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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

Robert Palmosina, Chair; Liv Bennett, Sam DeMarco, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and Bob Macey, Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee(s)

Mary C. Soroka, Director, Budget and Finance or Designee(s)

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

Ms. Soroka was present from the Department of Budget & Finance.

Ms. Roka and Mr. Varhola were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 0

Members Absent: 1 - Sam DeMarco

Members Phone: 7 - Olivia Bennett, Tom Duerr, Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk, Bob Macey, Robert Palmosina and Patrick Catena

Members Non-Members: 4 - Tom Baker, Anita Prizio, DeWitt Walton and Paul Zavarella

III. Approval of Minutes

[11485-20](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2020 meeting of the Committee on Budget & Finance.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[11484-20](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2020 (Submission #04-20).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain summarized its provisions, noting that this is a request to create a special account to be used for the collection of the new \$15 fee on each mortgage and deed recorded in Allegheny County. He noted that this is in response to the ordinance that Council passed and revenue collected would be used for funding demolition of blighted properties in the County, as administered by the Department of Economic Development. Mr. McKain also noted that there has been communication to various entities including realtors and closing companies. He stated that the system would be ready to begin collection on June 1, 2020.

In response to a question from Mr. Futules, Mr. McKain noted that the two million dollars represents what the County could collect up to and that the amount collected will

fluctuate due to the economy. He noted that if collections would go over two million dollars, then they would come back to ask for further permission to collect additional amounts.

In response to a question from Ms. Kirk, Mr. McKain noted that this account would be controlled at the cash level and this is common practice with special revenue accounts. He also stated that only the money that is received can be spent and this account will become part of the annual budgeting process.

A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11.