

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Approved**

**Wednesday, October 21, 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 4:00.*

**Invited Guests:**

**William D. McKain, CPA, ALlegheny County Manager or Designee**  
**Mary Soroka, Director, Department of Budget & Finance**

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

*Ms. Soroka, Mr. Casciato, Ms. Celestino and Mr. Lentz were present from the Department of Budget & Finance.*

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

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** 6 - Bob Macey, Sue Means, Jan Rea, Nick Futules, Terri Klein and Michael Finnerty

**Members Absent:** 2 - Amanda Green Hawkins and John Palmiere

**Members Phone:** 1 - Heather Heidelbaugh

**Members** 1 - John DeFazio

**Non-Members:**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

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Motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting of the Committee on Budget & Finance.

**Passed**

**IV. Agenda Items****Discussion Topic: Budget Hearing Procedure**

*The Chair provided an overview of his anticipated timeline and procedures governing the budget process, noting that some changes had been made to the public hearing schedule since the first draft had been made available, and that now the Community College and Port Authority will be presenting on October 27th, the administration will be presenting on the 28th, and the row offices will be presenting on the 29th.*

*The Chair reminded the members that public comment will be accepted at the start of the public hearings, but that individuals do not always sign up to speak, so the public comment period may be quite short.*

*The Chair and Ms. Means discussed the notice that has been provided for the public hearings.*

*The Chair indicated that the background materials are being made available to all members via compact disc, and that hard copies could be made available upon request. Mr. Szymanski noted that several hard copies would be retained in the Council's chambers, as well.*

*The Chair made some general observations regarding the 2016 CFP as presented by the Chief Executive, highlighting fluctuations in the operating, capital, and grants & special accounts budgets from 2015 to 2016, as well as the principal features of the agency fund budget.*

*The Chair noted that the millage ordinance must be passed before the expenditure portions of the budgets, and that he would like to process that bill first, followed by the grants & special accounts budget, the capital budget, and the operating budget, in that order. The Chair requested that any members who plan to offer amendments to the capital or operating budget notify either him or Mr. Szymanski of their intention to do so in order to facilitate the discussion of the proposal.*

*Ms. Rea and the Chair discussed the fashion in which the administration could be asked for specific information relating to the timelines for projects funded through the capital budget.*

*Mr. Macey and Mr. McKain discussed the perpetual nature of capital appropriations.*

*In response to a question from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain indicated that state reimbursements for capital projects have not yet become an issue for the County, despite the budget impasse.*

## **V. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:24.*