

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 27, 2025
9:00 AM**

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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: 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
C 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 2 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE HAWAII STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER REGARDING THE DEMOLITION OF THE HISTORIC SPRING HOUSE AND THE LAHAINA PUBLIC LIBRARY IN RESPONSE TO THE 2023 LAHAINA WILDFIRES"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:19 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:42 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bill 2 (2025) on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	9:46 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:47 a.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2025-01-27 9:00 AM - Special Meeting

council of the county of mui special council meeting of JANUARY 27th, 2025. Council of the county of maui special council meeting of JANUARY 27th, 2025. [Gavel] >> will the special meeting of JANUARY 27th, council meeting, please come to order. Good morning everyone. MS. Clerk, MAY we have roll call. >> thank you, MADAM Chair, proceeding with roll call. Members participating from non-public lotions should state who if anyone except minors is present with them as part of roll call. Pro tempore tasha kama.\r\n\r\n>> excused. >> she is here. >> online, okay, thank you. >> good morning, chair. >> your desk I set up, member kama, your desk is set up for you to be here, but you can be two places at the same time. >> I can. I'm at home.\r\n\r\n>> >> vice-chair yuki lei sugimura. >> before we go to vice-chair sugimura, you are home alone in your work space? >> yes, I am. >> thank you, next one. >> vice-chair yuki lei sugimura. >> excused. >> council member tamara paltin.\r\n\r\n>> good morning. It's you. Your turn. >> aloha kakahiaka kakou. Streaming I'm at my home office at my kitchen table as well. There are currently no testifiers at the moloka'I district office and I'm here ready for this extensive agenda. Mahalo, chair.\r\n\r\n>> council member tom cook. >> good morning. I'm here in the chambers, keeping everybody company. And there's no testifiers at the district office in kihei. >> thank you. >> council member nohelani uu-hodgins. >> good morning everyone.\r\n\r\nI'm at the pa'ia district office with jade rojas-letisi and there's no testifiers here. And today is my grandma's 86th birthday. So happy birthday to my grandma. I love her so much. Her phone is disconnected. I'm hoping she is still sleeping. Anyway, yuki lei sugimura.\r\n\r\n>> good morning. I hope it rains here, send us your good blessings, member sinenci and looking forward to a productive meeting. I can't get on, by the way. I can't get my video. >> lauren said -- >> now it works. >> okay. >> member uu-hodgins, is that the grandma I saw you with at the restaurant at jen's? >> no.\r\n\r\nThat is my grandma johnson. She is not 86 and she would probably -- >> I didn't think so. >> no, it's my other grandma, my dad's mom is 86. My mom's mom is not 86 just yet. >> okay. I knew that. That is why I was asking. Yes, I'm present.\r\n\r\nThank you. >> thank you, chair. Nine members present. So a quorum is present to conduct the business of the council. For the record, I'm the deputy county clerk richelle thomson and present also is county clerk moana lutey and legislative division staff, joyce murashige and lauren saldana and dell yoshida and joining meeting from the office of council services is deputy drpt richelle kawasaki and first deputy corp. Counsel mimi desjardins. >> thank you, members.\r\n\r\nYou know that we just have one item today. Did you want to mention david raatz? >> yes, sorry. I didn't see him there. Director david raatz. >> thank you. We just have one item today.\r\n\r\nAnd this is a special council meeting to address that one item, because it's time-sensitive. So that is why we have just one item on the agenda. So I will read the instructions for testimony. Because I believe we'll have testimony. MAY I please request that everyone keep their microphones muted unless it's your time to speak. Testimony must pertain to items on the meeting agenda, when testifying please direct your remarks to the council, and not to any individual council member, or member of the public. Each testifier will be allowed to speak for up to three minutes on each item.\r\n\r\nFor individuals wishing to testify on teams, please click the raise your hand button to be added to the testifier log. If you are calling in, please follow the phone prompts to be added to the log. decorum shall be maintained at all times. Any person who [Tpwhra-eufz/] Manner that disrupts, disturbs or impedes the orderly conduct of any council meeting can at discretion of the presiding officer or majority of present council members be ejected or banned from council meeting or participating remotely, to be muted or dropped from the meeting examples of disruptive behavior include, but not limited to heckling, shouting, use of profanity, threatening our slanderous remarks made to council members, staff or members of the public. Please proceed. >> our first testifier is wanda parker, followed by jenn mather . >> hi. >> good morning.\r\n\r\n>> good morning. Maui council chair, and council members. I am wanda, daughter of kenneth and georgiale the landowners of 666 upon which the spring house is located. Thank you for this opportunity to be here today to testify on behalf of my parents. We are a local family, with good and pure intentions. I want to make it clear, that we have always wanted to work together to try to save the spring house. My grandfather was chinese, born and raised in lahaina.\r\n\r\nHe quit school in 8th grade to help his nine siblings. In the 30s, he along with my grandmother, who is hawaiian/chinese from wailuku operated on the bottom floor of what became pioneer - inn and lived upstairs and raised my father there. They also operated a chinese restaurant across the street at 666 front street property and eventually through hard work and sacrifice, purchased that lot. My grandparents were beloved members of the lahaina community. My grandfather was a past PRESIDENT Of the woe hang society and, in fact he built that picket fence that enclosed the temple grounds and my grandmother was the kindest and most beautiful woman. Many of our ancestors are buried throughout lahaina. In the late 60s my grandparents ends into a long term 75-year lease with three businessmen from the mainland and became passive landlords on that property.\r\n\r\nOnce

my grand parents passed way in the late 80s my dad, their only child inherited that interest. My dad now 81 years old is chinese-hawai'i he is a retired pbx installer from hawaiian telephone company. My dad is the most generous -- sorry. Gentle maui by, he truly is epitome of the aloha, and lahaina spirit. Though he has lived on o'ahu for over 60 years, his heart and soul has never left this place. It's never left lahaina. My parents remain connected to lahaina, visiting te property almost every month, to make sure all was well with the buildings and their tents tenants even though they didn't have that responsibility do is as passive landlords.\r\n\r\nThe income generated from the reese on the 666 front street property afforded my parents to live a comfortable albeit very simple life. >> excuse me, would you be able to conclude I about 30 seconds? >> no. >> how much time? >> I have a couple more minutes. I can come back after the other testifier? Speaks, or I can -- if you could afford me that additional couple of minutes -- >> you wouldn't be able to summarize the rest of it?\r\n\r\n>> chair? >> we could ask her to be a resource? Any objections, members. >> no objections. >> would you be able to come back in a few minutes and be a resource that we could have conversation with you. >> because there's more important things -- I wanted to give you some background to give myself standing and my family standing. So that you could understand where we're coming from.\r\n\r\n>> and you can continue afterwards, okay? >> thank you. >> thank you. >> MAY we have the next testifier, please? >> chair, next testifier is jenn mather. >> good morning, I almost want to yield my time to wanda, so we could hear what wonderful things she has for us. Jenn mather testifying on bill 2. The intent was there when I spoke to you on friday and I neglected to say thank you.\r\n\r\nSorry, I'm really emotional from wanda right now. To all of the brains that go into trying to do the best things; right? For our community as we come against these hard things, come up o these hard things, everything is hard right now; right? But our historic land scape, our bio cultural landscape and the things that exist under that urban development that we see now, that we saw, that now I'm going to use this word threatens to reinstate itself upon that landscape. Yeah, I just want to say thank you, because there's a lot of people. I come up here all the time and my ideas are aspirational, advocate for preservation, advocate for preservation, forgetting sometimes there's people like thelems that exist under that aspiration. Sorry.\r\n\r\nI don't feel I don't need your tissues, I know you will ask if I need them. But what I do want to say is that as an ethno grapher, as historic research working on ethnographic report for usace and fema and lahaina and when we took in the kupuna; right? I think it was 22 kupuna into the fire affected area in JUNE of 2024. And when we were going to all of these significant places, or sites, everything is significant by the way. So that is probably not the right word. Bt these things that still stood on the landscape, these fragments of our history, when we came across them in the kupuna like for the spring house, when they came across it, a lot of them didn't know that thing existed even though they lived in this town and this was their history; right? Generation families. When they saw and awed by it, the fact when they were told it could possibly go away, and they were, you know, gasps of awe, and how can that happen?\r\n\r\nI think I was here speaking on behalf of a community that with those fragments wanted to make sure that they stayed. And so I'm hoping wanda tells us good things today, but I just wanted to thank her for being here and fr all of the heart and minds that go into trying to advocate for the best for our community. Mahalo. >> thank you, jenn. Any questions? If not, thank you. >> chair, there's currently no one else signed up to testify, but I see MR.\r\n\r\nLau making his way to the microphone. >> aloha kakou. >> aloha. >> I saw something on the agenda about state historian and hoping that we could get more, hopefully we'll learn more of the history of that place. Kind of curious. I'm going to do a johnson hre and I'm going stand my ground and still vote no on this. I heard you say it was unanimous the other day, I'm glad at least that yu are all agreeing on something.\r\n\r\nI'm a big old supporter of history. so unless that thing needs to be demolished I would just leave it there. I'm reading from psalm 26 -- not sure what version of the holy bible this is. I just opened it up,plying bible roulette, oh, lord I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glowy swell [Tkw -el]/S. Do not sweep my soul away with sinners and my live with blood thirsty men and close right-hands are full of bribes. But as for me, I shall walk with integrity, redeem me and be gracious for me. My foot stands on level ground and great assembly, I bless the lord. So I'm kind of curious to see what is underneath there.\r\n\r\nAnd if a big mo ho comes out of the hole in the ground, then don't say I didn't warn you. >> thank you. Next testifier. >> chair, we have one more testifier. And that is thomas croley. MR. Croley, it's your opportunity to testify.\r\n\r\n>> aloha, tom croley. I really had nothing to say on this until I heard the property owner give her testimony and I thought that would give great insight into exactly what best action for the council to take would be. I have been following this in previous discussions that the council has had and I just fall on the side of we are tearing things down and cleaning things up for the matter of safety; right? And said it would be usafe for this debris, for people to be breathing it in and so forth. One little property is not going to be the unsafe thing that going to cause -- I just not for a practical matter, that wouldn't be the case:that there's not so much debris left here that it's going to kill people who get near it. So I hope that you would have an expert tell you that, but I don't think you need an expert to tell you that. As far as what should happen with this property?\r\n\r\nI really want to know what the landowner has to say? And I was sorry that she wasn't able to

complete her testimony. But I wish you guidance, and good will in this discussion. Thanks. >> thank you. Any questions? If not, thank you very much.

MS. Clerk. >> chair there's no one else currently signed up to testify. This is last call. If there's anyone who would like to testify on the item on our special agenda, this is your opportunity. Countdown is 3, 2, 1. Chair, there's no one indicating a desire to testify. >> any objections, members, to closing public testimony and accepting is written testimony?

>> no objections. >> no objections, so ordered.

MS. Clerk. >> chair, we're on ordinance before is bill 2 (2025) A bill for an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the U.S. Army corps of engineers and the hawai'i state historic preservation officer regarding the demolition of the historic spring house and the lahaina push library in response to the 2023 lahaina wildfires. >> MS. Paltin, do you want to make the motion now or continue discussion with the resource person first or as part of the discussion of the motion?

MS. Paltin. >> I'm amenable to either way, but seeing as wanda MAY have other things to do, I'm open to her finishing her statement first. >> okay. >> any objections, members? Wanda, could you come up. Thank you.

Would like to sit down or do you want to stand over there? >> thank you. I'm sorry that it's longer than it should be, but just bear with me for a few more minutes and I would appreciate that. Thank you so much. So going back to where I was, the income generated from the lease on this property afforded my parents to live a comfortable simple life and fulfill my grandparent's dream of sending my brother and I to college. That property is my parent's savings, pension and 401. (K) But as difficult as it has been for them financially, it's the emotional devastation that is the most heartbreaking. We had no active involvement with our property, including any response to the wildfire as that was the responsibility of our lessee, and so MAY 31st, 2024, nine months after the fire, when our lessees requested our approval to demo the spring house, we did not agree.

And I reached out for help and guidance from the relevant county, state and federal agencies. And eventually engaged with theo at the lahaina restoration foundation to figure out how to save the spring house. During that time our lessees terminated the lease with us, which meant we were responsible for rebuilding, not them. Through our due diligence, a fema engineer, who evaluated the spring house, opined that it was not suitable for restoration. And the county and lrf informed us there was no governmental or non-profit funding or other help available to help save the spring house. So in order to receive the government sponsored debris clean up, we had no choice, but to go forward with demolition. However, in a desire to memorialize the spring house, we suggested to theo and county that we would create a feature on our property, utilizing salvaged pohaku, an idea we felt was positively received and appreciated.

This was made AUGUST of last year. Since that time we have been in touch with the relevant government agencies, in furtherance of our glean up and heard mog to the contrary or opposition of this course of action until I was contacted by a reporter following the first reading of this bill. We are now aware that there's a renewed interest in exploring the viability of restoring the spring house and we as we always have been are happy to work together with county and other agencies towards that objective. But we feel it's only fair and equitable that we are provided some assurances, so that we are not carrying an undue burden and risk. If feasible from a safety and cost point we want to save the spring house as long as it doesn't prevent us from timely rebuilding on our property as it was pre-fire and able to obtain public assistance for eventual demo, and clean up, if so required. I stand before you today, council, to ask for your promise that you will work cooperatively to do the right thing for lahaina, and us. I have spoken with council member paltin, and feel confident that we have this support.

This property is my grandparents and parent's legacy. It has tremendous meaning and importance to us, and we have and always will treat it with great reverence and love for the treasure it is to our 'ohana and the lahaina community. My greatest wish is for my dad and all of us to see her back in all her glory and therefore, I humbly ask for your kokua to achieve this. Mahalo for your time and thoughtful consideration. Aloha. >> thank you. I think we'll have questions for you.

Members? Time for questions. Vice-chair sugimura. >> thank you very, very much for being here. I think we have heard your name through discussion, not knowing who your family was. So that was a great introduction to myself and probably the community, and other council members. I believe the interesting thing is your lessees gave you back the lease.

So you are now back at the property owner position. >> they saw the writing on the wall, and it's going to cost way more to rebuild than what we have in insurance proceeds. >> it feels like based upon your history that you shared that you are the rightful people to take us forward. >> I 100% agree. >> please thank your family and say prayers to your grandparents for all you have done. >> thank you. >> so I do -- we heard in the other previous meeting that there is an interest to save the rocks.

Pohaku. >> I understand this bill is specifically for that, and I think that this actual bill as far as the portion on the spring house is kind of moot at this point. I think we have already passed the deadline in which to go through the government-funded demo, or at least the deadline is today. We have already kind of decided that we're not going to go forward with that and allow for some time to do another evaluation on whether it can be restored? Why it can be saved? Why it's safe to do so and if feasible? So thank you for allowing me this.

I know it's not technically concerning with a we're talk because we're no longer just going to save the rocks. We want to save the full structure, if possible. And yeah but if we couldn't

save the structure, which we have an expert opinion that it wasn't savable. That was our next best option was to keep the rocks and repurpose them in some way. Whether it's a memorial. We just felt it belonged on the land and to rein corporate that into what we ended up rebuilding on the property. That was after we went through the experience of figuring out if it was savable?

>> I have another question. >> how about we start letting others ask, too, okay? >> okay. >> other people have questions? One question. One round. Member paltin.

>> thank you, chair. I just wanted to clarify, if I could, with MS. Parker, and kind of what we discussed, you know, they voluntarily made the decision, I believe it was tuesday evening, or wednesday, that they did want to save the spring house. So what I wanted to clarify with the rest of the members, you know, this is something that the community had asked for. And so now by acquiescing to community desires, they've missed their opportunity to take part of the fema debris removal, the usace one. And so I'm asking her, as well as you folks, that we continue to walk alongside of the property owners, and assist them to have the concrete foundation not part of the spring house to be removed, and to assist them with the restoration, if possible? That is really our commitment based on their offer to forego the demolition of the spring house.

They offered this to the community, and so I'm asking you folks, as my colleagues, and just wanted to verify it with MS. Parker, that we will walk alongside of them, assist them with fema pa request for debris removal, and also if that doesn't work out, support them in their debris removal. Support them in restoration of the spring house. Is that right, MS. Parker? That is what we're asking ; right? >> yes.

member paltin, are you asking us to file this bill? >> oh, no. We still need the bill for the vault. Why it's for the pohaku from the spring house or other -- we need the vault -- I think it also mentions the old lahaina store. >> are you still recommending that we pass this on second and final reading? >> yes. Just wanted to, you know, I'm committed to walking alongside the landowner with the debris removal, and assisting with the restoration as it's part of our lahaina community's history.

And I just wanted to say, I'm just one of nine. So that is we, MS. Parker and I are asking from you folks. They heard the community's desire to save this historic part of our landscape, ad so we, MS. Parker and I, her family, are asking you folks to support them, as they are supporting our community, as it comes to debris removal and restoration. >> okay. Thank you.

Members, any clarifying questions or any questions? Member rawlins-fernandez. >> mahalo, chair. And mahalo member paltin for that clarification. Oh, shoot, I forgot, what is wanda's last name again? >> parker. >> aloha MS.

Parker, mahalo for being with us today. That is part of the tricky part of historic preservation, you know, designations is often times it doesn't come with the money in order to preserve whatever you know historic landmark, or characteristic, and that we as the government county, state, federal, backup that -- these laws with funding, because then it is put on landowners, and then often times what happens is a structure will just slowly deteriorate and fall apart, because there's no funding for the preservation, such as ca mau church, that is just an example. So I do support that funding, mahalo, member paltin. And hopefully the office of recovery will recommend putting the cost of salvaging what can, and then, the pohaku memorial, and all of the things that the community is asking us to do t pool our resources and have that in the mayor's proposed budget. That way we can just approve it. So then my question is for MS. Parker, regarding the pohaku, do you know, are you working with anyone specifically yet?

Or have an idea of who to use that pohaku in a memorial? >> actually, that is our plan b, if we can't keep the spring house as -- if we can't restore it as it is now in place, then our option b would be to utilize those rocks in some way. I'm part of hawaiian. My husband is part of hawaiian and we're going to go through an hawaiian culturalist. So that is what we're going to do and d it the right way and obviously look to the county and community members in that case for gidance on that (.") Mahalo MS. Parker, mahalo, chair. >> yes, member sinenci?

>> thank you, chair. Mahalo, MS. Parker for your testimony, and your willingness to work with the community. I guess, my question, chair, was is MS. Wade on? And if we're approving this bill today, we can still make the deadline to work on the other things besides the spring house, like the vault and the concrete pad? >> yes.

MS. Wade? Good morning. >> good morning. >> did you hear the question? >> I did hear the question. Are you able to hear me? >> a little louder. >> okay. Great. Ys, I heard the question and there is time to continue the work for the library, and a portion of the moa also speaks to any artifacts going to the 'oiwi resources. So all of those components of the moa would move forward and there is time today to finalize that with army corps. >> thank you. Thank you, chair.

>> you're welcome. >> I was going to ask you that, too. Because why continue on with this bill if the deadline is passed? You still have time to work with them. Good. Good. Any other questions?

Vice-chair sugimura. >> this is a question for deputy director wade. So by looking at the photos that were submitted to us, which is in our granicus photos that were taken JANUARY of this year. It looks like the debris removal was completed. But not the demolition part or movement of the rocks or that whole portion. Can you verify? Because it looks pretty clean -- cleared.

MS. Parker. Unless -- why don't we have MS. Parker answer that? She has probably been there more recently. >> I haven't been tere, but I have seen the pictures, and it's clear. The rubble is cleared, but under that government-funded program, they take out the foundation, too and the whole foundation for the whole lot hasn't been touched because the spring

house is on it and the spring house is not braced and shored. Because we could have done that before, but when it was determined in JUNE or JULY of last year, that it wasn't -- we were told they wouldn't recommend restoring it, and when we were told there's no funding or assistance otherwise, we went forward with the demo. So we didn't do the shoring and bracing option. So I tried to look into that to see if it could be done under the federal program, but apparently, MS. Wade could possibly verify that? -- confirm that, that we have already passed the deadline for that. So it's not shored and braced. It's just there.

MS. Wade. >> thank you, chair. Yes. There isn't adequate time to receive the materials for shoring and bracing within our period of performance with the army corps of engineers. So that would be something that we would need to partner with the property owner to execute. We were on site last week at the spring house to discuss with army corps the path moving forward and their concern about pulling the concrete from around the spring house prior to shoring and bracing is that we have -- it would be putting the building at additional risk.

So the preference is the surface-level clearing that has been accomplished to leave the spring house, and the entirety of the property in its existing can be and army corps with fence for safety and moving forward, the responsibility for any additional clearing would be the property owner and it sounds like council member paltin's recommendation in partnership with the county. >> member cook. >> thank you, MS. Prker for coming and putting a face, and a spirit to the property. >> thank you >> thank you. >> as far as the historic preservation aspect, was the government communicating much to you along the way as far as they have expectations, as member rawlins-fernandez commented, as far as preservation, but as far as assistance, was any assistance offered at all? >> no.

>> no. >> okay. Thank you. Thank you, chair. I'm supportive of this. I like the clarity of commitment -- clarity of the commitment we're making, I'm supportive. Just between army corps of engineers, county of maui, the owner, hopefully, in the near-future, we can get it really clarified, defined, mostly for the sake of the owner, that you are not put in a situation where all of a sudden it's like, sure we can do that, but it's going to cost you five times more than you can afford.

>> right. >> that is my comment. >> thank you. >> is part of the plan a to rebuild the property in its entirety? So the front part would be commercial again? >> yes. >> okay.

>> so that is our desire is to have our property the way it was pre-fire. So we would -- that is -- of course, we want that. >> I was just wondering if you were thinking that the county might buy the whole property? And then become fully responsible for it? Or just a portion of the property, purchase it, or lease a portion of it? >> we can discuss that eventually, but as far as the land, we feel a huge connection to that land, and my grandfather, my grandmother, they told my parents don't ever sell that land to anybody. So we feel that responsibility to hold onto that land as part of our heritage, and our family's history.

So but so far as the spring house portion is concerned, we recognize that if it -- so our first step actually is to have an engineering consultation evaluation, and I believe the county, or lfr is going to do that, or lrf is going to do that. That is step one, because if it's not able to be restored, then I think the community and everybody else would be more okay with it being demoed, and preserved in some other form. Whether it's on our property, or somewhere else? So I think that is step one. And step two is going to be determined on what is done with step one. Regardless of what happens with the spring house area, we want to retain ownership of our land, and build -- rebuild on our property that was what my grandparents wanted to leave us for future use and future benefit. And that is what we're asking the county also is that please help us be able to do that as well.

>> thank you. Members, any more questions? I'm going to let her go. Apparently we have no more questions for you. Thank you very much. >> thank you everybody. Appreciate it.

MS. Paltin. >> thank you, chair. I move to pass bill 2 (2025) On second and final reading. >> second. >> moved by member paltin and seconded by vice-chair sugimura to pass bill 2 (2025) On second and final reading. Discussion, mechanic paltin thank you, chair.

This bill has come a long way over a short amount of time. Initially there was a lot of confusion that this bill allowed for the demolition of the spring house, but really, it allows for the creation of a vault on old [Hra -eurp/]A library property and storing of artifacts, as well as I believe the old lahaina store property, which isn't set to be demolished, but also set to be re-constructed. I wanted to offer my assistance here. Thanks to the lemfamily, and wanda parker for continuing the discussion with us over all these months of uncertainty, and things that we did not know, resources that we did not have at the time, and for ultimately, you know, loving the lahaina community so much that they were willing to give it a try to preserve this portion of our historical landscape. It was really an interesting personal journey as some people MAY think this structure itself is colonial in nature, but ultimately that is part of our history, the good, the bad, the ugly, all of it. And we've lost so much, because of the fire, that every piece, every physical structure that is able to tell a story of where we came from and how we got here is precious to us right now, and so you know, my utmost gratitude for the family for recognizing, and sharing with us that they share those same values and are willing to work with us despite the rocky start we had in our partnership together. Thank you.

I respectfully ask for the members' support of my motion. >> thank you. Any more discussion? Vice-chair sugimura. >> ito, support this. And I wonder just for clarification, we have been talking about the library, and the spring house. But it also references brick palace, including the brick palace on page 4 of exhibit 1.

And is that the structure that is by -- well, the former Kincaid elementary school?
Are you also -- are we also preserving are you asking the question of Ms. Wade? >> maybe it's MS. Wade, or member Paltin might know? MS. Wade, do you know? >> I do.
The brick palace structure is, or it's sort of the indentation space behind the old library on the Makai side of the library lawn. It's not a vertical structure, but there was concern during the debris removal, if anything had been dislodged that we would need to store that for future preservation. The clearing has actually been completed at the library at this point, and the retention of -- and brick palace was not disturbed, but the retention of the stone from the library is part of this agreement. So we do need to proceed for that reason. Thank you.
>> very good. Thank you.
>> any more discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say aye? >> aye. >> aye? >> >> I see nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Thank you everyone. This concludes today's meeting.
Thank you, MS. Parker and Jern and everybody else who testified. This concludes this meeting. Meeting adjourned.