

WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

June 16, 2025

Online Only via Teams

CONVENE: 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Tom Cook, Chair
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins, Member

STAFF: Keone Hurdle, Legislative Analyst
Jarret Pascual, Legislative Analyst
Carla Nakata, Legislative Attorney
Lori Ann Tengan, Committee Secretary
Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk
Ryan Martins, Council Ambassador

Residency Area Office:

Christian Balagso, Council Aide, West Maui Residency Area Office
Kate Griffiths, Council Executive Assistant, Lāna‘i Residency Area Office
Buddy Almeida, Council Aide, Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia Residency Area Office
Keomailani Hirata, Council Executive Assistant, Moloka‘i Residency Area Office
Jared Agtunong, Council Executive Assistant, South Maui Residency Area Office

ADMIN.: Andrew Nelson, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel
Guy Hironaka, Real Property Management Specialist, Department of Finance
Cynthia Lallo, Chief of Staff, Mayor’s Office

OTHERS: Jasee Law
(16) additional attendees

PRESS: *Akakū: Maui Community Television, Inc.*

CHAIR COOK: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Water and Infrastructure Committee of June 16th, 2025, please come to order. The time is now 1:30 p.m. May I ask that all participants please silence all noisemaking devices. My name is Tom Cook, I’m your Chair. Members, per the Sunshine Law, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle, or

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workplace with you today, exclusive of minors. Before we begin, I would also like to ask the Department representatives who have joined online to please also turn on your cameras when it's your turn to speak. Now, I'd like to introduce the Committee Members, starting with Vice-Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura. Good afternoon.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: Councilmember Gabe Johnson is excused. Councilmember Tasha Kama is...is...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha 'auinalā, Chair. I'm here in my work...my workstation at home, and I am alone. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Salam alaikum.

CHAIR COOK: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Alaikum salam [sic], and aloha 'auinalā kākou. Streaming live and direct from the West Maui Residency Area Office here in Historic Lahaina burn zone. I have with me Christian Balagso, and we have nobody waiting to testify at this time.

CHAIR COOK: And Member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha 'auinalā, Chair, mai Moloka'i nui a Hina. I'm at my private residence, alone in the room I'm currently in. Occasionally, I believe my husband, Makena Fernandez, may walk past. There are currently no testifiers at the Moloka'i District Office. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. And I'm going to go back. I see Member Gabe Johnson has joined us. Welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: *(Audio interference)* Chair, Councilmembers, community members, there are no testifiers here at the Lana'i District office. I'm alone on my side of the workspace, and I'm here and ready to work. Mahalo.

CHAIR COOK: And Councilmember Shane Sinenci is currently excused...he's here?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha.

CHAIR COOK: I'm not seeing everybody.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha 'auinalā, Chair, and salam alaikum. My apologies, I'm kind of straddling couple meetings this afternoon. I'm here at my home office with my District Staff, Don Atai, and there's no testifiers in Hāna. I believe the staff members are at the East Maui Water Authority huaka'is this afternoon. Thank you.

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CHAIR COOK: Thank you. Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins, welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U HODGINS: Thank you. Aloha, Chair. Aloha, everyone. I’m at my private residence with my son and my husband, Koa Hodgins.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. I’ve readjusted my view, so I see all of you now, which is great. From the Office of the Mayor, Chief of Staff Cynthia Lallo. Is she online, Staff?

MS. LALLO: Good afternoon, Councilmember Cook. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: From the Department of Finance, Guy Hironaka, Real Property Manager V.

MR. HIRONAKA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: From Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel Andrew Nelson.

MR. NELSON: Afternoon.

CHAIR COOK: From OCS, our Committee Staff...Keone Hurdle, Jarret Pascual, Lori Ann Tengan, Carla Nakata, and Jean Pokipala...Pokipala. We appreciate all of you and your work. Please see the last page of the agenda for the information on meeting connectivity.

**RESOLUTION 25-122, DONATION OF A PARCEL AT 644 LĀNA‘I AVENUE
AND A PARCEL AT SEVENTH STREET, LĀNA‘I CITY, HAWAI‘I, FROM
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK (WAI-9)**

CHAIR COOK: Good afternoon, everyone. Today we have one item on today’s agenda, WAI-9, “AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF PARCEL AT 644 LĀNA‘I AVENUE, AND A PARCEL AT SEVENTH STREET, LĀNA‘I CITY, HAWAI‘I, FROM FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK.” Members, if there’s no objections, the Chair will take testimony after receiving opening comments.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you, Members. Let’s begin. Members, Resolution 25-122 is entitled, “AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF A PARCEL AT 644 LĀNA‘I AVENUE AND A PARCEL AT SEVENTH STREET, LĀNA‘I CITY, LĀNA‘I, HAWAI‘I, IDENTIFIED FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES AS TAX MAP KEYS (2) 4-9-011:018 AND (2) 4-9-011:019, RESPECTIVELY, FROM FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK, UNDER SECTION 3.44.015(D), MAUI COUNTY CODE.” The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the acceptance of the donation of the two parcels from First Hawaiian Bank, identified by...for real property tax purposes as tax map keys (2) 4-9-011:018 and 019 at Lāna‘i City, Hawai‘i, comprising [sic] of 14,379 and 10,510 square feet, respectively. The Administration transmitted this request, with a recommendation to

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approval [*sic*] the acceptance. We are only being asked to consider the legal acceptance of the donation. At this time, would the Administration like to provide any opening comments?

MS. LALLO: Good afternoon, Councilmembers. I don't have any specific...well, I will share this. We had our Planning Deputy Director head over to Lānaʻi to take a look at this...to...both of these parcels. And I will tell you that while the building is in disrepair, the approximate 24,000 square feet of prime land would be worth...would be worth acquiring for the County. So, we are here as resources, and as you know, Guy is on as well, in relationship to acquisition, and then stewardship of that. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. Before we begin our discussion, let's see if anyone would like to provide testimony for WAI-9.

. . . OPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR WAI-9 . . .

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, there's currently no individuals signed up to testify. Would you like me to do a last call?

CHAIR COOK: I see one coming down. Is there anybody else?

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, no other individuals have signed up to testify.

CHAIR COOK: Okay. So, we'll take our one in-house testifier.

MR. LAW: I know the rules, Mr. Cook, especially when you're up there. Jasee Law, Resolution 25-122. I'd like...thank you, Ms. Lallo, for taking Mr. Caires' position there in the Mayor's Office, and handling this business. We all know the land on Lānaʻi is very desirable, and so this is a...I...I'm in favor of this. But when I read the...the agenda, it made me think...like of banks and money is like a great interest of mine, and I always try to go back in history. So, I'm wondering...it says First Hawaiian Bank, but what...which...what was the real first Hawaiian bank? And I would take a guess that it was probably the...the Kingdom Treasury. So, this might be an opportunity for us to start a real Hawaiian bank on Lānaʻi. And bank in Hawaiian--I looked in the Internet, it says it's P-A-N-A-K-Ō, with the macron over the ō...panakō. Thank you, Mr. Cook.

CHAIR COOK: Members, any clarifying questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Staff, is there any further testimony?

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, there's no other individuals signed up to testify, so we can do a last call for oral testimony. So, for those who do want to testify, please come up to the podium or raise your hand on Teams if you'd like to testify. The countdown is three...two...one. Seeing none, Chair. No one has indicated that they wish to testify.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. Members, seeing there are no more individuals wishing to testify, without objections, I will now close oral testimony.

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VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR COOK: As a reminder, written testimony will continue to be accepted into the record.

. . . CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR WAI-9 . . .

CHAIR COOK: Members, I am proposing two rounds of three-minute questions per Member. Are there any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you, Members. Let's begin discussion, starting with Committee Vice-Chair Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. I support this, and I just maybe have one question for the Administration. What is the possible use that they're wondering to do with this two parcels?

CHAIR COOK: Manager Laughten [sic]...Ms. Lallo?

MS. LALLO: Thank you. Thank you for the question. It has...it...it's certainly under discussion. If we zone it B-CT, Business-Country Town zoning will allow for the most flexible use for community gathering space, and similar uses such as that.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Okay. Councilmember Johnson. If any questions clarifying...I mean any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, for discussion, Chair. Thank you. Thank you all for being here. And boy, this is very exciting for our little community of Lānaʻi, which this...this bank has been a bank for over 100 years, and they left us, but they are willing to donate it to the community. So, this is like once in a 100 years' lifetime to actually get something, like the parcel like this on the square. So, of course, I'm in full support. So, my questions for the Department is, how did the assessment go? Can maybe we get into was there any cost associated with this? Will there be money needed to renovate it?

CHAIR COOK: Ms. Lallo...or Mr. Hironaka...

MS. LALLO: Yeah. Thank you for the question, and...and maybe...and maybe Guy can assist here. But as we know, the building itself is in disrepair, so it would take a significant amount of funding to repair the building. But, Guy, do you have anything to add here?

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MR. HIRONAKA: The only information that we have is what's in the assessment records. You know, we know that the building is about 2,000 square feet, 2,009 square feet, and, you know, that it has been assessed, but, you know, we don't know what would...it would cost to rehabilitate it, so...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. You know, I know I'm...I'm on limited time, so I'm going to just jump into use. I understand, Ms. Lallo, that some of the, you know, Councilmember asked about...about the uses of it, and you said gathering spaces for the community. I'd support that. You know, the...MEMA is looking for a space, our nonprofits, when they come to Lānaʻi, they need places to do...you know, have an office, and maybe even...if we are looking at renovations, you could have something where they could sleep there. Because people...we want our people to come and service the community, and sometimes the flights don't...don't really work out. The Lānaʻi District Office would be nice to be there because you wouldn't be under the company's thumb, you could, you know, have a little bit more, I...I guess, freedoms, and I just...I just wanted to add that. But those are the kind of uses. The commercial kitchen could be used, you know...could be a use. I'm really curious of what the Department's vision is. The Wi-Fi hotspots for digital exporting, we just had a...a class like that here, and we know that our community doesn't really have that. So, I guess the overall...the timeline, maybe, you know, you can speak to the timeline, Ms. Lallo, on when you guys...will you do public outreach, and what, you know, the timeline of that, and what we'll know.

MS. LALLO: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you for that discussion point. I think obviously, it...the whole purpose is for the community, so community listening sessions and conversations with what the community kind of envisioned there, which is probably . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . a much greater vision than what all of us can come up with. So, we would want to engage. And here's what we know about acquiring properties, right, is that they need to be stewarded, and they need to be done at...just ethically, right? We need to have a plan in place. So, I would suspect that those community listening sessions would happen forthwith, right, just because of that, right? We don't want it to continue to sit and deteriorate, and be an issue for the community.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, Ms. Lallo, which Department should I be outreaching to to speak on this? Should it be...I mean, do you have a suggestion who's going to be overseeing it...the process?

MS. LALLO: Sure, that's a great question. And I...I would suspect that we will have Josiah in on this conversation. As I told you, Planning went over and made the initial assessment.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

MS. LALLO: So, Department of Management, I suspect. They, I heard, just hired an incredible EA...Pria went over to Department of Management. So, I would...that's who...that's who I would connect with, Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

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CHAIR COOK: Thank you. That's your time.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: All right. Thank you so much. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: And then, Members, I'll remind you that basically, our...on our agenda today, it's principally to accept...accept it. I have questions too, but that's kind of where...main deal today. Member Kama, any...any...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I just...I just wanted to clarify what I thought I heard you say so far twice, that...that today's agenda is just to accept a resolution...or approve the resolution; is that correct? And not ask a whole lot of other questions as to...

CHAIR COOK: Our...our principle...it's stated in the agenda that it's to authorize the acceptance of the property...authorizing the Administration to accept the property. We have time, you can ask questions.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, are we --

CHAIR COOK: You have time, we can ask, I'm...just as long as we don't get on the line, and we don't get corrected. I was just clarifying that aspect of it.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Because I was going to ask a similar type of question that Mr. Johnson was asking in terms of, you know, the community engagement part, in terms of if, as Ms. Lallo mentioned, that...you know, certainly, community space would be used with--I'm not sure if both properties or one property, but certainly, that was going to occur...and if community engagement was going to occur also, in terms of what this community would like to see, in terms of what it looks like, and how big it should be, and...and those things, and so on, and so forth. So, those...that's my question.

CHAIR COOK: Is that to Ms. Lallo, or...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

CHAIR COOK: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

MS. LALLO: Thank you, Councilmember. I would just reiterate that the conversation with the community will be essential before we decide to move forward on anything. It will need to see their vision come to life within the parameters that we have.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah. Right. So you're looking at the one parcel, or both parcels? Or using one for community, and one for...maybe something else, County-uses purpose?

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MS. LALLO: Yes. Thank you for that. It's undetermined at this point. I think we'll need to first get a good assessment with the community, and then decide from there. We also, obviously, needs to be pushed by the need, so working with Councilmember Johnson and his crew will be important.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Okay. Well, that's all my questions, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. Councilmember Paltin, you have any questions for the presenters?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure. Thank you. I heard the building is in disrepair, and that it had been...been...the company had been in the community for over 100 years. I was wondering if the building is designated historic?

CHAIR COOK: Mr. Hironaka, do you...could you respond to that?

MR. HIRONAKA: Yeah, Committee Chair. The building is about 50 years old, so I highly doubt if they put it on a...any registry of, you know, historic.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So...so, it's a possibility we could tear down and start with a new structure?

MR. HIRONAKA: That would...I guess they would have to take...look into it and see, you know, what the situation is, condition of the building. And that is . . . *(inaudible)*. . . something after we acquire title to it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And do you know the current zoning and community plan designation, County and State?

MR. HIRONAKA: I believe Cynthia has that information.

MS. LALLO: So, sorry. Yes. Thank you for that...that question. I will tell you that 018 zoning is Business-Country Town, and 019 is R-1, Residential.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So...so, we could potentially put housing on that R-1 portion of it? How big is the R-1 portion?

MS. LALLO: Point 24 acres. Small kine.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think maybe a caretaker house or something.

MS. LALLO: Or a tiny home. . . *(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And it has all the utilities hook-up, and everything like that?

MS. LALLO: Yes. Because the...the...I'm assuming so. Because the bank building was there, right? So, it would have all of the electrical, sewer, water.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And so, this wouldn't be like some sort of quid pro quo or anything, it's just an outright donation? No...like tax write-off, nothing?

MS. LALLO: I...I am not aware, Councilmember, of any quid pro quo on this.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh. How nice of them. Okay. Thank you. That concludes my questioning.

CHAIR COOK: And Member Rawlins-Fernandez, would you have some questions?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Yeah. I'm looking at it on mauipropertytax.com. Aloha, Chief of Staff Lallo, and Mr. Hironaka. Mahalo for being with us. I...I guess it just seems too easy and good. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Like what's the catch here? I'm looking at the parcel that's undeveloped, and I'm guessing that's the one that's residential, and the land is assessed at \$542,800. And then the--oh, interesting--and then the larger parcel that's commercial is...oh, okay, the total assessment. So, the assessed land value is less, 427,800, with the building that's in disrepair for \$377,000 that was assessed. So...and then on the other side of the residential lot is Hawai'i Health System Corp. Do you know...and I don't know, maybe...I guess...oh, okay. It looks like there's parking in front. So, it's not like the...the undeveloped lot is like a shared parking, or anything...doesn't look like it. I don't know if Member Johnson can answer that question?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sure. There's street parking on either side of the . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No...no, that's not my question. My question is, regarding the lot. Like what is happening on that undeveloped lot? Is it just open space?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It's a big beautiful open space. It's...it would be perfect for all kinds of events. But that --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That's all...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- opposite building, that's...okay. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And...and I'm sure you'll work with community to figure out what would be most suitable and, you know, what would be most supported by the community, and I'd be supportive of that. So, I think you said there was no fee to accept the donation of these parcels, yeah? So, they...the First Hawaiian approached the County, and wanted to donate it to the County?

MS. LALLO: That is my understanding.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And no catch?

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MS. LALLO: That is also my understanding.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. Member Johnson might have some information for us.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sure. A little bit of background.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: If you guys are willing to hear it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I would like to.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: The bank was...was planning to close down, they just didn't have the...the amount of business. So, they wanted to leave, they...and they were willing to donate it to the County under...the condition that I...I had heard--and this is just from what I had heard--was, you can't open a bank there. So, that's the only condition that I heard. Because you know, they would be like hey, that's not...so...so that's...I just wanted to add to that. There was some...you know, in the press, there was some community members who were upset because imagine, you have all of your bank, you know, auto deposit, auto withdrawal, and then there's no branch on your island. It was some contention. So, I just want to add that for some background. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

CHAIR COOK: Thank you for that clarification. I heard the bell.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Appreciate that. And then I'm sorry to the testifier who testified about having a bank there. Sounds like the condition is, no bank there. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: Member Sinenci, would you have any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I think my questions have been answered. I just wanted to mahalo the First Hawaiian Bank for the donation, and I'm supportive of, you know, the Lānaʻi City vision, whatever it may be. Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. Councilmember U'u-Hodgins, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. There we go, my mic... *(pause)* Okay. Does my...does my mic come on now? Can you hear me? *(pause)* Okay, my mic gets...is turning off.

CHAIR COOK: So, do you have any pressing questions?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are you pressing the space button? No? No space button?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. It keeps turning off every time I turn it on, and it's making me really irritated. So, what did I... *(pause)*

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MR. HURDLE: Maybe the Chair will...we're figuring out her audio issues, if you want to go to Chair Lee, and we can come back to Member U'u-Hodgins?

CHAIR COOK: Good suggestion. Chair Lee, did you have some...any questions for the Administration?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Oh. Now's a...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'll let her go...let her go.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I take that back. You know, why don't you...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Now it's working. This is making me so sweaty, I was getting irritated. . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Bye.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We...we can hear up you, up until the point that you move. If you just kept still...just keep still, and talk.

CHAIR COOK: Member U'u-Hodgins, we're going to let Chair Lee go and then...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I was wondering if the...

CHAIR COOK: Let her go for a minute. Chair Lee, would you like to ask your question?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right, go ahead. I have Member U'u-Hodgins on speaker.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: She wanted to know if the residential lot has utilities?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Cynthia?

MS. LALLO: Thank you for the question. That's a great one. I do not know the answer to that. But let's see if I can figure it out in a few text messages.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you. And then who was going to help us rezone the bank lot from B-3 to Business-Country Town? And then the building is over 50 years old. So, they'll need an SHPD review and approval process, who's going to do that for us? Are we going to do that ourselves, or we're going to RFP it out?

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MS. LALLO: That's a great question, and I suspect we would RFP it out, but I'm not sure. But Deputy...excuse me, Managing Director Nishita is just asking if we might need his assistance. So, I'm going to have him hop on.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You want to ask any questions...any other questions in the meantime?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I guess my other question is for timing. So, if you were going to do something for B-TC, it has to come through us, and it's going to take a little while. In that interim, are you guys going to...is that why you're doing community outreach, to see what is the best option for the bank space?

MS. LALLO: Thank you for the question. Yes, I would think that it would be a parallel process.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Thank you so much.

CHAIR COOK: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, thanks. Give it to somebody else.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you.

CHAIR COOK: So, Members, I'm just going to reiterate. We're only being asked to consider the legal acceptance of the donation. I believe that the Administration, I'm reading between the lines, put that in because many of these questions are to be determined. The fact that it is a free donation, and the community is supportive of it, I'm asking, does anybody have another...is another round of questions necessary, or is this something where I can... The Chair would now like to entertain a motion to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-122.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR COOK: So, moved by Chair Lee, second by Vice-Chair Sugimura. Any further discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I cannot hear you guys. Can you guys hear?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I can hear you, and I can hear everyone in the Chamber, Member Paltin.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You guys can hear?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I can hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I'm going to go out and come back in.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR COOK: Okay, I'll repeat that. Motion was made by Councilmember...Chair Lee, and seconded by Council...Vice-Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura to recommend adoption of Resolution 25-122. Members, any discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, I can discuss while Councilmember Paltin gets on, just real quick.

CHAIR COOK: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I support this, and I look forward to working with the Administration on what the community wants out of this. And boy, this...I...it's...what an opportunity, that's all I can say. Thank you so much. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you. Thank you, and congratulations to your community for this donation. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Any more discussion?

CHAIR COOK: Any more discussion? Seeing no further discussion. All those in favor...oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama has her hand up.

CHAIR COOK: That's right. I apologize, I didn't see you, Member Kama. Member Kama, further discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chair. I just...I just wanted to remind everyone that also, you're going to have a...well, you already have a Hawaiian Homestead Association there. And now, with the additional homesteads, you'd be getting more homesteaders, and don't forget that they too will probably need something for them to meet. So, don't forget to reach out to them too. That's all. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you, Member Kama. Members, any further discussion? Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR COOK: Staff?

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MR. HURDLE: Chair, that's nine "ayes," zero "noes." The motion passes.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Cook, Vice-Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 25-122.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR COOK: Thank you, Members. And thank you, Ms. Lallo and Mr. Hironaka, for joining us today. This item will move on to the full Council's consideration. Members, this concludes today's Water and Infrastructure Committee meeting. Thank you, everyone, for being here, and for a great meeting. The time is now 2:04 p.m. This meeting is now adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 2:04 p.m.

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DATED the 3rd day of July 2025, in Wailuku, Hawai'i



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