



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

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Office of Mayor William Peduto

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Chairman Varischetti:

In accordance with Act 11 of 2004, I am submitting the City’s 2016 Operating Budget, 2016 Capital Budget, and corresponding five-year financial plan for the period of 2016-2020 to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority. In addition to aligning with the primary objectives of the Act 47 Amended Recovery Plan, the operating and capital budgets are consistent with the five-year plan; contain funding adequate for debt service payments, legally mandated services and lease payments securing bonds of other government agencies; are based upon prudent, reasonable, and appropriate assumptions and methods of estimation; and comply with any balanced budget requirements contained in the charter and ordinances of the City of Pittsburgh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In order to provide the greatest amount of transparency to the taxpayers of the City of Pittsburgh, I am requesting that the ICA conduct its review and deliberation in the most public manner through the following:

- Publicly advertise the October ICA Board Meeting at least seven (7) days in advance to provide citizens the opportunity to attend the public meeting.
- Schedule the October ICA Board Meeting in the evening, which will allow more citizens and taxpayers to attend the meeting and hear the ICA Board Members deliberate the budget, as the Board’s decisions have a tremendous impact on the community.
- Schedule the October ICA Board Meeting for City Council Chambers to accommodate the public and televise the meeting. My administration will be present, including the Finance and Budget teams, along with every Department Director. This will provide the ICA with the opportunity to address any questions that board members may have regarding the budget.
- Require Board Members to publicly discuss and deliberate the proposed budget in public rather than meeting and making a pre-determined decision in private, which is a violation of the Sunshine Act.

Sincerely,

William Peduto
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

CC: Members of City Council
City Controller
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