

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COUNTY GOVERNANCE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

April 21, 2016

Mayor's Lounge, 9th Floor

CONVENE: 1:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Tony Takitani, Chair
Madge Schaefer, Vice-Chair
Pua Canto, Member
Dave DeLeon, Member
Kay Okamoto, Member
Ray Phillips, Member
Jonathan Starr, Member

EXCUSED: Kehau Filimoe`atu, Member
Paula Friel, Member
Kimo Haynes, Member
Tamara Paltin, Member

FACILITATOR: Lori Teragawachi

STAFF: Kimberley Willenbrink, Legislative Analyst
Sharon Brooks, Legislative Attorney
Clarita Balala, Committee Secretary

David Raatz, Director
Chancy Hopper, Supervising Legislative Analyst

Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: James Giroux, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Paul Janes-Brown

PRESS: Colleen Uechi, *The Maui News*

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CG-1(1) RESOLUTION 15-155: ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COUNTY GOVERNANCE

CG-1(3) FORMS OF COUNTY GOVERNANCE

CHAIR TAKITANI: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Can...am I on? Is this on? Will the meeting please come to order. Please turn off all your cell phones. I guess that's intended for you, Paul. . . .*(laughter)*. . .

MR. JANES-BROWN: It's off.

CHAIR TAKITANI: I was kidding. My name is Tony Takitani. I'm Chair of this Committee. With us today is Madge Schaefer, Committee Vice-Chair, Pua Canto, Dave DeLeon --

MEMBER DELEON: Good afternoon.

CHAIR TAKITANI: --Kay Okamoto, Ray Phillips, and Jonathan Starr. Our facilitator is Lori Teragawachi. From the Administration, the illustrious Deputy Corporation Counsel, James Giroux. Our Committee Staff is Kimberley Willenbrink, our Legislative Analyst. Sharon Brooks, our Legislative Attorney.

MS. BROOKS: Good afternoon.

CHAIR TAKITANI: Good afternoon. And Clarita Balala, Committee Secretary. Our offices out in Hana, Dawn Lono; Lanai is Denise Fernandez; and on Molokai is Ella Alcon. And before we begin we want to mahalo the Mayor for letting us use this nice room. At this point we'd like to proceed if there is any public testimony. Ms. Willenbrink.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Thank you, Chair. For those who will be testifying here in the Mayor's Lounge, please sign up at the desk. If you will be testifying from one of the remote testimony locations specified on the meeting agenda, please sign up with district office staff at that location. Testimony is limited to three minutes. At two and a half minutes, I will let you know that you have thirty seconds to conclude. When you begin your testimony, please state your name and the name of any organization you are representing. We have established a connection to the district offices and to be fair we will rotate between the offices. One moment please. Hana Office, is there anyone wishing to testify?

MS. LONO: Good afternoon. This is Dawn Lono at the Hana Office and there is no one waiting to testify.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Molokai Office, is there anyone wishing to testify?

MS. ALCON: Good afternoon, this is Ella Alcon on Molokai and there is no one here waiting to testify.

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MS. WILLENBRINK: Thank you. Lanai Office, is there anyone wishing to testify?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez on Lanai and there is no one waiting to testify.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Chair, I do not have any testimony forms in front of me. Do we have any testifiers? There's no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR TAKITANI: Paul, that question was directed at you. . . .(laughter). . .

MR. JANES-BROWN: I'm just here to watch. I've said everything I have to say. You guys did a great job. That's all I can say.

CHAIR TAKITANI: Okay. If there are no objections, I'd like to now close public testimony. So, therefore, testimony is now closed. As you recall, we set up a...this Committee set up a five-member TIG, Temporary Investigative Group, on March 31st of this year to recommend three structures for county manager form of government. Members of the TIG were Kimo, who we appointed as Chair, Jonathan, Kehau, Ray, and Tamara. They were charged with reporting their findings and recommendations to the Committee today. Section 92-2.5 of the HRS requires that deliberation and decision making on their report, if any, can occur only at a duly noticed meeting of the Committee held subsequent to the meeting at which the findings and recommendations of the TIG are presented. I think in English that means we can't talk about it today. It's the Chair's intent to simply receive the TIG report today and I ask that you reserve questions and comments for our next meeting that is scheduled for April 29th in the Planning Conference Room in the building next door. The TIG report—is this it?—has been submitted to me and I will ask Ms. Willenbrink to pass it out to all the Members. And if anyone in the public would like a copy, I'm sure we can get you one. Is there anyone? . . .(laughter). . . You got it.

MR. JANES-BROWN: Thank you.

CHAIR TAKITANI: And also for the record, this report will also be uploaded to the Council website at the mauicounty.us. Is it .us, .gov, or? Anyway, it's at the mauicounty website and there's a link to the new Granicus website. Is that correct? It should be available electronically in a very few moments so it is out there for the public who is watching this live across the world. . . .(laughter). . . And thank you very much, Kim, for passing that out and thank you, Members, for preparing the report. At our next meeting we hope to be discussing the findings and the recommendations. Any questions for what was covered to this point because we're pretty much set to adjourn.

MEMBER OKAMOTO: Is the meeting...is the 29th meeting set in stone? I know I can't come.

MS. WILLENBRINK: I believe we have quorum. Does...is Kay listed on your? We have you as not available.

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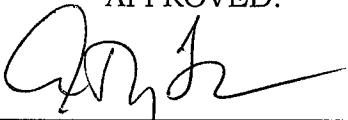
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CHAIR TAKITANI: But now that you have the report you can submit, you know, if you want some comments, like you're more than welcome to submit it. Any other questions? Okay. Without further—it's almost I'm nervous to do this—meeting adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

ADJOURN: 1:10 p.m.

APPROVED:



TONY TAKITANI, CHAIR
Special Committee on County
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