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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Executive Committee

Nick Futules, Chair

Members: John DeFazio; Mike Finnerty; Cindy Kirk; Ed Kress; Bob Macey; John Palmiere

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03.

Invited Guests:

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 5 - Nick Futules, John DeFazio, Michael Finnerty, Bob Macey and John Palmiere

Members Absent: 2 - Cindy Kirk and Ed Kress

Members 5 - Sam DeMarco, DeWitt Walton, Sue Means, Tom Baker and Paul Klein

Non-Members:

Members Present: 5 - Nick Futules, John DeFazio, Michael Finnerty, Bob Macey and John Palmiere

Members Absent: 2 - Cindy Kirk and Ed Kress

Members 5 - Sam DeMarco, DeWitt Walton, Sue Means, Tom Baker and Paul Klein

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

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Motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2016 meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Chair provided a brief overview of the minutes.

A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Palmiere, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Agenda Items**Discussion Topics:****New Federal Overtime Rules Effective December 1****Draft Committee Minute Distribution Policy****Office of County Council Personnel***Overtime Policy*

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Szymanski summarized the proposed Department of Labor rule change and indicated that he had spoken with the Department of Human Resources, which is in the process of working with the Law Department to establish a Countywide policy.

The Chair noted that Ms. Buka would be the only junior staff member whose salary exceeds the new threshold.

Mr. Finnerty and the Chair briefly discussed the comparative merits of comp time and overtime pay for the staff.

Draft Committee Minutes

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Barker summarized the Office of Open Records' advisory opinion and highlighted the notation that indicates that Council can create a policy for automatic approval after a certain time passes from a given committee session.

Mr. Finnerty moved to make the automatic approval window 60 days and to allow all Council Members to have access to draft committee minutes, provided that they do not make them public until they are approved or the 60 day time period expires. Mr. DeFazio seconded the motion.

Ms. Means expressed a belief that draft committee minutes have historically been distributed to all Members of Council and expressed a desire to have the minutes distributed to all Members of Council.

Mr. Walton and Mr. Finnerty discussed the appropriateness of discussing the exact parameters of the policy with all of the Chairs to ensure that there is widespread agreement prior to establishing it.

In response to a question from Mr. Barker, the Chair indicated that he would like to see the draft minutes circulated to all of the Council Members the day after the committee meets.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Committee members present.

The Committee entered an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20.