or Designee

Ms. Liptak was present from the Office of the Chief Executive.

Ms. Griser was present from the Office of the Controller.

Ms. Vinci, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Kunkel were present from the Office of the Treasurer.

Ms. Soroka and Mr. Casciato were present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

Mr. Barker, Mr. Catanese, Mr. Szymanski and Ms. Perez were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 2 - Sue Means and Michael Finnerty

Members Absent: 6 - Amanda Green Hawkins, Heather Heidelbaugh, Bob Macey, John Palmiere, Jan Rea and Nick Futules

Members Phone: 1 - Terri Klein

III. Approval of Minutes

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Motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance.

Passed

IV. Agenda Items

Discussion Topic: Status of County Revenue Presented by Allegheny County Treasurer John K. Weinstein

At the request of the Chair, Ms. Vinci provided a brief overview of the County's revenue sources, noting that the revenue receipts for 2015 to date are very similar to those for 2014, although the Airport Authority reimbursements for police services are slightly higher to date in 2015 than they were for 2014. Ms. Vinci noted that property tax receipts are projecting to be virtually the same for 2015 as they were in 2014, that the alcoholic beverage tax receipts are projected to be roughly 5.5% higher in 2015 than they were in 2014, and that the car rental tax receipts are projected to be about 38% higher in 2015 than they were in 2014. Ms. Vinci indicated that the supplemental sales and use tax receipts are essentially identical in 2015 than they had been in 2014, while the hotel motel room tax receipts are up roughly 9.8% from 2014 to 2015. Ms. Vinci described interest earnings as up from \$1.1 million in 2014 to \$1.3 million in 2015, state gaming revenue as essentially equal in 2014 and 2015, and a 2.2% increase in licensing revenues from 2014 to 2015.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Ms. Vinci indicated that apparent jumps in rental vehicle tax receipts in 2015 were due to correction of a computer glitch and other issues caught via audits of the car rental companies, and indicated that a summary of the actual receipts for 2015 can be made available to the committee when they become available next year.

The Chair and Ms. Vinci discussed the trend for most revenue streams to grow over time.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:23.