

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**June 5, 2024
1:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via Microsoft Teams, <http://tinyurl.com/2p9zhjr2>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

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TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1:37 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama	√			
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook	√			
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	9			

ORDINANCES - SECOND AND FINAL READING

Bill 60, CD1, FD1 (2024), "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FD1 (2024) THE COUNTY OF MAUI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024, TO JUNE 30, 2025"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:06 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:08 p.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bill 60 CD1, FD1 (2024) on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:31 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:08 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND Bill 60 CD1, FD1 (2024)
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:13 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:14 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND Bill 60 CD1, FD1 (2024)
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:16 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:29 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND Bill 60 CD1, FD1 (2024)
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:31 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Bill 61, CD1, FD1 (2024), "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR FD1 (2024) THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025"

Bill 62, CD1 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE HUNDRED TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$102,973,839) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY ALL OR A PART OF THE COST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OF AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI; FIXING THE FORM, DENOMINATIONS, AND CERTAIN OTHER FEATURES OF SUCH BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DETERMINE CERTAIN DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A LIKE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER ACTIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS"

Bill 63, CD1 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT PART OF THE PROCEEDS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI HERETOFORE ISSUED IS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH BONDS WERE INITIALLY ISSUED, OR MAY OR SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO THOSE PURPOSES, AND DIRECTING SUCH PROCEEDS TO OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OR AUTHORIZED PURPOSES OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI"

Bill 64, CD1 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR A LOAN FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII'S WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND FOR VARIOUS WASTEWATER PROJECTS, FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET ORDINANCE"

Bill 65 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.08.060, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO REVISE THE PAY PLAN AND RANGES IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES"

Bill 70 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20.20, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION, ABANDONED VEHICLE, AND TOURISM-RELATED TRAFFIC CONGESTION REVOLVING FUND"

Bill 73 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE NAME OF THE FUND ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 3.34, MAUI COUNTY CODE, 'HOMEOWNER PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND,' AS REFERENCED IN SECTION 2.96.060, MAUI COUNTY CODE"

Bill 74 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 3.60, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO AN ASH DEBRIS TRANSPORTATION FUND"

Bill 75, CD1 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS ON PROPERTIES IMPACTED BY THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES"

Bill 76, CD1 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES LONG-TERM RENTAL EXEMPTION"

Bill 77, CD1 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE REAL PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATIONS FOR PARK ASSESSMENTS, AS REFERENCED IN SECTION 18.16.320, MAUI COUNTY CODE"

Bill 78 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.97.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO SUSPEND CERTAIN DEPOSITS TO THE MANAGED RETREAT REVOLVING FUND"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:32 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:35 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS the following on second and final reading:

					Bill 61, CD1, FD1 (2024) Bill 62, CD1 (2024) Bill 63, CD1 (2024) Bill 64, CD1 (2024) Bill 65 (2024) Bill 70 (2024) Bill 73 (2024) Bill 74 (2024) Bill 75, CD1 (2024) Bill 76, CD1 (2024) Bill 77, CD1 (2024) Bill 78 (2024)
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:51 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U`u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:52 p.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2024-06-05 1:30 PM - Special Council Meeting

[Captioner on standby] >> will the special count meeting come to order. It's 1:36 P.M. Roll call >> MADAM >> councilmember pro tem >> vice-chair sugimura. >> good afternoon, everyone. Looking for to a productive meeting, second and final, here we go. >> councilmember tamara paltin. >> [Speaking in different language] >> councilmember gason. >> I'm here and ready to work >> councilmember rawlins fernandez >> there's no testifiers at the office.\r\n\r\n>> councilmember cook >> a loma, good afternoon >> councilmember hodgins. >> council chair alice lee >> good afternoon, I'm present, and koma hawaii and welcome to everyone here. The public, our coworkers, everybody. This is your county council and comedians of maui council. >> you have a quorum present to conduct of the business of the council. I'm the county clerk, luda and present from the office county clerk is the deputy county clerk thompson and legislative division staff, joy morshigi. During the meeting from the office of council service is director david and legislative officer.\r\n\r\nFrom the department of corporation council is deputy corporation council dan and deputy corporation counsel christina >> before we proceed with today's agenda, MAY I request that everyone keep your microphones muted unless it's your turn to speak. As a reminder, testimony must pertain to items on the agenda when testifying please direct your remarks to the council and not any individual councilmember or member of the public. Each testifier will be allowed to speak up to three minutes. For those testifying on teams, click the raise your hand button to be added to the log. If you are calling in, please follow the phone prompts to be added to the testifier wall. The quorum should be maintained at all time and any person who behaves in a manner that disturbs or disrupted or impedes the orderly conduct of any council meeting can at the discretion of the presiding officer or on the jury of present council MAY be rejected or participating remotely can be muted or dropped from the meeting. Examples of disruptive behavior include but not limited to heckling, shouting or use of profanity, threatening or slanderous remarks to the council or public >> thank you, MADAM Chair.\r\n\r\nAt this time individuals MAY testify on any item on the meeting agenda. To be added to the testifier log on line, 3 raise your hand in teams. Once you have been added, staff will lower your hand. If you're calling in by phone, follow the phone prompts to be added to the testifier logs. Testifiers will be listed in the order of sign up and check your place in line by clicking on the testifier log in the chat. When your name is called to testify, identify the agenda item you're testifying on. The first person to testify is steve alan followed by jeremiah salvage.\r\n\r\nSteve alan. >> hello again, council. Since the last meeting on the -- >> steve, can you speak directly into the mic. >> since the last meeting on the 29th, I'd read that nicholas crouse was opposing this bill. He was explicit in his procedures and clarifying the lack of transparency to implement this program. On the 29th, I presented my perspective but after reading MR. Crouse's testimony how this is put on the council's agenda.\r\n\r\nFollowing my testimony, I saw the comments on the news. His comments were debatable as mentioned in the submittal and opposition. The chief -- stated las vegas had five helicopters with a population of 17 -- and a what that has 1.5 million. One helicopter for 8578 thousand residents and maui has 65,000 reported and that's 28% of the 578,000 advantage. I disagree with the embarrassment to the people of maui and not having a helicopter service. We had a helicopter service here for 20 years and it's called maui one. The newest maui ne is three times the other one procured for the fire department a year ago.\r\n\r\nThe fact that the police department have a helicopter might be embarrassing to the police chief. Lasz vegas reported 270 murders between 2022 and 2023. There bring three in the -- a helicopter -- it's not helping law enforcement and serve and protect the people. It shouldn't be emotional. I'm not at a point in the police department and quite the opposite. In the past I allowed the police department to use company's vehicles for criminal surveillance purposes and the population s six times more than oahu and forget vegas. It doesn't allow for eye for a flight which is flying in the clouds sing night for night until a pursuit situation is concluded -- kobe was going to his kids basketball game with an experienced pilot in the daytime. My calculations came from the spreadsheet provided by the police department.\r\n\r\n(Indiscernible). \$6,281,800 submitted for the first year of cost with no fuel. That's 1,500 dlashz per hour. That's four hours per week or 212,000 a year. Who will dictate the necessity to fly and begin with. Where is the evidence needed and who justify ies the action. That's 3 million 681 n the tenth year. \$500,000 for night vision camera.\r\n\r\nAnother 62,000 for night vision goggles. There's six trained officers and an emergency call in the middle of the night. My favorite is the 137,000 for shipping and painting. >> steve, can you conclude; please. >> yep. It's just one paragraph. 20 k. It can be more than 20k. That's 97,000 for et cetera, et cetera.\r\n\r\nIf you're going to approve anything, you should approve a drone. >> okay. Any questions, members? Clarifying question, thank you very much >> chair, the next testifier is jeremiah salvage followed by tom blackburn richards. Aloha council members. I first want to thank you all of you for your work on this years budget. I'm here to support the office economic development.\r\n\r\nMy name is jeremiah salvage and I have been apart of a -- ur mission

is to bring funds from federal sources and private foundations to support our nonprofits here on the island which are crucial to both our economy and social infrastructure. I also serve on the board member, as a board member for the valley aisle gold runners for the maui marathon and due to the wildfires, we were unable to hold the full marathon this year. However, with your support, we managed to organize a half marathon at the tropical plantation on a short notice. This is the oldest marathon west of the mississippi with nearly 2,000 participants each year, it's the large effort community supporting events on the island. We collaborate with numerous nonprofits, provide scholarships, we hire local vendors, many many profits staff are ace stations and we donate funds to them. Through our participation, we raised more than \$40,000 we gave back to nonprofit organizations this year. Thanks o your \$50,000 support from last year's budget, we wouldn't have been able to make this event possible.

I believe this highlighted human tenacity and it was time to get our community out of their homes and interact face-to-face and interact our spirit. I prooesh and I'm honored to thank you today. I wanted to present a plaque of gratitude and everything that you guys do for our community >> thank you, jeremiah. Any questions for the testifier? Thank you very much >> thank you >> next testifier is tom blackburn followed by wesley >> chair, council members, special aloha to my councilmember tom cook and very pleased to be here. My name is tom blackburn rodriguez and I'm an affordable housing advocate and I live in key hey. I'm testifying as an individual.

I'm testifying in support of a \$300,000 budget amendment passed to fund a short-term rental study of the potential impacts of mayor business proposal to permanently eliminate 7,000 short-term rentals. More than half of the island's stock by JANUARY 1, 2026. In what has been described as an effort to create long-term housing for the county. Before the council takes final action on the mayor's proposal, they should continue with plans to vet the mayor's proposal with the three planning commission, the community and to bring results back to that sha comma, chair of the county council's housing and land use committee before making any decisions to be forwarded to the full council for action. I respectfully suggest as the council monitor the progress of the report to ensure the timely publication and distribution and to look at potential impacts of the mayor's proposal such as impact on tax revenue, potential job loss, economic triple down -- trickle down impacts on small business, economic impact on tourism, impact on employee earnings, impact on annual appropriation for affordable housing fund, how many of the potential short-term rental conversions are suitable for family housing, both being one and two bedrooms. What are any parking restrictions that can limit conversion? Limitations on parking spaces, et cetera. And benefits to the quality-of-life on maui.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. And thank you for the difficult decisions you're making for the next seven generations of maui's residents. We appreciate all your work. No one signed up for this. You've done an outstanding job. Mahalo >> aloha chair and council members. First, I just want to bring up, as you know we've been doing a deeper dive into the financial situation with the jci agreement and I taught it was clearly called out in the budget details but it was not, so I wanted to tate for the record for the council members and the public that under the line item and county life cost.

That doesn't include the first payment on the jci bank of hawai'I agreement due in SEPTEMBER. I wanted to make that clear for everyone and for the record. And for the second part, I just wanted to thank the council for (Indiscernible) Process this year. It was a joe working with all of you. Thank you very much and I'm available if you have questions. Mahalo. >> thank you.

Vice-chair >> I wonder if I can ask MS. Miller to come back as we talk about this new budget >> MS. Miller, are you going to be able to come back when we start deliberating on the budget >> yes, chair, I'll be available >> okay. Thank you. Any other questions for now, clarifying questions? If not, thank you very much. Next testifier.

>> chair, the next testifier is jennifer caraca followed by sharon fanag >> my name is jennifer, thank you for having me here. Thank you for all your work on the budget. I know it's hard work and I hope you get a vacation after this. I'm here to express my concern regarding the uts to the department of (Indiscernible) Budget and the food -- the agriculture sector was neglected. The barriers and challenges are significant and cutting the funding in the beginning of the semester -- the demand for food assistant surged dramatically, according to a report from the hawai'I food bank, 37% is experiencing food insecurity in households where food insecurity occur where children, there's a situation where children go without eating and parents are sacrificing their meals for their kids to eat and many with painting the picture that food is being met. It's filling up in hours and the request for food is pouring in and community members are leaving because they they have to decide whether they want to pay bills or eat. They are feeding ten thousand community members per month.

And not all of those needs can be sourced locally. We have gaps in our local food supply. After the fire, there were -- they are massive infrastructural structure that needs to be supported. These are being built and the county does support some of this through larger organizations and smaller organizations are doing the work without support (Indiscernible). The fires triggered a mass ex -- exitus of working class. And our food producers are being left to combat that without much help. Another factor is that agriculture tour is the only sectors not covered by fema reimbursement, so this leaves our food producers who face extreme circumstances of loss of markets and the property damage to kind of fin for themselves and support the other department as one of the fewer remaining lifelines. I'm

thankful for county focusing on rebuilding and giving so much to recovery, I know that much of the office of recovers energy is spilled on building the housing supply and we need funding for lingering our food department. Our ag sector will be laced on the bag burner and we're working to build it up. So, beyond immediate relief, the department is focusing on long-term resilience and provide conservation, pest management and infrastructure, education, advocacy, all of those things and these are crate cal for building resilience for future generations to come and providing stable jobs to sustain our community. So, in conclusion, I would urge you to reconsider cuts to the department of ag's grant budget, the hidden cost will outweigh short-term savings. >> questions. MR. Cook >> thank you very much for your testimony. That covers a lot. I did get written testimony. Will you be able to submit to the council key point suggestions?. >> like suggestions for grant funding or owe >> suggestions of where you see -- where and how the county can help? I know they say they increase budget and stuff. >> yeah. >> something that's easier for me to digest as far as a one, two, three. These are three items. I hear your testimony. I recognize the need, you articulated that very well. Give me a little more something that I can do something with. >> what you would like to see grants focused through the department grant? >> yes >> thank you >> member johnson. >> thank you, chair. Good morning. I didn't vote in support of those cuts and I appreciate your testimony with all the data. Some of the grantees you're talking about, some of that grant money, do you have any specifics? I know, you know, the hotels might not need as much produce for farmers because of hotel nurz numbers are down, but can you give an example of grantees struggling? >> a lot of farmers that got impacted by the fires especially in kula, a lot of damage was wind damage and none of that is covered by fema because fema doesn't cover agricultural in general so none of the farms are covered under fema, but a lot of them are not covered by their insurance, so they have to payout of pocket so wind tunnels and greenhouses damaged and the crops. And we had a lot of fires on the westside of farmland and things affected too. The market loss was huge. We had so many restaurants and businesses in mahana to farmers are struggling to meet their demand for selling the produce. You know, the nonprofit sector, we have been doing our best to try to purchase as much local produce as possible. Like common grand is spending 90 million supporting the hubs so it's significant. There's so many agencies doing this work, so those are just a few of the things. Yeah. >> thank you. Those are the examples I was looking for. I really appreciate that. Thank you. Chair >> anymore questions, members? If not, thank you >> thank you for your time >> chair curly, the last testifier >> aloha chair. Aloha council members. My name is sharon spanog and I'm here before you today on my own time. I'm a wife, a mother of five, my youngest is 22 months. I'm a resident of maui county, and I'm a united states airforce veteran. My testimony is in support, it's in strong support of maui police department chief's palati request for a helicopter. You know, the need for a dedicated police helicopter has been underscored by the recent events. If you would indulge me, let me share an incident that took place in hawai'I island. An intensive forward day manhunt for the suspect who gunned down -- was gun gunned down in hawai'I and he gunned down kay. It ended in a shootout at south point. This incident resulted in the death of the suspect, of course, officer kalua and left two others wounded. This was a report by the star advertiser in JULY 21, 2018. That was during the volcanic and my husband was activated to active duty and he had to deploy to hawai'I island to help with the efforts there. I remember that very, very well. What the newspaper won't tell you from what I recall is that hawai'I island made a call to our national guard because they did not have the helicopter to do a manhunt earch in the middle of the night. So, this, the one day -- it was drawn out to four days and this is hawai'I island which is similar to ours, I would think. I'm not blaming anyone, but just something to think about. The states hands were tied, of course, jurisdictions, and technicalities of course, so the hawai'I police department faced significant challenges during this manhunt, and 3 highlighting the critical need for enhanced aerial support. A police helicopter would have provided the crucial advantages in the search, in the surveillance, and rapid response. Potentially reducing the duration and danger of such operations. Having a dedicated mpd helicopter would allow our police force to respond more effectively and safely to similar high-risk situations. We cannot always have this mentality that it's not going to happen here. We're okay, we're fine. Or my favorite, we can't afford it. The ability to quickly locate and track suspects from the air- >> sharon, can you conclude in 30 seconds. >> thank you. Would enhance our community safety and support of officers in the field. I urge the council to approve chief palatere says request. This investment is not just about equipment. It's about providing our officers with the tools they need to protect and serve our community effectively and immediately. And although this is not, you know, I can't say it's not emotional. It's rather personal. When I was in the airforce, we were well equipped. We were confident, scared but well equipped. I would like our first responders to have the same equipped, be well equipped and just another added confidence. Thank you. >> >> member paltin. >> thank you, chair. Thank you MS. Shanog for your testify. I want to clarify when MR. Palatere came, he said this would be a shared resource between the police and the fire and so, I mean, also there's been so many incidents in the ocean where we have had to wait for first light as we -- as there's people missing in the ocean, so I mean, right there, that has happened already so many times. Was it your

understanding it would be a shared resource as well? >> yes. I guess we can start somewhere. I just -- what I'll not be able to sleep is if this was not at all -- >> a resource. >> yeah. Yeah >> plenty of times we would call off because we don't have lights on the jet ski and we don't (Indiscernible) At night and we wait for first light to go searching for the people as well, so I mean, if somebody from the county could be searching at night and people wouldn't have to spend overnight lost at sea >> exactly, so please. >> thank you.\r\n\r\nAnymore questions? If not, thank you very much >> chair, currently, that was the last testifier. JC lawmaker is making his way down >> honorable hair lee, the hawaiian word of the day is [Foreign language] Special. [Foreign language] >> thank you. Next testifier. >> chair currently, there's no inside here to testify. If there's anyone wishing to testify on the items on this agenda, please raise your hand in teams or make your way to the podium.\r\n\r\nChair, seeing none. There's no one to testify on these agenda items >> members, any objections of closing public testimony and accepting written testimony >> no objections. >> so ordered, MS. Clerk >> chair, before you is bill 60. Bill 60, cd1, fd1 (2024) "a bill for an ordinance relating to the operating budget for the county of Maui for the fiscal year JULY 1, 2024, to JUNE 30, 2025" the purpose of this bill is to appropriate estimated revenues for the operating and capital improvement budget. >> members, we're on ordinances, second and final reading. And we will not be taking individual testimony for individual bills. We call on all ordinances for second reading.\r\n\r\nVice-chair sugimura. >> thank you, chair. An exciting day for us. Could I ask the -- if there's no objections, MAY I ask the clerk to call up other bills up for second and final reading on the agenda. >> no objection >> quick -- city mayor, let's say yours first because I understand you are going to an amendment. >> should we take it up now? >> yeah.\r\n\r\n>> you don't want to go through all the bills? >> no >> okay. On the backwards field but you're the boss >> members, you'll receive copies of amendments 74 for bill 60, cd1, fd12024, fiscal year 2025 budget bill. And if MS. Millcommercial can be available and we have christina here, and members, this adds a condition to clarify the appropriation for debt service. >> excuse me, vice-chair. Chair, with your permission, vice-chair, did you want to make a motion to pass bill 60 on the first -- second reading >> okay.\r\n\r\nWe're taking up bill 60 only right now >> okay. So, we'll do that. >> I make a motion to pass bill 60cd1fd12024 >> second. >> on second reading. >> it has been moved and seconded by sugimura and kama to pass fd12024 on second and final reading. Discussion. Vice-chair sugimura.\r\n\r\n>> okay. Thank you. I'll make a motion for the rest later. So, this time I would like to amend section 3b6 point g, department of finance countywide costs, item 3, issue znsver and debt service by inserting a new conversation to read as follows. Appropriations for debt service can be viewed as ratification of contracts and leases not previously approved by the council >> second. >> this was attached to you. >> pro tem kama to make this change -- to add this condition.\r\n\r\nDiscussion, vice-chair sugimura. >> thank you. This condition assures if council -- if council approval is needed for any contracts or leases, the fiscal year 25 budget ordinance is not ratifying those contracts or leases by including related appropriation for debt service. You have received mark-up copy on page 8, bill 6, cd -- fd2 version, in the motion is approved. >> okay. Do you want to explain a little bit more about describing the particular project you had in mind? >> thank you for allowing me to do this.\r\n\r\nAs you know, members, the Johnson Control Inc. Contract that came up at first reading, which was discussed in my budget committee for more information and during this process, council found out that administration included 2.3 in bond issue znsver certificate have I we didn't know about. It was issued for go bond debt service, so therefore I wanted this to be in the budget, clarification, so this -- this 2.3 million that came in isn't an automatic ratification of the JCI contract which all you nine members were not part of the acceptance of this. And this \$2.3 million is debt service payment for a \$29 million debt that this county has encumbered to the bank of Hawaii we weren't aware of. Because of that, I've had several meetings regarding this and this is the inclusion of this language into the budget and bill 60, as I have proposed just to protect us, the council from not assuming we're ratifying a contract we have no part of or no opportunity to discuss or no opportunity to approve. Thank you. >> anymore discussion?\r\n\r\nOn member Rawlins Fernandez >> mahalo chair. I can be separate with the amendment. I wanted clarification from corporation counsel on the amendment if ratification of contracts and leases is something that was required by council? >> thank you, ember Rawlins Fernandez and chair. Our condition is we're fine with the requested language from councilmember sugimura, but also would want to see that -- that would not contravene that council's operation was not necessary for these types of contracts. This is a first of its kind for the county, so as long as we include the debt service on the debt that needs to be paid come SEPTEMBER but it's not construing that the authorization was required by the council. Thank you.\r\n\r\n>> mahalo, MS. And mahalo to our budget director, Nancy Milner for her work in addressing the item that came up and trying her best to figure out creative ways as you've just heard to address, you know, this first impression. And yeah. I'm supportive and I look forward to the full discussion we'll have in (Indiscernible) Committee. Mahalo chair >> anymore discussion or questions? If not, all those in favor of the amendment, raise your hand. Nine ayes and zero nos.\r\n\r\nMotion carries. >> thank you, members >> the motion as amended. Need a motion. >> okay. We'll continue >> one second. Pro tem kama. Then I have to ask for discussion.\r\n\r\nYes >> perhaps asking if there are

any further amendments before asking for the final vote on the motion as amended would be my request before I MISS It. Because I do have an amendment, mahalo, chair >> are there any amendments? >> I don't have anymore amendments. I'm ready -- >> member rawlins fernandez >> it sounds like it's just me and that's cool. I have a motion to amend the office of economic development r140,000 district funds and I'll make the motion in a moment >> this is bill 60? >> yeah >> yes >> oh, okay >> sorry >> that's under the office of the mayor and then I'll take separately, a second motion to amend to add a condition under the council's budget. So, first, I move to amend bill 60cd1fd12024 fiscal year '25 budget section three by adding multi history project, 15,000. Art center, 15,000 and festival at 15,000. I'll need a second >> second. >> do you have that in writing somewhere? \r\n\r\n>> I do >> it's not submitted to anyone, but I wanted to save trees in case no one wanted it printed ut if you want it printed, you can. >> this is only for moloka' I. >> I'll explain >> I received a request from the ov office to include two items and then I amended a couple of the other items that fell under the moloka' I funds so that's the explanation >> all right. Anymore discussion? All those in favor of this amendment, raise your hand, say aye >> aye >> aye >> nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Nymore amendments? >> one last one. That is, I move to amend the 60cd1fd1 fiscal year 2025 budget on page two, office of county counsel, the operations and equipment by adding a condition up to 300,000 for the economic analysis and -- vacation rental use -- I'll need a second >> moved by member rawlins fernandez and seconded by hodgins to add to the appropriation for the study on the mpacts of the str's. Member rawlins fernandez >> I'm not not supportive of this effort but I do know there are efforts of getting this information completed and in testimony we heard about the impacts that would like to be studied and that's being done.\r\n\r\nThe administration s working on that. This condition was not added. It was just the 300,000 added to the council's b budget and so, what I heard from the community on social media and e-mails and thought government is known for wasting money and if this is done by another party, I would like for us to not waste taxpayer dollars and instead work together with those that are working to get this information, so that it's not being -- it's also duplicative. >> who said that? >> the administration is. They didn't tell us >> chair. >> I only know because I asked.\r\n\r\n>> okay. Pro tem kama >> I want to thank member rawlins fernandez for bringing this up. My sense is that I didn't know that either until I heard about it. But I want to say that I wish I would have known that because we could have -- that's the problem I think we have is that we don't know -- even all of us on this table, during the budget session, we're going to fund almost the same type of programs and we couldn't talk to each other about those things because of sunshine, but it doesn't prohibit the administration from speaking to us, but for me, I would rather that this be a clean, independent audit from the ocs and we'll put an rfp, but that's my sense of that, chair. I don't kow, you know, what the administration -- we heard what they said. We didn't see anything in writing. We put out a call.\r\n\r\nThis entire board approved it, and therefore I think we should go with a lease like in the beginning and leave it at that. Thank you >> anymore comments or questions, discussion? Vice-chair sugimura. >> just clarification. Based upon what councilmember kama just said, you want your or your item to just stay as is? >> yes. Without the condition.\r\n\r\n>> okay. >> and I believe member rawlins fernandez is adding a condition to that funding, right? >> correct >> that's correct, chair >> so, are we ready to vote? Roll call. >> wait. We're on second. Fernandez >> the information being requested would have to come from the county.\r\n\r\nEven if it was an independent contractor doing this work, that information would be looked into -- it would be gathered from the same place. Again, I'm a strong proponent of not being wasteful with taxpayer dollars so putting this condition didn't, you know, pre-empt this from happening. If when member kama reaches out to the administration and if some of the information that she would like gathered is not being gathered, I think -- you know, this funding could perhaps go to collecting that particular information, so I think -- I don't think this is not reasonable. Mahalo, chair >> thank you. For my discussion, I want to agree with you, but I feel reluctant to agree with you only because the mayor proposed something 3 significant that could have a major impact on our county budget and finances. And then he does this study to -- this doesn't seem like that's the correct order of things. He should have done the study and then made the proposal.\r\n\r\nBut unfortunately, you know, he never told us about it. So, that's why we're concerned that maybe we should conduct our own study if whatever he's doing doesn't work out, you know. And yeah. There might be expenses so that's the chance we take. Did you have -- you had your hand up. >> I wanted to comment, chair, that I think I would rather call for the vote and just figure out if it's an up or down and then we can continue. That's my stance >> anymore discussion.\r\n\r\nMember cook >> thank you, chair. I like to weigh in on this. I think \$300,000 is not a small amount of money but I've heard a lot of from the community and i think the council doing a parallel study with the administration isn't necessarily redundant. It could possible lead possible reinforce the findings, it could identify findings that's variables so my preference is that the council continue with what that intent is and we're supportive of what the administration is doing but I feel the council -- because it is going to affect our budget in a major way, it would be responsible to our constituents for us to do a study and be able to have the -- everybody can participate in it and everybody will be able to get the information. The fact that the administration hasn't been real forthcoming with

their intentions, I feel it's responsible for us to do our part >> new more discussion? Member rawlins fernandez >> mahalo, chair. If this motion fails, I'm going to (Indiscernible) For consideration.\r\n\r\nSimilar to what we had requested on the member hodgins, the other rfp for mapping in lana town that it be brought to the council for transparency. The condition for the \$300,000 was not added to the budget last meeting and so, I think if we had intended to that and not added that and that was being super transparent, so my intention is to be a little more transparent about that funding and the intentions of it. And I would like to be able to participate in the crafting of an rfp since it's not going to a specific consultant or organization, a company that's going to be doing the report, so if this motion fails, I would like to add a condition that just -- I guess, I don't have to add the condition if I can get your commitment >> you can get mine, but let's check with pro tem kama. Are you willing to allow or, you know, let member rawlins fernandez participate in scoping the study and so forth. >> not just me. The sunshine law but also just for the public, yeah, yeah >> you would want to participate in the actual oversight, the creation of the oversight of the study, right? >> yes >> okay.\r\n\r\n>> since I didn't introduce this, I'm asking the introducer, councilmember kama if she has objections to that. >> I don't have any objections to that. The only use -- just the council to weigh in on the rfp and I don't have a problem with that. >> we all have a chance but usually the way things work is our staff will work on it first and then bring it to the council. But maybe in this case, maybe rawlins fernandez wants to work with staff in the very beginning, I'm not sure but it's going to come to the council >> ember paltin >> oh, I also wanted to look in various different variations of what it could look like, not what the mayor proposed as well as, like, you know, I guess, anecdotally, we have areas that are known resort kind of areas, right, like, calling the police, known to be a resort area, pop lieu what, what can that, so if we could look at various scenarios, like, if say those areas went through a change in zoning, then it would no longer be nonconforming in the economic impact of those or like if we pull out the shoreline area and say those guys wanted a change in zoning, what is the economic impact of that and various ones and the phase outs. I think all of the department districts should be treated the same -- but that doesn't mean that certain areas can't go through a change in zoning and they would no longer be nonconforming >> I think the council is open to all of these, you know, - variations >> I mean if it's \$300,000, I think we should be able to get an analysis of many different scenarios and then be able to choose which works best for what we want to accomplish >> good ideas. And all these suggestions can come together once we start.\r\n\r\nMember rawlins -- I mean, hodgins >> we both had our hair down earlier. It's very confusing. To build on what member paltin and member fernandez said, no different from the rfp we just had. I hope if we do different from the administration's one and a study provides us with a roadmap which is something that's unique to us and not necessarily admin. Maybe it's best to keep it separate but I do appreciate this and this conversation. Thank you. Thank you >> so member rawlins fernandez, are you going to withdraw your amendment >> mahalo, chair.\r\n\r\nI thought this discussion was productive. I'm happy to withdraw my motion at this time >> we're back to the other one, the other one that you need. Did we take a vote on that? Okay. So, anymore amendments then? Member paltin >> um, I'd like to amend he oed west district fund to earmark \$40,000 for gold green west maui for (Indiscernible) >> second >> moved by member paltin. Seconded by pro tem kama with regard to the \$40,000 moving it from -- where to where?\r\n\r\n>> just earmarking \$40,000 of the west now bee district funds for malo maui school green. >> your district funds, okay. Any discussion on that >> previously, I didn't -- I didn't earmark any of our -- the west valley district unds because a lot of times, I end up having to chase after eople to put in their application and that's not meant as anything to anybody because people had way bigger things on their mind than applying for an oed grant this past year but still it was a hardship with everything going on. Since that time, I've been notified that malawi has plans to do clean up in the area we had been talking about yesterday, so I would like to encourage that with district funds. I think in discussion when we talked about it, it was uncertain where -- I didn't know this was the plans. I didn't know where they would have us placed and how the program had been run prefire and pre-construction of where we were running it, so I didn't know how it would continue and this information just came to my attention >> okay. Anymore discussion on this amendment?\r\n\r\nAll those in favor of the amendment, raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos. Motion carries. Anymore amendments, folks? If not, ready to vote. Do you need a roll call? No.\r\n\r\nAll those in favor as amended, raise your hand and say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos. Motion carries. Now, vice-chair sugimura, you can combine the rest. Because only because I'm not anticipating any change. Right. >> yeah >> would you like me to call the name?\r\n\r\n>> yes >> bill 60, cd1fd1, 2024. Bill 60, cd1, fd1 (2024) "a bill for an ordinance relating to the operating budget for the county of maui for the fiscal year JULY 1, 2024, to JUNE 30, 2025" >> MAY I ask the clerk to call all other bills? >> yes. "a bill for an ordinance authorizing the issuance of one hundred two million nine hundred seventy-three thousand eight hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$102,973,839) Aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds of the county of maui for the purpose of providing funds to pay all or a part of the cost of appropriations for public improvements of and for the county of maui; fixing the form, denominations, and certain other features of such bonds and providing for their sale; authorizing

the director of finance to determine certain details of the bonds; authorizing the issuance and sale of a like principal amount of general obligation bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of such bonds; authorizing the issuance of refunding general obligation bonds of the county; and providing for other actions related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of said bonds bill 63, cd12024. A bill for an ordinance determining that part of the proceeds of general obligation bonds of the county of maui heretofore issued is in excess of the amounts required for the purposes for which such bonds were initially issued, or MAY or should not be applied to those purposes, and directing such proceeds to other public improvements or authorized purposes of the county of maui" bill 64, cd1, 2024. Authorizing the mayor of the county of maui to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for a loan from the state of hawaii's water pollution control revolving fund for various wastewater projects, fiscal year 2025 budget ordinance >> bill 65, 2025 budget ordinance a bill for an ordinance amending section 2.08.060, maui county code, to revise the pay plan and ranges in the office of council services >> bill 70. "a bill for an ordinance amending chapter 20.20, maui county code, relating to the highway beautification, abandoned vehicle, and tourism-related traffic congestion revolving fund" >> bill 73. A bill for an ordinance to - update the name of the fund established by chapter 3.34, maui county code, 'homeowner programs revolving fund,' as referenced in section 2.96.060, maui county code bill 74. Repealing chapter 3.60, maui county code, relating to an ash debris transportation fund" >> bill 75. A bill for an ordinance amending chapter 3.48, maui county code, relating to exemptions on properties impacted by the AUGUST 2023 maui wildfires >> [Reading bills] >> thank you. Sgr move to pass the following bills, second and final reading. We already did bill 60, to bill 61, cd1, fd1, 2024, bill 62cd1, 2024, bill 63cd12024, bill 64cd12024, bill 652024, bill 70, 2024, bill 73, 2024, bill 74, 2024. 75, cd12024. Bill 76, cd12024. Bill 77cd12024, and bill 782024 >> second >> thank you 3 >> moved by vice-chair sugimura. Seconded by pro tem kama to pass the bills as mentioned by vice-chair sugimura on second and final reading. Starting with bill 61 through bill 78. Discussion?\r\n\r\nVice-chair sugimura. >> I wanted to thank ocs staff who worked hard to get us to this moment today and especially james cougar, casey, yvette, carla, jared, karisa, meagan, and the rest of the ocs staff because it took everybody to get us here and everybody stopped taking vacations and satisfied time and gave extra. Besides the continuous budget meetings that we had in the month of APRIL and they also pulled off the district ridgesal meetings in the community and that was coordination on all levels of staff, so I really appreciate them. I want to thank this time to thank my personal staff, which is michelle yoshaora and michelle, and jennifer- jocelyn, so they also have to give extra, in order to supplement what I needed for this budget process. So, I wanted to thank them. Members, as you know, our budget was very focused on the mahana wildfires that happened APRIL 2024 >> '23 >> '23, sorry. Portions of the devastate -- that were devastated by wildfires and 101 lives were lost sadly, and an estimated 2,155 dwellings were destroyed and 1,162 parcels were placed in red or yellow sdoerns deemed unsafe or restricted.\r\n\r\n12,000 people were displaced. I also wanted to thank member paltin who has given a lot of her time to keep her community informed as well as the mayor by having her readings for them. Anyway. These are the numbers that informed our budget economic -- on revenues and proposed expenditures and the numbers of which the fiscal year '25 budget is based. In the first fiscal year budget, we -- we enacted after wildfire the committee's chief priorities were aid and wildfire related recover, improved wildfire mitigation measures, find housing solutions for displaced houseless residents and support social service programs that promote community well-being while continuing to provide core services countywide. That was a challenge. The mayor's proposed budget including total operating and capital improvement appropriations estimated county revenues at nearly 1.255 billion for fiscal year 2025. The council is recommending increasing the budget by 8.5 million to proximately 1.263 billion.\r\n\r\nI want to thank the members because that was very difficult to try to keep the numbers down and try to achieve the big goals and task we had at hand. Charter amendment proposeles were passed by voters in the '22 general election and before AUGUST 23rd wildfires established, we established two new departments, the east maui water authority and the department of oe resources and bifurcating the department of housing and human concerns into two departments. Yesterday, the -- the great committee approved laurie for the human concerns department and we look forward to the housing department the committee exercised caution in spending for the newly mandated department in recognition of the pressing needs, created by the wildfires. With respect to revenues, despite the fire related property losses in the behind that and up country, the real property assessment for 2025 increased over 2024 assessments by 2-point 97 billion and the higher property valuations for fiscal year '24 would result in higher real property tax bills, even without any -- associated tax increase so the beef committee raised real property to achieve the revenues needed for budget priorities resulting in the net increases in rpt revenues of \$8,044. We're now moving forward to rpt related bills to assist wildfire survivors including bill 76, which extends the deadline for applying for real property tax exemption as an increase to rent for a term of at least 1 year to an individual directly impacted by the AUGUST 8th 2023 maui wildfires. Through the budget process, we carefully consider cuts throughout the mayor's proposed budget to free up the unds and increase appropriations for special funds.

We prioritize spending on wildfire recovery, including cleanup recovery, security housing, rebuilding, and infrastructure efforts, wildfire mitigation through various projects. The department of management, these projects included addressing the wildfire permanent disposition site to contain wildfire degree, wildfire debris removal, water infrastructure, repairs and replacement, wastewater infrastructure repairs, roads, and sidewalk repairs, roadway continuities for evictions and land acquisition and wife -- fire response and prevention capabilities and specific departmental infrastructure projects.

As a community has experienced firsthand, the county's lack of housing inventory intensified with the wildfires and we recognize many residents in what behind that who had been displaced by the wildfire to remain in lahaina and therefore we decided it was in the public's best interest to prioritize housing projects in west maui. Your committee recommended appropriations to the affordable housing fund that exceeded the charter required 3% minimum, 43 point \$8 million, we focus on the use of these funds in the physical fiscal budget for '25 and the housing projects and inserted a condition that money remaining in the affordable housing fund is used west of paloma. And certain social work -- particular in the wake of the wildfires and increase appropriations for grants and disbursements for food, shelter, early childhood programs, services to the frail and elderly, mental health programs, substance abuse program, youth programs and houseless programs and specific line item grants and we -- in recommending this budget, your committee worked to balance competing demands on finite resource and how this budget would best lay the ground for recovery. I wish to thank the public for the input at our residency meetings in the chamber as well and through written and oral testimony and I want you to know that we heard you. This past year, county experienced losses that can never be replaced and we -- as we try to make ourselves whole again, we know that the cloth of which our county is made will not be the same as it was before. But we will remain strong because of our love for our land and our capacity to care for one another. I want to thank all the committee members throughout the budget process and the members remained -- to recommend a budget that promoted wildfire mitigation and housing and supportive social services and core services.

We did our best, we truly did our best to allocate resources in a way that would allow us to rebuild and the numbers in the budget represent our commitment to the county's renewal. I also want to thank the administration and staff who supported us throughout this process. I respectfully ask for the members support of my motion. Thank you, chair >> thank you. I didn't thank christina >> thank you >> my staff is quoting me. Sorry, christina and you're here today. You normally don't. Thank you, mimi >> thank you.

Any other comments before we take the vote? Member johnson >> thank you, chair. Boy, that was a lot of hard work we did in the last few weeks. What councilmember sugimura mentioned, there's a lot of thanks. I went to graduate school in vermont for the school of mass training and they told us a model where you do something and reflect on it and that's how you learn. After, you know, x amount of weeks, I sat back on a weekend and reflected and thought about the things we did and the idea that we -- we -- your first proposal, I didn't agree with, but we came back and talked about it and you gave us priorities and, you know, that allowed us to really get to the things we wanted to focus on and thank you for being malleable. I reflected on, we talked about tax rates like at 3 11:00 P.M. That one night and just, you know, if I can be a little self-depreciation, my mind doesn't work well at 11:00 at night and in the future, we can have those important discussions at a daylight hour.

It's not good for us to debate so late at night. And, you know, I want to remind everybody with the news that came out with our bond reading, aa plus. That's good news for the county that we can use our bonds in the future for really important projects. I think just, you know, overall -- if we -- I focused on a lot of things that I wanted to get done and they've passed so, thank you council members for supporting our important priorities and I think overall, it was a lot of tough work and especially I've never had, in my time on the council have to deal with a major colossal catastrophe such as the fires we had to deal with and it's ironic because we just came out of covid and I said the same thing. I wouldn't have emergencies we had to deal with something like that and dealing with our finances. Are we getting good at disasters. I don't want to say that because we're used to the terrible things happening in our community, so we -- I think we tried to satisfy everything we could and I think it was really job well done.

Thank you, councilmember. Thank you, chair >> thank you. Anymore comments? Member sinenci >> mahalo, chair. This budget, chair, was the council's first 3 opportunity to review and act on the county's fiscal plan to address the AUGUST fires. If you remember, both emergency proclamations greatly diminished our involvement in the recovery effort, and so despite having to deal with some of the blow back from the community, at times it was pretty rough. As a council, we quickly realized this budget must be for and about lahaina and our country.

During this budget process, we heard loud and clear from our residents what was needed and based on what we heard, we saw a gap in services for mental health to address the devastating effects of the fires. I think -- as member johnson said, the duplication of our priorities shows that we did hear the communities voices and in response, we increased funding for houseless programs and for those nonprofits to address the rise in domestic violence especially after the fires. I did want to also thank everyone who showed up during the community meetings in support of all the nonprofits who diligently deliver direct aid to all of our residents. We

strengthen our core services as member sugimura said, making sure that our fire and our police departments have what they need to continue their work. The survivors of the paradise fire called a time immediately after their fire as the facebook fire. And we were no strangers to the online disinformation on social media, particularly when we welcomed back visitors to the island. Instead, this council worked as a team to make sure all communities had their unique needs met and for us in east maui, that meant adding continued funding for our existing tourism management programs.\r\n\r\nOur community continues to host up to 7 -- well, 600 vehicles a day and we do recognize that lahaina, the main tourist -- destination, and we support lahaina and they need a much-needed rest bit while they built and recover. In closing, chair, I wanted to thank all of our ocs staff and the beef staff and the finance and administration and everyone who provided input in forming this budget. Mahalo, chair >> thank you. Anyone else? If not, all those in favor of the motion raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos. Motion carries.\r\n\r\ncongratulations, everyone, especially the budget chair and all our staff. Okay. MADAM Clerk? >> chair, there's no further business before the council >> is -- we have our next meeting in ten minutes. So, don't go anywhere, everybody. Stay right where you are, okay. This meeting is adjourned.