County Council was Presented the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan

On Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at the Regular Council Meeting, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald presented the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan to the Members of Allegheny County Council. He proposed a $905.7 million budget with no tax increase. The budget represents a 2.8% increase over last year.

The Comprehensive Fiscal Plan is presented to County Council for review and the Members of Council go through a process of holding Budget and Finance Committee hearings before final approval is made.
Allegheny County Council is scheduled to hold Budget hearings for the proposed capital and operating budgets on November 14th, 15th and 16th. The Home Rule Charter requires that Council must adopt balanced annual operating and capital budgets 25 days before the end of the fiscal year.

On **Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 5:00 pm** the Courts, Community College of Allegheny County and Port Authority are anticipated to speak.

On **Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 5:00pm** County Administration is expected to talk about the operating and capital budgeting. County Manager, William McKain, CPA and Director of Budget and Finance, Mary Soroka will speak.

On **Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 5:00pm** , the Independently Elected Row Offices (Treasurer, Sheriff, DA, and Controller) are expected to speak.

*All Budget Hearings will be held in the Gold Room at 5:00pm in the Gold Room of the Allegheny County Courthouse.*

*Members of the public wishing to address Council must register with the Chief Clerk. A request to comment form may be submitted online at:*

   http://www.alleghenycounty.us/county-council/request-to-comment.aspx

Or you may download the form from the above link and submit or fax to: (412) 350-6499. Hard copies are available at the Office of the County Council, Room 119, Allegheny County Courthouse, 436 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA. 15219.

The time reserved for Public Testimony is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on November 14, 15, and 16. Each registered speaker will be allotted a maximum of three (3) minutes.

Persons wishing to submit written testimony may do so at the hearings, or it may be presented to the Chief Clerk at Room 119 of the Courthouse, or e-mailed to cntycouncil@alleghenycounty.us. Written testimony will be accepted through Friday, November 24, 2017.

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**Statement from the Chair of Budget and Finance**

“I would like to thank the County Executive, County Manager, and the Department of Budget and Finance for their effort in making comprehensive and sound financial decisions for our constituents. I look forward to working together throughout the process to pass the 2018 operating, capital, and grant and special accounts budgets.”

-Council Member Paul Klein, District 11
As the Allegheny County Council representative for District 11, Paul Klein is hoping to bring his experience in business, government and higher education, to the task of being both an effective advocate for his district, while maintaining a county wide perspective in fulfilling his responsibilities.

Paul is currently a professor a the University of Pittsburgh and was previously a professor at Duquesne University’s Palumbo/Donahue School of Business where he taught law and ethics in both the undergraduate and MBA programs. He served on the university’s Grievance Board and on the Honor’s College Advisory Board.

As a faculty member, he was among the business school faculty who developed the school’s service learning requirement for business students. He has served on the school’s Internship and Placement Committee as well as both the Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Committees. He was also the faculty advisor to the Society for the Advancement of Management, a student organization for management majors. In 2013, he was the recipient of the Kurt Rethwisch Outstanding Teacher Award in the School of Business.

Prior to joining Duquesne University, he was a financial advisor for Paine Webber (UBS) and a compliance representative for the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations where he investigated and mediated complaints alleging unfair employment and housing practices.

Mr. Klein was a volunteer at the homeless shelter at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church where along with other volunteers from St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Highland Park, he prepared and served meals. Along with his wife and children, Mr. Klein was a volunteer for newly settled families from Somalia, who were sponsored by Catholic Charities and provided support by the Pittsburgh Refugee Center.

Paul is a committeeeman in the City of Pittsburgh’s 14th ward. He has been a moderator for three state wide candidate forums sponsored by the 14th and 7th ward Democratic Committees of Pittsburgh. In 2012, it was the Pennsylvania Attorney General forum, in 2014 the gubernatorial forum and in 2015 the state Supreme Court forum.

Paul was born and raised in Pittsburgh and is a graduate of Penn State University. He earned his law degree at the Duquesne University School of Law.

Paul and his wife Holly Maurer–Klein, have three children, a son-in law and one grandchild.
Allegheny County's Department of Human Services (DHS) Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has received national accreditation. The National Committee on Quality Assurance awarded the agency with full accreditation for case management for long-term services and supports. Previously for health organizations, this is the first time this accreditation has been awarded for case management services.

This accreditation, which lasts for three years, is given to organizations that implement best practices for person-centered care planning and effective care transitions.

2017 Senior Fairs

At the beginning of every fall season, all across Allegheny County, political figures are proud to host Senior Fairs. These free events are a great opportunity for older residents to get all the information they need about local and state programs that may benefit them and their family.

Allegheny County Council had the pleasure of participating in five Senior Fairs this year that were hosted by numerous state elected leaders.

By attending these Senior Fairs, County Council is given an opportunity to interact with their constituents and answer any county related questions they may have.
Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2017, is just around the corner. If you anticipate voting in this election, make sure that you are well prepared.

Allegheny County polls will open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm.

- If you are not sure where your polling place is located, the following Polling Place Search Tool can help you find it: [https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx](https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx)

- If you are voting for the first time at your polling place, you will be required to show an approved form of ID.

- Do you need to find out if you are still registered to vote? That can be done through the following link: [https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationStatus.aspx](https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationStatus.aspx)

- Want to become more familiar with the touch screen voting system used by Allegheny County? The following link will provide a quick instruction guide on how to use the system: [http://www.alleghenycounty.us/uploadedFiles/Allegheny_Home/Dept__Content/Elections/iVotronic%20Instructions%20Brochure.pdf](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/uploadedFiles/Allegheny_Home/Dept__Content/Elections/iVotronic%20Instructions%20Brochure.pdf)

Voting by Absentee Ballot? What you need to know

- If you are unable to vote in person, at your assigned voting location on the day of an election, you may qualify to vote by absentee ballot.

Absentee ballot application must be received by the Election Division by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday, October 31. Completed absentee ballots must then be received by the Elections Division no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3.

Absentee Ballot Applications can be found at:

The Elections Division downtown office, located on the 6th floor of the County Office Building at the corner of Forbes Avenue and Ross Street. Regular business hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm OR Online at VotesPA.com
**Hunting License**

Current year hunting licenses will be available July 1 and are valid through June 30 of the following year. For detailed information on specific license types and issuing agents, contact the State License Division directly at 717-787-2084.

License costs include $1.00 issuing fee. All replacement licenses cost $6.70.

**To Find an Electronic Copy of County Council Verbatim Regular Minutes go to:**

http://www.alleghenycounty.us/county-council/verbatim-regular-meeting-minutes.aspx

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**Department of Human Service DHS Director’s Action Line (DAL)**

Specialists addressing your concerns & answering your questions about support and services provided through Allegheny County Health Department of Human Services.

1-800-862-6783

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**Speak at Council Meetings**

Allegheny County citizens may address Council at Regular meetings.

Visit Council’s Website at:

http://www.alleghenycounty.us/county-council/request-to-comment.aspx

*Request must be received no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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