

# **BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Council of the County of Maui**

## **MINUTES**

**April 24, 2024**

**Online Only via Teams**

**CONVENE:** 9:04 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair (in 10:23 a.m.)  
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member  
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member  
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member (out 8:05 p.m.)  
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member (in 9:06 a.m.)  
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member  
Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins, Member

**STAFF:** James Krueger, Senior Committee Analyst  
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Jarret Pascual, Legislative Analyst  
Clarissa MacDonald, Legislative Analyst  
Carla Nakata, Legislative Attorney  
Megan Moniz, Legislative Attorney  
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**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI** ((BILL 60 (2024), BILL 61 (2024), BILL 62 (2024), BILL 63 (2024), BILL 64 (2024), BILL 65 (2024), BILL 70 (2024), BILL 73 (2024), BILL 74 (2024), RESOLUTION 24-66, RESOLUTION 24-67, RESOLUTION 24-68, and RESOLUTION 24-77)

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Budget and Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting of April 24th, 2024, come to order. It is now 9:04 a.m. I am Tasha Kama, and I'm the Vice-Chair of the Committee. This online meeting is...*(echoing)*...is being conducted in accordance with the Sunshine Law. As a reminder for the Councilmembers, when your name is called, if you are not in the Council Chamber, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle, or workspace with you today. Minors do not need to be identified. So, I want to say good morning, and aloha kakahiaka, and qué bolá to Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Good morning, Chair. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And the word of the morning, we're going to go back to Chair Alice Lee. Good morning, aloha kakahiaka, and qué bolá.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Qué bolá, all the way from Cuba. Kākou. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Aloha kakahiaka, and good morning, and qué bolá to Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, and qué bolá kākou.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Good morning, and aloha kakahiaka to Councilmember Gabe Johnson, and qué bolá to you too.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Qué bolá, Chair, Councilmembers, community members. There's no testifiers at the Lānaʻi District Office --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- and I'm here and ready to work. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I did not see her, but we're going to excuse her for now. And we're going to continue on with Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins. Good morning, aloha kakahiaka, and qué bolá to you.

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COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, everyone. Qué bolá.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And aloha to Councilmember Shane Sinenci. Good morning, and qué bolá also.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka and qué bolá, Chair. I'm still waiting to see if there's any testifiers in Hāna today.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Thank you. And from the Office of the Mayor, we have with us the Acting Budget Director, Lesley Milner. Good morning, Lesley. Are you with us online?

MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair. Aloha. Good morning.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Good morning. Oh, I see Member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez just came on. Aloha kakahiaka, and good morning, and qué bolá to you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, mai Molokai nui a Hina. I'm at the Moloka'i District Office, alone on my side.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. We also have from the Department of...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And we currently have no testifiers here at the Moloka'i District Office.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, thank you for that. And we have from the Department of the Corporation Council, Kristina Toshikiyo, the Deputy. Aloha, Kristina. And then we have our Committee Staff who is here with us today. We have our Senior Committee Secretary, Yvette Bouthillier. Aloha.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And we have with us our Senior Legislative Analyst, James Krueger. Aloha, and good morning. And then we have with us our Senior Legislative Analyst, Kasie Apo Takayama. Good morning. And then we have with us our Legislative Analyst, Jarret Pascual. Is he online today, or...he's online. Aloha, Jarret. And we have our Legislative Analyst, Clarissa MacDonald also. And then we have our Legislative Attorney, Carla Nakata. Aloha, Carla. And we have our Legislative Attorney, Megan Moniz. And we have our Council Services Assistant Clerk, Jean Pokipala [sic]. So, please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. Thank you, Members, for attending today's BFED Committee meeting. We have one item on the agenda today, and it is BFED-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the County of Maui. Also, I just want to let you know that our Chair for this Committee meeting, Ms. Yuki

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Lei Sugimura, will be here with us shortly, but for now, she's excused. So, BFED...Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the County of Maui. So, Members, we're continuing our deliberations on the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. We'll begin our discussion with the Office of the Mayor, to be followed by the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Police, and then Transportation. So, I'm going to assume that we're being passed out the...the roster for today. So, once we complete our discussion on these departments, we will revisit your priorities for the Department of Housing, Human Concerns, and Management. In order to keep on track with our proposed schedule, we'll be implementing the following time limits...1 minute to propose amendments, and 30 seconds for each Councilmember to ask questions. So, before we start our discussion, we'll begin by taking public testimony. So, testifiers wanting to provide testimony should sign up in the lobby, join the online meeting via the Teams link, or call in the phone number noted on today's agenda. Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted via the eComment link at the mauicounty.us/agendas as well. Under the Sunshine Law, the Chair will receive oral testimony for agenda items as the item is called up. For individuals wishing to testify via Teams, please raise your hand by clicking on the raise-your-hand button. If calling in, please follow the prompts via phone, star-five to raise and lower your hand, star-six to mute and unmute. Staff will add names to the testifiers list in the order testifiers sign up or raise their hands. For those on Teams, Staff will lower your hand once your name is added. Staff will then call the name you're logged in under, or the last four digits of your phone number, when it is your time to testify. At that time, Staff will also enable your microphone and video. If you wish to testify anonymously, please notify your Staff. otherwise, please state your name for the record at the beginning of your testimony. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I'll kindly ask you to complete your testimony. Once you're done testifying, or if you do not wish to testify, you can also view the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or mauicounty.us/agendas. We'll do our best to take each person up in an orderly fashion. So, now we'll call on our testifiers wishing to testify. So, Staff, would you please call up the first testifier, please?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, the first testifier is Lawrence Carnicelli, to be followed by Daniel Ellis.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Good morning, Mr. Carnicelli. You may begin.

**. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

MR. CARNICELLI: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Councilmembers. Thank you. My name is Lawrence Carnicelli, I am here to speak about Kuikahi Village. I think that it's fair that I try to just give you a brief update. This project has taken a lot of twists and turns, and...and I think there may...there's definitely

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confusion, and that's...I will place that squarely on my own shoulders for not communicating properly. We did try to get in front of you before budget in Chair Kama's Affordable Housing Committee, but weren't able to do that. So, we originally started this pre-COVID. We came to your Committee...I mean to...to your Chambers. We were unanimously approved for a 202-unit for-sale project that is owner-occupied in perpetuity, that has a lottery selection process that is based on length of residency. Things happen--supply chain, things like that. We came and asked you guys for \$20 million. The math changed some more . . . *(laughing)*. . . as things do, and it became where it was like okay, it was a 6 million, 7 million, 7 million sort of layout. The math changed some more. We spoke to the Mayor's Office about different ways of trying to do that and...and negotiate that, and then Mr. Dowling came and knocked on our door and said, hey, how about we try something else? And John Varel, who's the owner, said yeah, you know what? Let's try that. Switching completely to a for-rent model, if you guys recall, he came here and talked about that. And he also needed \$40 million in order to do that, and that didn't work. And that's probably the last that you guys know. So, because of that math not working, we went back and we said okay, we're fully entitled. We're fully entitled. We've got water. The only thing we...we don't have yet is our little subdivision to carve out the 14.97 acres. Other than that, we're, you know, a couple of months from full construction drawings and going, and math. So, that's sort of what the project is. So, I apologize that, you know, I didn't articulate that. The one part I'm going to insert then is after Mr. Dowling's version of the project didn't work, we didn't communicate that, and it was assumed that it was dead. So, in the Mayor trying to help other developers said oh, we can take the \$6 million from Kuikahi Village and we can give it to Aikanaha. And we were like wait, hang on a second. He's like well, I didn't know. And we said no, we still want to move forward. He looked across the table, he says, no problem, you're back on. Then he says okay--to Director Tsuhako--what happens to Aikanaha? Oh, well, they...they don't have...because, you know, the rental guys stacked their funding. So, like kind of kills a certain . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . portion of their project. I don't know exactly. But then Director Tsuhako says can you guys wait a couple months? Can you guys get your money in July? And we said yeah, we can do that to help them out. And so, the Mayor says...he goes okay, you guys are right. We'll put you in the budget. Didn't shake my hand, didn't give me anything in writing, just looked across the table, said we'll put you in the FY '25 Budget. That's fine, that works for us. So, we went...proceeded ahead, and sure enough, he's a man of his word. He put it in the budget, and there it is. And so, that's why we ended up in the FY '25 Budget and we aren't still in the FY '24 Budget. So, you guys approved giving the \$6 million from the '24 Budget to Aikanaha. And now it's the FY '25 Budget. And as I watched yesterday, our 6 million for this . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . year then got deleted, I think is what it was. So, anyways, thank you. I respectfully and humbly ask that you might put it back in the budget. Thank you, Chair.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Mr. Carnacella [sic]. Mr. Cook, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Mr. Carnicelli, my clarifying question is with that \$6 million, does it enable you to build, and if so, when?

MR. CARNICELLI: That's a great question.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: That...that's the essence.

MR. CARNICELLI: Yeah. Is...we're in a spot right now where we have lost probably six to nine months, to be honest, you know. Because when Mr. Dowling came, we put everything on pause. When everything happened with the 6 million, we said John's funding this solely himself. He says listen, we can't spend any more money. It's going to take a lot of zeroes to just finish out the construction drawings and going. So, we just said hey, listen, let's make sure we got the money before we spend any. So, what it does is it...it allows the project to ramp back up and continue. If we don't get the 6 million, the project is permanently on hold until that gets figured out.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair, do I get a...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: After --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- one more round of questions?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Do you want to follow up?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: What's the life expectancy of the entitlements? When it's on pause, I'm curious --

MR. CARNICELLI: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- as to how...what is the shelf life for the project?

MR. CARNICELLI: You know what? Our 2.97 approval...I'm not recalling right now. I think that it was for five years. I think it was for five years, but I...I'd have to go

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back and look at the reso. Resolution 22-193, for those that have access to a computer.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Mr. Johnson, and then Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Pro Tem Kama. Good morning, Mr. Carnicelli. Good to see you. So, I think the pickle that we're in is our Affordable Housing Fund just isn't big enough to support all the projects that need to happen. So, would you support an increase in the total Affordable Housing Fund so there's more money to support projects like...like yours?

MR. CARNICELLI: Yeah, we need housing. You know, Councilmember Johnson, as you know, we've had lots of conversations about this. You know, I mean, is we need housing, and math is hard with affordable housing. Affordable housing...I share with people, trying to build affordable housing is like being the giant in Gulliver's Travels where you're just sort of pinned to the ground with 1,000 tiny ropes. Any one of them doesn't hold you down, but the 1,000 of them do.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sure.

MR. CARNICELLI: And so, that's sort of where we are. And so, to answer your question, I would love for it to not to be an either/or. You know, I...I don't want to speak about another developer, right? I don't want to talk about somebody else's project and, you know, the goods and bads of it or not, or anything like that. I...I...we're all trying to build homes for people here.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

MR. CARNICELLI: You know, and it's just like...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, you support that then?

MR. CARNICELLI: Yeah, I mean --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. CARNICELLI: -- is...you know, I'm not...I'm...yeah, I don't get a vote.  
...*(laughing)*...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: ...*(inaudible)*...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, my follow-up question is, with...with the changing, with Mr. Dowling jumping in and help with the project --

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MR. CARNICELLI: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- his project...he has a project...do you guys share a boundary there? Is that going to help with the costs with the infrastructure? Because I know he's building something right along the side. Or do you guys have shared boundaries?

MR. CARNICELLI: Yeah. So, the Dowling Company is working with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. They've got their current phase that's being built. They got the --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

MR. CARNICELLI: -- tarps up there along Honoapi'ilani. There's Phase II, which is right below Kuikahi Village...that's 204 homes, I believe is what it is. So, it...it...it...that does abut --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

MR. CARNICELLI: -- our...the bottom of our Kuikahi Village.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, is...when is Phase II happening? Do you know when that's going to happen?

MR. CARNICELLI: Well, gosh, they...they're...I'm...I would...I don't know if they'll break ground this year, but I --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. CARNICELLI: -- they're definitely...you know, it's...it's within months.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. CARNICELLI: I'll put it that way, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: If you got the \$6 million, when can you start building?

MR. CARNICELLI: We will have construction drawings within, say, 90 days...we'll say, just trying to be conservative, 120 days. Then it's going through the building permit process. We've already engaged PB Sullivan to start moving dirt but, you know, it's just like, that's kind of just on hold.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

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MR. CARNICELLI: You know, so...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Like grub and grade?

MR. CARNICELLI: Grubbing and grading, getting a master grubbing and grading permit, and going to finish grades. You know, just doing the mass grading first, and then going to finish grade after that. So, you know, we would like to start moving dirt as soon as we can.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. So, if you get the 6 million, it doesn't start until July 1st, right? And then there's a process that we...we...it's going to take for us to give to you. Do you...do you have a time when you're actually going to start, like a month of next year?

MR. CARNICELLI: As far as built...like going vertical?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. CARNICELLI: That's a hard one, because it's going to be navigating the...the building permit process, right? So, that's going to be hard. That's going to be dependent on them. You know, there's...you know, it's a much longer conversation than your three --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. CARNICELLI: -- minutes to get into the building permit thing. But yeah, I would say second quarter...first quarter, second quarter...second quarter next year. You know --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. CARNICELLI: -- just again, trying to be conservative, not trying to overpromise --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. CARNICELLI: -- but I'm saying second quarter next year. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: All right. Thanks for that. Thanks...thank for your clarification. Thank you, Chair.

MR. CARNICELLI: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair Lee?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning, Lawrence. Okay. Originally, you asked for \$20 million.

MR. CARNICELLI: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, how did the project change so that now you need \$6 million instead of \$20 million?

MR. CARNICELLI: No, we will...ultimately, we'll need more than just 6. We've been in contact with the Mayor's Office and the Department of Housing and Human Concerns about trying to get really creative. One of the options is just okay, it's going to be more than 6. One of the options is possibly try to completely re-entitle the project, come back to you with a 201H, and do 50 percent affordable and, you know, 50 percent market rate. One of the things that we've been working on recently, which--to me, I have a lot of hope for--is to go to a rent-to-own model, which would essentially be getting a grant to build the--I'm sorry, not a grant--a bond, whether it's a private bond or whether it's a municipal bond, to fund the entire project. The County being the master lessor and doing a rent-to-own project for...for the homeowners is doing that. But it is...yeah, there's still more math to do and to figure that out. But without the 6, you know, we...that's like sort of the seed money to get it all going. And we don't...if we don't...you know, it's not like we get it and then we...you know, we have to spend it and use it in order to get it. And so, it's not...we won't use it if we don't move it forward.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, let's see, what was I going to ask? I was going to ask you at this time, right now, assuming you don't make any substantive changes, how many units are you planning to produce right now?

MR. CARNICELLI: 202.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 202. How much does anyone, any developer, have to pay for a 202-unit project?

MR. CARNICELLI: The...the rough math for us is about \$135 million.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 135?

MR. CARNICELLI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Were you planning to try and get some tax credits from the...from the State?

MR. CARNICELLI: Unfortunately, the for-sale development model doesn't really...you know, it's not conducive to that. The for-rent guys can stack a lot of different things, HHFDC --

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MR. CARNICELLI: -- you know, LIHTC, all that stuff on the for-sale model's a little different.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, did you say 140 million?

MR. CARNICELLI: 135 is...is sort of...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 135 million.

MR. CARNICELLI: And this is the cheapest it will get. It won't get cheaper as we go, as you know. . . .*(laughing)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you. Thanks.

MR. CARNICELLI: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, I just wanted to remind us again. Of the 202-project units, what's for-sale and what is...

MR. CARNICELLI: As it's currently fully entitled, it is 100 percent owner-occupied in perpetuity...for-sale, owner-occupied in perpetuity.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. CARNICELLI: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes, Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Carnicelli. You're aware that the Council has final say on the budget, regardless of what the Mayor promises, correct?

MR. CARNICELLI: I am aware of that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

MR. CARNICELLI: That's why we have been on hold until after you guys are done deliberating.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And you're aware that nearly 12,000 people became homeless overnight in Lahaina?

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MR. CARNICELLI: I am aware of that fact, Councilmember Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And you're aware...

MR. CARNICELLI: And...and if I could...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's...no, that's all I asked.

MR. CARNICELLI: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You're aware that there's two projects in Lahaina that's over what we have in the Affordable Housing that are ready to go. One will be finished September of next year if...if we fund it.

MR. CARNICELLI: I am not aware of the financials nor the entitlements of any other project, and how...what they have and don't have in order to move forward.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Members, any other questions? Member Johnson, and then Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Just one last clarification. Is it still a mixed-use project?

MR. CARNICELLI: Yeah, it's 7 different home types, 30...I'm sorry, 54 different buildings. Seven different home types, all the way from tiny homes, duplexes --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. CARNICELLI: -- townhomes --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. CARNICELLI: -- single-family...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Great. Thank you.

MR. CARNICELLI: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . all that. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Mr. Cook?

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, my clarifying question is regarding the building permits --

MR. CARNICELLI: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- and that being a variable, and time, it's a question/request. You would help us and help yourself if you...during that process, if you could track the task and the time for the permitting process. Because that's...that variable is this nebulous thing that takes a lot of time, that is really hard to wrap our arms around, and to assist the departments in becoming more efficient. So, when you say it's going to take a lot of time and you're doing it, and you're going to repetitively do it with other projects, if you could track the various tasks you're doing, the amount of time it takes on an average, and share that information with us when you are coming for funding, you would be able to educate us and sensitize us to the fact of that time frame.

MR. CARNICELLI: I will do that.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Because that time frame is money --

MR. CARNICELLI: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- for both of us.

MR. CARNICELLI: Trust me, we...we know that, yeah. Is...yeah, we will do the best we can. We're 100 percent affordable. It's me and John at this point. We don't have lobbyists, we don't have staff, we don't have...it's the two of us doing our thing. And so, I'll do the best I can to track that for you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: It...it doesn't have to be fancy.

MR. CARNICELLI: Oh, like that. Okay. Got it. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: That's it? Okay. So, seeing as how there are no more questions for our testifier, thank you so very much for being here, Mr. Carnicelli.

MR. CARNICELLI: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Staff?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, the next testifier is Daniel Ellis, to be followed by Keoni Vaughn.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Good morning.

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MR. ELLIS: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Council. Okay. My name is Daniel Ellis, and I'm here today requesting that our request for a grant for 250,000 from the Economic Development and Cultural Programs budget go through. And I'm talking on behalf of the Pā'ia Sugar Mill and the Pā'ia Village Company that has taken on the restoration of the Pā'ia Sugar Mill and the...the revival of manufacturing innovation at the...at the mill that has been closed for the last 25 years. There's 150 years of legacy and culture that came out of the Pā'ia Sugar Mill, and I...I got to have my first home right there in Skill Ville, and I drove past the sugar mill for the last 20 years because I've been here, and I have a woodshop up in Ha'ikū, and I drove past a . . . *(inaudible)*. . . and I'm like, that would be a great place to...to take my woodshop. And so, for the last six years, we've been working on how to bring that manufacturing back to Pā'ia, and it's been a...it's been a long process. And the reason why we're...we're where we are today is that we started, you know, ground...you know, ground roots. We...we started, you know, talking to people in Pā'ia. I live in Pā'ia. I'm going to live there until the end of my days. My two kids are from Pā'ia. It's...to...to my mind, it's the...it's the best...it's the best town in the world, but the heart of it was...was the sugar mill, and...and that...that's gone. And it wasn't just an economic driver. It was education. It was apprenticeship programs. It was...from...from my understanding, from every single person I spoke to, there was a joint sense of purpose, of people who worked in that, and it brought the community together. And that...for us, that is forefront on everything that we're doing as...as we move forward with...with reviving the Pā'ia Sugar Mill. And the reason why we're asking for this grant is that part of that...as we've...as we've started to move forward over the last six years, is that we're talking to State and Federal agencies, and...and that we've been part of a manufacturing movement in Hawai'i to...to broaden the manufacturing base here. And so, we were at Manufacturing Day at the capitol last month, and we're talking to all of these agencies where there's...there are funds that can come to Maui and help us broaden our manufacturing base, but to get those funds, we need some...some . . . *(inaudible)*. . . funds, and a dedicated person who knows how to do that. I'm a woodworker. I'm a small business owner. We are...we are just a small team, you know, developing the Pā'ia Sugar Mill and bringing it back to...to what it was. We also have 72 units we can do for 100 percent affordable housing. We can bring the jobs and education back, but we really need...we need help. So, this...this grant will allow us to hire a grant writer and do the planning, so that we can go after bigger monies from State and Federal, so that we're not a burden on...on...on Maui County. And, you know, I listened to...you know, I have firsthand experience of my family from...from Lahaina who lost their place and everything they've got, and I know that...that we're just trying to do everything we can to help Lahaina, but also to build that future for...for Maui. And I think we have the opportunity here in Pā'ia to not only restore what was lost . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . in Pā'ia, but also help displaced Lahaina businesses and...and families that...that need that support so they can stay local. My kids are four and seven--I'll be quick because I heard the buzzer--my kids are four and seven. And over the last six years, I've listened to

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countless dads whose kids are 20, and 30, and they're with tears in their eyes because their kids had to leave because there was...there was no place, no way they could stay...stay here in...in...in our home, and this is my home now. And...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Let's see if Members might have a question for you, Mr. Ellis.

MR. ELLIS: Yes...yes, ma'am.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Members, any questions for this...yes --

MR. ELLIS: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- Member U'u-Hodgins . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Mr. Ellis, for being here.

MR. ELLIS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Can you clarify what you guys are going to manufacture there?

MR. ELLIS: Okay. So...yeah, we're...we're going to manufacture wood products, you know, cabinetry. We're going to manufacture surfboards. We're also....we're also looking at how we can start to manufacture building parts for...for...for housing. We're working with some groups on that. We're also...well, a big part of it is to have an advanced manufacturing center...and training center, and we've been talking with the University of Hawai'i so that we can bring those training and skills back, so that we can...we can broaden the manufacturing base. And then one other program that we're...we're working with Maui County is on a program to turn the plastic bottles into a product. So, we...we're reaching out for funding outside...outside of Maui so we can bring money in so that we can turn what is now a waste product into a usable product. And so, being part of this...this...this grassroots initiative in Hawai'i to broaden our manufacturing base, I met all these people that have all these...these...these great products and great funds available where we can...we can do small-scale manufacturing, which is not only sustainable, and good for us here in Maui. So, there's another...so...so this...this...this program will then grow into not just...not just an economic benefit for Maui, so we can pay taxes and we can...we can . . .*(inaudible)*. . . but also, the skills that we...that...that used...in the mill, they used to train the apprenticeship program. So, we can then train at the same site, so we can...future generations can have a sustainable place to...to work and live. So, that's...that's one...one example of the --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

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MR. ELLIS: -- products we'll make.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, I appreciate it. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: You're welcome. Any other questions? Mr. Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Thanks for sharing that vision because that was going to be my question. So, my follow-up is, the company's called Pā'ia Village Company?

MR. ELLIS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Who's...who's some of the principals? Who...

MR. ELLIS: Okay. So, there's myself, and I have two partners. I have Wayne Thibodeau and Peter Savio is my other...our other partner, and we share equally.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. So, understanding your vision --

MR. ELLIS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- is very interesting to me. The...the idea that you're training people, and then what...what happens to them? Do they...can they go in...is there a place for them to rent to start their own business in there, or is it going to be like you work for our company and will you rise the ranks of our company, or are they able to lease out some of that place that they start their own business?

MR. ELLIS: You're exactly right. So, it's going to be a combination. So...so, I'll go back six years, the idea was that, you know, we...we rent our space as a manufacturing company, but we wanted a place that we could own of ourselves.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. ELLIS: And so, that...that is the basis behind the whole thing, is to have spaces for local businesses to be able to own their space, and...and have the infrastructure to develop the industries where...where we can make things here on Maui that we use here on Maui, rather than just importing everything, and actually start to become an exporter again --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. ELLIS: -- rather than just an importer. So...so, it will be a combination of both, but --

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. ELLIS: -- but there is a...like in...in my business, aside from it, we make cabinetry and millwork. The...the...the work is here, but one of the biggest struggles is...is not just the infrastructure, but it's also training of --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sure.

MR. ELLIS: -- training of people. So, one of the...we've been working with the University of...Maui campus...University of Hawai'i Maui campus for the last two years, and they have a very small pilot program we're part of, where they...they train some advanced manufacturing techniques in...in CNC operating, and we then have a...they can then come and do an apprenticeship at...at my business or other businesses. But that is a...that...it was...that was a thing for the Good Jobs Hawai'i. So, we...we basically just donate our time to try and do that. But for the Pā'ia Sugar Mill, and the reason why we're asking for a grant so we can get someone dedicated to try and help us, is that I realized...I...I realized when I limit...the limit of my skills and time and what we have...what we can do. And so, being able to get these funds will allow us to have someone who's dedicated --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. ELLIS: -- for...for reaching out and trying to put these programs together.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

MR. ELLIS: Because we're...we're...we're only...there's only a few of us and we don't...you know.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sounds similar to the Pauwela Cannery.

MR. ELLIS: That's...that's where the shop is now.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, okay.

MR. ELLIS: Yeah. So, we've been in...we've been in the shop since...in...in the cannery since 2005. So --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. ELLIS: -- I started working with the original owner in 2009 --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

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MR. ELLIS: -- and it was just...just...it was a...it was a one-man woodshop. So, we started working together, and then he got three or four people, and in 2016, he asked if I wanted to buy it. And so, I went to the SBA, Wayne Wong, who's one of the most brilliant people, the...the public servant here on Maui. He helped me put a business plan together, he helped me work with ASB Bank to get the funding to buy the business. And since then...you know, we didn't have any employees at the beginning, now we...now we support like 20 families.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Great.

MR. ELLIS: And...and...but we've run out of space in the...in the cannery.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. ELLIS: The cannery is great for businesses, but we need more space so we can...we can...we can support more people, and we can...and we can grow that...that manufacturing base that we've lost the last 20 years, so...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you for that.

MR. ELLIS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Members, any other questions for our testifier? I just have a couple. So --

MR. ELLIS: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- how many acres is...are you talking about?

MR. ELLIS: Okay. So, on the Pā'ia Mill is 20 acres, and then we have a . . . *(inaudible)*. . . which is another 26 acres. We...we...we give...we...we're on a very, very, very low lease to Brian McCafferty for his Teens On Call program. He has...we gave him 5 acres on a ten-year lease. The lease just covers our taxes basically. . . *(laughing)*. . . So...so...so, right from the very beginning, we're...we're...we're trying to combine not just industry, but also charitable...like he does his programs he does, but...and also the innovation and development of the...the next...next round of people who can work.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, Pioneer *[sic]* Village has a lease on that place? Do you have...so, you have a lease for that?

MR. ELLIS: So, the Pā'ia Village Company, we own the Pā'ia Sugar Mill, the 20 acres.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, you own it. Okay.

MR. ELLIS: Yeah, and...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So, is it on...is it on the Historic Site Registry?

MR. ELLIS: It is not on the...it is not on the Historic Site Registry, but when...when they decommissioned the mill, it had to go through some stages of...of...of documenting and taking stories from the buildings, but the buildings themselves were not on the registry. But whether they were on the registry or not, 100 percent, the...the...we're...we're...we're keeping those existing buildings. That is...I mean, I would love to show you around.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. I'll take you up on that offer.

MR. ELLIS: Yeah, no, there is...there is still...you can still see the time cards from the people --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

MR. ELLIS: -- who...who left work there 25 years ago. There is still...there is still...you can still feel the...the...the heart of the place, and it's in those buildings, and...and the families that it supported before.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So, I'm going to take you up on that offer, and I think any other Members that would like to do that will probably do that too.

MR. ELLIS: I would...I would love to.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: But if we don't have any other questions from our Members...did you have a question, Tom? Oh, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, I...I...my clarifying question about your business kind of perspective, you said you support...your business, about 20 families?

MR. ELLIS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: We're doing budget, and we're doing...you know, so how much does building permits impact your ability to do business? Like, what...we're trying...we're trying to improve the system. And I'm just saying, so could you do more business, and hire more people, and pay more taxes if you didn't have to wait so long for a building permit?

MR. ELLIS: Absolutely. In our manufacturing ourselves, obviously we...we mostly work for contractors, and for homeowners too, and...and private businesses. I'd say

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there's at least five projects from now with different contractors that are just...they're just waiting to go for various stage to permits. So, you know, we...we...we can't...we can't start to work until they go through. And, you know, I bought my little house in Skill Ville, you know, and...and then as soon as we had some equity, we got a loan, and we put an addition on the back. And so, that was the first time I went to put my permit in, I think it took three months. And then now, you know, because of the struggles, there's the short staff and lack of services, lack of people to do it, you know, people are waiting a year for permits.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So...

MR. ELLIS: And it makes a huge difference for --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So --

MR. ELLIS: -- being able to...to move.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- in general, there's room for improvement.

MR. ELLIS: Absolutely. But I just want to make sure that it's said, is that every single person I've gone to at the permit office has always been so helpful to me. It just seems like there's...there's...there's . . .*(laughing)*. . . not enough people there, they don't...they need the help. And then also... there's also...there's also sometimes, there's little things that take up a lot of time, which seem like it...I mean, it could just be administrative, right? So...but everyone has always been so helpful.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah, it's not the people, it's the system.

MR. ELLIS: Yeah, and...and...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

MR. ELLIS: Sorry.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, Mr. Ellis, have you left our contact...your contact information with our Clerk?

MR. ELLIS: Yeah, I left it --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

MR. ELLIS: -- on...on the side.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. We'll get it from them. Thank you.

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MR. ELLIS: Okay. Well, thanks for everyone...everyone's time.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Definitely give you a call. Thank you so much.

MR. ELLIS: See you guys later. Hey, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Staff?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, the next testifier is Keoni Vaughn, to be followed by Genesis.

MR. VAUGHN: Aloha, Chair, Councilmembers.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Aloha.

MR. VAUGHN: Thank you for your service, and the...and the opportunity to testify and...today, and clarify what the Lānaʻi Cat Sanctuary is requesting from the County. My name is Keoni Vaughn, and I'm born and raised here in Hawaiʻi, and been the Executive Director for the Cat Sanctuary for the past ten years. My intent this morning is to clear up some possible confusion on the grant request for the 285,000 for Lānaʻi's feral cat management on our island. You know, we're the only animal rescue on the island, and we're the only island that doesn't have a humane society. We take in nearly 200 cats a year. From June through January of this year alone, we've taken in 363 feral cats. We currently house about 850 cats, 220 of which were rescued from the Lahaina burn zone. I think where the confusion is, while we did take in 220 cats from Lahaina, this grant request has absolutely nothing to do with...with those cats. We mentioned them in our previous testimony, only to demonstrate that on top of the free service we have been providing for Lānaʻi, and therefore Maui County for the past 15 years, we've also been impacted by the Lahaina fires. We are the number one attraction to the Island of Lānaʻi. Prior to the fires, we had over 16,000 people visiting us from around the world. These visitors also contributed to the local economy by visiting the stores and restaurants on our island. So, we play an important role in both feral animal control, as well as part of our local economy. But since the fires, just like everyone else has been impacted, visitor numbers are down about 40 percent at our sanctuary. And since aside from this one grant, we are fully funded by donations, and so it's having a huge impact on our revenue. We also took in the 220 cats from Lahaina, and while Maui Humane did provide some monetary assistance, which helped cover our transportation fees and expansion project that we had to undertake in order to take these additional cats on top of being able to continue accepting cats from Lānaʻi, the approximate lifelong care cost for these 220 cats is closer to \$2 million. You know, again, we're the only island in the...in Hawaiʻi that doesn't have a Humane Society, or have a animal control such as the Maui Humane Society. And so, if these cats were not kept at our facility for the remainder of their lives, and instead were trapped, sterilized,

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and released, they would have to continue predating on our endemic birds that nest on the ground in Lānaʻi. So, I understand that the budget is tight this year to the devastating impacts of the wildfires, but the services we provide fall within the County's responsibility for feral animal management, and we're not asking for the County to fully cover our expenses. We will work hard to continue to raise the funds through visitors that do come to the island and through off-island donations . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . but any assistance from the County to provide this level of feral animal control would be incredibly appreciated. Mahalo for your time and consideration, and I'm certainly here and available for any questions that anyone may have. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Members, we have questions for Mr. Vaughan? Oh, yes, Mr. Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Keoni. Thank you for joining us today. You mentioned 16,000 visitors before the fire, and then 40 --

MR. VAUGHN: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- 40 percent decrease. Has...has it slowly gone up, or is it still staying at a steady 40 percent decrease?

MR. VAUGHN: Yeah, great question. You know, we went through the whole COVID. Prior to COVID, we were doing 16,000. Then COVID happened. We took the conscious decision to close because we're such a huge attraction to Lānaʻi, and you know, we're a part of this community and want to keep our community safe. So, we went to nothing for several months, and then we reopened. And ironically, in...in June and July, right before the fires, we were hitting record numbers. We were hitting about, you know, 1,000 to 1,500 people a month. As soon as the fires happened, you know, we went down to less than 12 a day. So, it seems like there's a little bit of an uptick during spring break, but it's plummeted again. I'll give you an example. We raised \$200 yesterday at the sanctuary, which is not normal for us.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. So, some of the proposals we're trying to sort out is that you could get some Humane Society fire relief money. Would that work for you?

MR. VAUGHN: Yeah, it...it...it won't work, and I'll tell you why. You know, I spoke to the CEO of Maui Humane Society, and...last night, and...after I understood that she testified. And, you know, let's face it, they raised \$30 million for their organization for the fires in total. I think \$9 million of it...I don't know their numbers specifically, but my understanding is \$9 million is restricted funding. But it's really up to them what they decide to do with their raised money. But they...she made it clear to me yesterday that they will not...I think it was proposed

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to take the 285 that we're asking off the budget and give it to Maui Humane, and Maui Humane give it to us. It's my understanding through the CEO last night that they had a board meeting, and the...ultimately, Maui Humane Society said that was not going to happen, and that I...Lānaʻi Cat Sanctuary had to pursue their own funding. And I...and I just want to clarify, I think this is where the huge confusion is. We only mentioned in our initial testimony the Lahaina fire cats because we took it upon ourselves, quite frankly, to reach out to Maui Humane Society when they were in desperate need of help. They didn't have anywhere to take these 220 cats. I believe there was some talk about taking them to Utah, but we felt as part of the County, by being the sister neighbor, to...that we have the expertise to be able to take it in. And so, that's why we reached out. But the grant that we're asking for is really to provide feral animal control. No monies that we would be awarded would be for taking in or...or supplying or providing for Lahaina cats. These are for Lānaʻi's cats. Without us...as you know, Councilmember Johnson, without us, there is no cat control. And so, you know, we're just trying to do our part. The last 15 years, we've been doing it at no cost to the County. Unfortunately, we had a huge...we had a foundation on the mainland that helped fund us for this program. It has since dissolved. And so, this is where we're really in a shortfall, and it couldn't have come at a worse time because again, our visitor counts are down. So, we're just asking for support so we can continue to help the community and...and take in feral cats without any kind of fees or anything.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thanks for that clarification. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes, go ahead, Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Good morning. Thank you so much for your testimony. I have a quick question. It's kind of clarifying, but mainly on the conversations we heard in our budget testimony when we were on the Island of Lānaʻi. So, we've been talking a lot about permits and building permits. And when we were on your island, we heard a lot about the expansion of your site and in your location. And I'm trying to wonder, what kind of permits do you guys need to expand your current footprint on the land that you're on? And is this money going to be used for any of the permitting for the expansion? Or what do you foresee this money to be used? And do you need permits to expand?

MR. VAUGHN: Yeah, thank you for your question. It's a...it's a...it's a great question. The...the simple and short answer is the expansion that we're doing is perimeter fencing so we can keep these cats contained. And we...we are on Interim zone land, which is also Agricultural land. So, we fall within the purview of the Agricultural zoning laws. And so, therefore, we don't need any permits for our fencing. We're not building any kind of buildings, we're just simply doing 13 new enclosures. And I do want to clarify, I believe the CEO of Maui Humane Society said that they gave us, I don't know, \$2,200 a cat. You know, and if you did the

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math, it comes out to \$450,000. I wanted to really clarify so the Council is fully aware of how that money is spent. \$300,000 is going to that construction so we can adequately and humanely house those 220 cats, okay? So, if you take out 300,000, that leaves us with \$150,000 to cover the remaining lifetime care for 220 cats. If you divide the 220 into \$150,000, that comes out to \$682 per cat for the lifetime of those cats. Our annual cost of care is \$2,000 per cat.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. VAUGHN: So --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. Can you...

MR. VAUGHN: -- it has nothing to do with...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Can you...can you tell me how high your fence is to keep cats contained?

MR. VAUGHN: Yeah. And I'm welcome...I'm...I'm always available to give tours. I encourage everyone to come out. It's really hard to explain our facility.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Because I have one cat, and I love my one cat. But she can jump, and she's ruined all of my screens on my doors. So, I'll remind you, if you're putting up a fence, I think higher than six feet tall, which I think my cat can probably jump about six feet tall, you're going to need permits. So, how --

MR. VAUGHN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- high is your fence?

MR. VAUGHN: So, actually, the...the...yeah, so the...the fence is actually 6 feet, 10 inches, and the Maui County Code for Agricultural Fencing is 7 feet.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Good.

MR. VAUGHN: But our fence is not a...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. VAUGHN: Yeah, yeah. No, yeah, I've been...you know, I hope this comes across the right way, but I've been in animal . . .*(inaudible)*. . . for...for 20 years. And the...what we have done is we've designed...we've taken the predator-proof fencing that's coming out of New Zealand. We also use it in Kaena Point, Kaua'i,

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here on Lānaʻi, even Pūlama Lānaʻi has actually duplicated, replicated our...our design, but we have an overhang design where --

COUNCILMEMBER UʻU-HODGINS: Okay.

MR. VAUGHN: -- the cats cannot climb over and get out.

COUNCILMEMBER UʻU-HODGINS: Okay. Got it. Thank you. Thanks for that.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Member...oh, Members, any other questions for our testifier? Seeing none. Thank you so very much, Mr. Vaughan.

MR. VAUGHN: Aloha. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Aloha. Staff?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, the next testifier signed up is Genesis.

MS. GILL: Good morning, Councilmembers. My name is Genesis Gill, and I am the Director of Community Organizing of Roots Reborn. I wanted to express my support of line item titled Immigrant and Migrant Services that adds--I'm sorry, my kid is there--that adds 800,000 for Department of Human Services--or Concerns, excuse me--and ask that you support it too. First of all, thank you, Councilmember Johnson, for advocating for our community on these very important matters. We support the expansion of these services because our immigrant and migrant community pay into those services. A lot of our folks, believe it or not, do pay taxes, and often get nothing in return because of their status. But this expansion would allow for them to be able to receive services through organizations like Roots Reborn, as well as Pacific Gateway Foundation, who is the original solicitor for the funding. I will be...that's it. Thank you so much.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Thank you so very much. Staff?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, there's currently no one else who has signed up to testify.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Do a last call?

MS. MACDONALD: I do see...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I see Mr. Jasee Law.

MS. MACDONALD: Yeah, I can do a last call. Yeah.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Good morning, Mr. Law.

MR. LAW: Aloha, Chair...Vice-Chair Kama. It's nice to see you in the seat up there. Chair Yuki Lei Kashiwa Sugimura makes me kind of nervous. So, yeah. Hello, everybody. Hi, Keani. Jasee Law from Kula uka. The...I was wondering if the...the...not the Genesis testifier, but the one before that about the cats would like to apply for a job with the Mayor's Office...or anywhere with the County, actually, because it sounds like he's good at herding cats.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Is that your testimony?

MR. LAW: No . . .*(laughing)*. . . just my...my introduction.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, okay.

MR. LAW: Cats is not my kuleana, but cardboard is. I don't know how to say cardboard in 'Olelo, but I think paper is palapala. This here cardboard came from the King's Cathedral Kula dumpster. I've asked them several times to recycle their stuff. There's only one dumpster. There's no cardboard dumpster up there. And by the way, they have the...the red dumpsters. I won't mention the names, but there's red and green now. Aloha kakahiaka, aloha kākou, aloha *Akakū*. I come to you all because you are the highest authority besides the U.S. Military in Maui County. I don't think it's fair that any other business has to pay taxes on the 'āina, and the churches do not. I think a lot of churches use the land as collateral so they can leverage cash loans from the bank. If they don't pay taxes, how come they post signs with no trespassing and private property, and call the Maui Police Department, and use taxpayer court system for persecution of Kānaka looking for a place to sleep at night? Nine out of ten people who goes to church is good, but their management takes advantage, and their unaccountable pono'oli (*phonetic*) actions sometimes harms the community. All the people sleeping in the streets of Maui, and there was no one at the Kula Roman Catholic, Holy Ghost 'āina, or the King's Cathedral Kula 'āina. Kahu Jeremy Low (*phonetic*) did show up for morning prayer this morning at 6:00 a.m. I'll throw out an idea--eminent domain. We need recycling up Kula. Mahalo, Kahana Kalama o Maui.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Yes, Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Law, for your testimony. I just was wondering, were you here on Monday when they gave the presentation? They said the churches do pay taxes...minimum tax.

MR. LAW: Right, just very minimum. They have...I heard the preacher, what's his name, Doctor...Dr. James Marocco, saying his property's worth \$999 million. How much...how much is the regular tax on that?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I don't know, but was that his house and not the church? I think he has to pay taxes on his house.

MR. LAW: That's another point, I always...I always wondered, does he pay taxes on his...his...his house?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, only the church, but they got to pay tax still.

MR. LAW: Small kine, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, that's because the people in the churches pay all their taxes.

MR. LAW: Yeah. Well, I mean, I can see why y'all are avoiding this --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No, we're not --

MR. LAW: -- discussion because it's...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- avoiding it, we're just...thank you.

MR. LAW: Well, it goes back to the United States law on us...I don't know if it's a law but, you know, the separation of church and State deal, and the founding fathers, and all that kind of stuff.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

MR. LAW: And actually, the Governor of Virginia started his own church. I've been writing letters to him now, let him know, sending him agendas of you guys. He got tired of one of the mainstream churches and bought land and started his own church, so I'm wondering if he pays taxes on that.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

MR. LAW: Thank you for your time.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Staff?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, there is currently no one else who has signed up to testify. If somebody would like to testify in the Chamber, please let Staff know, or on Microsoft Teams, please raise your hand. This will be final call...three, two, one. Chair, it appears that nobody wishes to testify.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you so very much. So, it is now 9:58, and I'm going to call for a recess. So...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Little bit discussion.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, sorry. Yes, by all means. You can begin. . . .*(laughing)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. What is our first item that we're discussing?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, the Mayor's Office is going to come up, and then...followed by the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, Parks and Rec, Planning, Police, and then Transportation.

MR. KRUEGER: Excuse me, Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Perhaps...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Was there a change?

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, if...if the body's going to continue discussion, perhaps you can confirm closure of testimony, and then --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, okay. Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: -- we head down for the first item as continuing the Parks discussion.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. All right. Okay. So, Members, without objections, I'd like to be able to close public testimony for this morning.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections. (Excused: YS)

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No objection.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Public testimony is now closed.

**. . .CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And so, James, can we now go into our recess? Do some discussion now. Okay. More discussion. Any other...yes, any other people would like to discuss anything before we go into our recess? What did the...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: How long...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes. Yes, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Can hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your other...your other option is we take a recess and close public testimony when we return. You don't have to have discussion before we close if everyone like spoke all they wanted to. Another option for your consideration.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Well, we'll just have some discussion on something. Chair Lee, you raised your hand?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. I'm very happy to be discussing the Parks. We...I have some priorities that I'm looking forward to discussing with...within the budget. And are we going to have, let's see, the Director here?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I would hope so --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- because they're...they're here. I'm not sure, though. But that's why, when we take a recess, Member Sugimura's going to come back on the dais. I'm going to take my seat back there, and then we can ask. And the other thing I asked was if we're going to take in the order that she has, or will we do it out of order? I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: But she's here. So, we should call for recess so we can come back.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, and we already asked the questions.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: How long is the recess?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, 10:00 until 10:10.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS: 10:00 a.m.**

**RECONVENE: 10:23 a.m.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good morning, everybody. Thank you, Member Kama, for taking the meeting, opening it up, and taking the testimony. I am Yuki Lee Sugimura, and I'm here to finish...continue on with the meeting. Let's see. Just so...just so you know, the reason that I was delayed is I was speaking to the Mayor, and I'm asking him to come to talk to us tomorrow, if he would, or Josiah, whoever he decides to meet...to send. We all have been watching Senate Bill 3068, which is about the wildfire, and significantly about the asks that the County has done...asks for the Legislature. So, Mayor asked us not to take up things that may be impacted by their...by the Senate Bill 2036. So...and then I asked if he or...you know, and he's saying Josiah's available. I really would like him to come and talk to us. So, I'm sending him an invitation, and it will be whenever they're available. So, my office sent out that ask this morning. And what that impacts is that today, I will not be taking up the things that I said I would today, and I was deferring it, which is basically the Affordable Housing Fund. I will not do that today. I'll wait to hear what the Mayor or Josiah will say about that as it impacts their ask to the Legislature, the Human Concerns items, and the CIP items. And those...those items that are listed in the Office of Recovery bill in detail for wildfire relief is CIP, and it affects water, wastewater, and...well, DEM, Public Works, and Water Department. So, those CIP items, we will hear more definitively what we're going to do based upon the impact of the Legislature's decision. So, Members, that's...that's going to be very interesting for us to hear tomorrow. And again, thank you for allowing me to be late. Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, when will they make the decision tomorrow?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, actually, the decision...this is a third time, but it got deferred to...Senate Bill 3068 got deferred to today at 2:00. So, we'll see what the Conference Committee is going to come up with for final decisions. And I think that's what...and the Mayor asked us not to take up these items and wait for the Legislature to decide, and then we can hear from them. So, again, if the Legislature decides not to, which I don't think...they have a deadline of this

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Friday, that they need to have all their bills finalized for the year, for this...their legislative year, and this new fiscal year. So, there's deadlines that they're operating under, we have our own deadlines. And I'm just trying to, you know, make...make our time useful so that we don't go into things that we can wait...we should wait.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, in other words, some of our priorities may be paid for by the State?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That would be nice. I don't know. I don't know. So, even...I mean, what you're talking about. So, yesterday we...we also didn't take up the Human Concerns items, right? We said we'll take it up once we hear from the Legislature. And really, when the Office of Recovery came before us, they did say that they're doing things that are related to emotional or, you know, the human concerns aspect of the Office of Recovery. So, I want to see what Department of Human...Human Services...Human Services, which is the State like Housing and Human Concerns, Human Concerns aspect for us, I want to see what they're doing. And maybe there are...there are services that the State is providing that then, you know, may impact our decisions. So, I'm trying to be more comprehensive and very, you know, useful of your time so that we don't have to, you know, dig through things and only find out, wait, we're going to have to revisit this. And as you know, some of the comments that we've been hearing is that we just...we'll wait to see what the State decides to do. And if they're going to be bonding our CIP, then...and we have to pay interest on it. It's not just a, you know, pure cash ask, which is what initially was asked for. So, it's...it's changed over time, so we have to see what the impact is. So, we'll see how it impacts those departments that are going to be working on the wildfire recovery. So, Members, allow...thank you very much for allowing me to be late. And we will wait to hear when the Mayor and/or Josiah, Managing Director, will come to us to talk about the impact of the State Legislature's decision. And he did ask us not to take up anything until the Legislature decides. So, any questions? Okay. Oh. Oh, okay. Sorry about that. So, when I was listening in, I noticed that we did take up...you know, as we are required by Sunshine to take up some discussion before we went into a recess. So, just because we got from the Sunshine expert that we have to have a little bit more discussion. So, at this time, I'm going to open up again for public testimony, if anybody would like to testify from...for anything on the budget that hasn't already testified. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have a question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Yeah, I...I tried to urge everyone to keep testimony open, but, you know, sometimes I'm wrong.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's not my point. My question is for whoever wants to answer this parliamentary question. So, we've now had a little bit more meaningful discussion than before we closed public testimony and recessed the meeting. What's the rule on reopening public testimony after having more substantive discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Who do we ask on that? Is it...we...I'm going to open it up for public testimony if anybody wants to testify. Okay, Carla was the one who gave us the Sunshine rule.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And I...I agree with Ms. Nakata.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Carla...Carla...Carla, can you...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I agree with Ms. Nakata that --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- there wasn't substantive discussion before--wait, please stop talking over me--that there wasn't substantive discussion before we...before we recessed, which is why I asked for testimony to remain open. But if Ms. Nakata can answer my question, that would be wonderful.

MS. NAKATA: Yes. Good morning, Chair and Members. So, we did have a discussion during recess about how it was a rather brief journey into discussion before the recess and following closing of public testimony. So, we had recommended that Chair reopen just to be conservative, and allow for any additional testifiers, and then close testimony and go into deliberations. I do agree with you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez, that at this point, we seem to have entered into the deliberative phase. So, you know, it's a...it's a bit closer call at this stage. I don't see, I guess, any harm really, in Chair reopening at this point, calling for any additional testifiers if there are any, then closing and going back into deliberations.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I will.

MS. NAKATA: That's probably...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's what I was...

MS. NAKATA: Okay. Thank you.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's...that's where I was going.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. I...I...I'm not...I'm not satisfied with the...with...with how this is panning out. I'll...I won't object to, you know, reopening public testimony and like going forward today, but I'd really like to know, procedurally, what the correct steps are after having more substantive deliberation, reopening public testimony. So, for the future, but for now, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you want an answer now? Is that what you're saying? Do we have Carla Nakata still on the phone? Oh, I'm sorry, on...online?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miss...Ms. Nakata...Ms. Nakata said that it's a close call, that they're...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I heard her, I heard her, I heard her, I heard her. I'm asking you...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you'll let me finish my sentence without talking over me, then I'll finish quicker. But you keep talking over me, so it makes it hard to complete my point.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Let's not . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the point that I was trying to make--well, you keep talking over me, and then I stop. So, if you want me to just make my point and stop talking, then if you stop talking over me, then I'll finish. So, what I'm saying is Ms. Nakata said that there's gray area. We've already experienced this legal gray area previously, and now we're in a lawsuit. So, I just want us to make sure that we're following the correct steps. That's why I'm asking the question, so that we're getting legal advice, procedural advice. Because we're held to Sunshine Law, and there are rules that we're supposed to follow. And so, if our Attorney is advising us that it's...it's kind of a gray area, it's...you know, like we started deliberations, and now we're going to reopen testimony, that there isn't really harm in reopening testimony at this point. So, hopefully, no one will sue us if we reopen public testimony right now, which I don't think will happen, it's fine. But I would like us to know what the rule is for...for future reference. That's all. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Are you done?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I am done now. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Great. Ms. Nakata, briefly, please explain to Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

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MS. NAKATA: Chair, I...I agree with everything that's been said, and in the future, it would probably be more prudent for us to have a more substantive discussion following the close of public testimony and prior to recessing. But we're at...where we're at right now, and given that this is the current frame of reference, we always advise to err on the side of openness. And given that, I think it's more prudent to reopen, ask for any additional testimony, close, and then continue on with your deliberations at this stage. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Ms. Nakata. That is exactly what we were doing. So, Members, at this time, I'm going to open up public testimony.

**. . .REOPEN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Are there any other...Staff, are there any testifiers? There are?

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, yes. The only person currently signed up is Lesley Milner.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: She's going to testify? Okay. Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Councilmembers. I just received, while you were in recess, some information from the Parks Program that I wanted to give to you, and I thought it was most appropriate to do it via testimony. So, this is about the \$300,000 cut to their A account yesterday. They're actually in process of hiring some folks who haven't started yet, but they're concerned that that \$300,000 cut means they won't be able to continue filling the positions. Some of these vacancies, they've actually waited a few years to get qualified applicants for, and they're very excited to fill them. So, just as an FYI, they have two CIP coordinators who have been offered the role. They have a list of golf...golf course superintendents who are currently in interviews. The golf course maintenance supervisors are currently in interviews. They have three half-time golf course groundskeepers, two have already been filled, and one is in process. They have a half-time golf course clerk that has already accepted the position. They have a Laborer II in maintenance, they don't think they will have any issues filling that position. The project coordinator is currently on a DM-89, and there are three positions in maintenance that they don't feel will be an issue to fill. So, they're just concerned they won't be able to move forward with several of these positions with that \$300,000 cut. They feel they could absorb \$100,000, but just wanted to present you with that information for your consideration going forward. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you very much. I wonder if you could submit that to us in writing, please. They must have sent you an email or something?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair?

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MS. MILNER: Yeah, I'll email the Committee shortly.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Any questions for Ms. Milner? Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. In the email, you'll include those positions and when they expect to be filled?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Paltin. Yes, I'll get that information for you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Okay. Next testifier.

MS. MACDONALD: Chair, there's currently no one else who has signed up to testify. Would you like me to do a final call?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you.

MS. MACDONALD: Okay. If somebody would like to testify in the Chamber, please let Staff know. On Microsoft Teams, please raise your hand. This will be final call...three, two, one. Chair, it appears that nobody wishes to testify.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, with your permission, I'll close public testimony. And of course, we'll always receive written testimony on BFED-1.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

**. . .CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Okay. Everybody, thanks for working hard. I did hear your public testimony last night as I was driving back up to Kula, the real property tax. So, thanks, Chair, for doing that. And as you know, yesterday we squeezed in some of the departments that we were able to do over and beyond what I had thought we were. So, we ended up with...starting off with Department of Parks and Recreation, and only doing basically the personnel decisions. So, now we need to do the rest. Anybody have any amendments or proposals? Oh, yeah, Exhibit 1, sorry. Exhibit 1, what you've been waiting for. Exhibit 1, Kasie and James, please. Thank you. Thank you. This is all your hard work from yesterday.

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**EXHIBIT 1**

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, because it starts with County Clerks. Good job, Kasie and James. Thank you very much.

MR. KRUEGER: Thank you, Chair. So, yes, we just distributed the updated Exhibit 1 based on the departments that was discussed yesterday. We also updated the departments from Monday to reflect an updated color coding. So, just...the color coding is if the motion affected the appropriations and decreased them, it's red...so decreases are red, increases are green. And then if it was something that didn't touch the actual number, but was just like a condition...so conditions of funding or changed the language in some way but not the number, those are in blue. So, the document does start with the document...the departments that the Committee discussed on Monday, but then later on after that, we do move into the departments that the Committee discussed yesterday. We did include...even though that we are...we do have revisits for Housing and Human Concerns, we still included those anyway. The revisit motions, even though they were withdrawn, we still left them in the Exhibit 1. They're highlighted so the Members can see what was sort of discussed and withdrawn and marked for revisit. Oh, Chair, I see a hand from Chair Lee.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do we have a running total?

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, so --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That'll be next.

MR. KRUEGER: -- my colleague Kasie will talk about that one. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. Thank you.

MR. KRUEGER: So, the document does also include, towards the end, also the revolving funds that the Committee discussed. So, that's primarily the Affordable Housing

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Fund, and again, you can see that we've left in highlights for things that we marked for revisit. We also reflected the reduction for the Employee Parking Fees Fund. And then finally, we also included the adjustments that the Committee made for the GET funds and the estimated revenue for GET. I think that kind of completes our summary for Exhibit 1 at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, as the Members requested from yesterday, you left the colors in. So, red means delete, green means add, and blue means revenue neutral. Okay. We got that. Thank you for asking those questions from yesterday. Ms. Paltin...Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Just clarifying. So, a yellow highlight is withdrawn. It happened, but we withdrew it, and then the purple is that it will still change. Is that what those indicate?

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies, what page is the purple on?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Multiple pages, but the one I'm looking at, there's...on 10, line 680 --

MR. KRUEGER: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- or...

MR. KRUEGER: I see. Apologies. So, the purple is...that's a mark for...for Staff internally, sorry. That just means because of our spreadsheet and how we have the numbers work, the purple is to remind us of certain numbers that are going to change --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

MR. KRUEGER: -- based on things that we're doing in the spreadsheet.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Okay. And then you said that even though some of the departments haven't been closed out, like Human Concerns, it's...it's just on here to reflect what we did yesterday, but it's not final...none of it is final until like the 30th or something.

MR. KRUEGER: Right, exactly. And --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: -- and again, and we also provide the Exhibit 1 to you also, just in case you guys see anything that...maybe that we're not reflecting accurately so that you guys can let us know, and we can make those corrections.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Cool, I'll read it then.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: One more thing. Okay. Any other questions? Okay, Kasie?  
Ms. Apo Takayama?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Okay. So, we've added a few more columns to the sheet because yesterday, you made some revisions that reflect a little differently. So, same thing for the first few columns, your difference in operating CIP from the Mayor's proposed was a decrease of 40,574,118, but to note here that 54.55 of that was a difference in revenue as well because we cut that...that bridge loan, and so that difference there is 13,700,397 (*phonetic*). We also took into account revisions to grant revenues, and so your net total difference is your decrease of 5,299,603. And just a couple of things to note here. You'll see a blank row, and that's just because we don't yet know what the impact was for the change in Appendix B for rates and fees for the grease trap, and then the Finance also doesn't yet reflect the change to out-of-state licenses.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do we have this sheet?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, no, I think you're just reading out, right, from your...

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yeah, that's correct. We were crunching numbers all the way up until we started, so...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, we can just make...make a copy off of Granicus of this? We don't have it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can you...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sure.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can you...

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: We can download a copy and distribute.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Great. So, right now, we're...we're over budget by...is that 5 million something?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: We're under the Mayor's proposed by about 5 million.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. But it's incomplete, but at least we have an idea of where we are.

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Correct. And this also doesn't take into account the ones that need to be revisited. So, everything that's reflected on Exhibit 1 is also reflected here.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Great. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: At least we're kind of in the ballpark. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin has a question.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Given that information from Kasie, I would move to amend Parks Program and add back \$200,000. Congratulations for filling those long-empty positions.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hopefully, they'll stick.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . So, you're saying based upon what Ms. Milner said, yeah? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, yeah. I didn't have any hope for them, but great job, guys. Hopefully, we can keep them. I don't know, treat them nice.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin, and second by...was it Member Rawlins-Fernandez, I think? Yeah? Okay. Oh, yeah. Okay. All right. All of you heard Ms. Milner. Ms. Milner, did you send over your email to us already? I haven't received it.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I haven't sent it yet. I'm waiting for the position numbers from the Parks Department, and then I will send that over. I just have the position titles right now, so I want to make sure I have all the information you requested.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is that enough information, or you want to wait until you get it?



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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Are we doing rates and fees for Parks yet?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We haven't got there yet.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Oh, maybe I should go over the list that we gave you, then you can see the order. Next, I'm going to do grants, so...which this is on page 40. The Department has received grants for Play and Learn Sessions, PALS, Food Service Program, 150,000; Urban Forest Management Plan, 300,000, are the two. Any changes? I think I saw something from...okay. We'll...we'll wait until we talk to the Administration. Any...any...this is consensus, right? This is grants, so we don't really want to change it. Consensus, Members? Thank you. All right. Next we have Appendix A, which is bill...on Bill--oh, we just did that, sorry--40. Appendix A, Part II, sorry, Special Purpose Revenue, and on this they have...it's on page 45. And this is Ocean Recreation Activity Fund, which is alphabet K. Any corrections or consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I...I thought in one of the answers, they emailed it, I don't remember it off the top of my head, but they do expect to get some revenue from CORA permits, and it's not reflected in that. So, I'll...if somebody can correct it, but I can't remember what the response number is. Does...does anybody?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think I saw something in Administration.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or does it need to be corrected?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: James, if it's a grant, they'll let us know when they get it, right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was about, I think, the CORA revenues in the Revolving Fund, they had like that they were going to get zero anticipated revenues. Does that need to be corrected? Because in one of the answers...I mean, I could try look for it right now, but I'm just lazy. Oh, thank you. . . .(laughing). . . Because they...I think I asked that question, and they said they do anticipate some revenues. I mean, I think they had CORA permits for Kanaha, and probably places in South Maui as well.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Should we ask Ms. Milner?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, sure --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- if she knows.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Milner, do you have that answer?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Yes, they would like to update the anticipated revenues for Fiscal Year '25 to \$45,000 and adjust the total accordingly.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to do that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, good.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second, Member U'u-Hodgins, motion made by Member Paltin. That saves us time because it'll come through budget. Okay. Good. Any discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Glad I could help.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Got that? Okay. So, next, rates and fees. Here you go, Member Johnson. This is on Appendix B, pages 24 to 29, Rates and Fees. And Member Johnson has something regarding PALS.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. Thank you, Chair. I move to amend to read participating PALS children that are dependent of at least one full-time employee of the County of Maui, and participating PALS children that qualify for the Department of Education's free or reduced lunch program, are eligible for fare-free attendance. Discounts shall be verified by the PALS program to be deemed eligible for the current program of the year, and delete fares for children receiving free or reduced lunch.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second, Member...motion made by Member Johnson, second by Member Sinenci. Discussion...Member Johnson first, and then Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. There's been a totally...so, first off, the...the Department of Personnel supports this, PALS getting a free exemption for County workers. It's a great way to draw people here into the County. It's not a very big ask as far as revenue goes because the total amount of PALS-collected revenues in 20...from '21 to '23--or I'll just say in summer of 2023 was 78,509, and in winter PALS was 8,458. So, not a very big ask for loss of revenue because really, we want to encourage our people to come work for the County. And as we know, childcare can be a burden on people, and this is a great way to incentivize them. I spoke with the...Shane...Deputy Director Shane Dudoit, and maybe...we...I...I basically asked him how many...how many families and parents do...would you know that works for the County that go to the PALS, but he doesn't know that, and it's kind of an unknown. So, if Ms. Milner wants to speak on that, on an estimated revenue loss, but I don't think it's a big one, and I'll just leave it at that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I was just wondering if Member Johnson was going to recommend where we would get the offset funding from.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Out of the General Fund, I do believe?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. That means Member Paltin has to keep working on it. She's the General Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: . . .(laughing). . .

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. . . *(laughing)*. . . And she makes this announcement, but are you...oh, two people have to go.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, I have...I have...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Member Kama, you have a comment?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, I...I had a question for Member Johnson.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, what about...what about employees of the County who only work part-time, whose kids attend PALS?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm sorry, could you say the question again?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I was asking about employees who work for the County who are on part-time.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, this is for at least full-time employees of the County, not part-time. I'm amenable to making it part-time, but we just figure --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Well...yeah, if you thought about that.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- if you're going to work for the County, and you're going full-time, then we want to be able for you to take care...we...you know, PALS...your children go...go into PALS.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Um-hum.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other questions regarding this proposal?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I...if...if I can clarify one thing. When I said that I spoke with the Personnel, the Personnel was here...the Director of Personnel was here when we asked her that, so I...it wasn't an individual conversation. She said it on the floor, remember that, when she was saying anything that helps.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, so...Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I think this is great. I don't know how many...this is your point, when you asked Deputy Director, how many full-time County employees have children that attend that are on free and reduced lunch status. But that's a great question. My kids go to summer PALS because it is the cheapest option for a summer care program. Both me and my

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husband are full-time employees by the County, but we don't qualify for free and reduced, so this wouldn't affect me, but I wanted to give you guys numbers. So, if you had two children that attended PALS on reduced lunch, you would pay \$196 for the summer. If you had two children that . . .(timer sounds). . . have free lunch, you would pay \$112. So, if you...this is what Member Paltin and I were talking about, how expensive things are if you don't have money.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: So, if...let's say we have just a few hundred people, you're really looking at maybe 1,000, maybe \$2,000, which to our budget isn't a lot. But to somebody's budget who makes \$45,000 a year, that's a lot of money. So, I would just hope we can put this in perspective and realize this is not necessarily a huge ask.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It's expensive to be poor.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other comments before we take the vote? I don't see...okay. Oh, Member Kama?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, Mr. Johnson --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- this amendment is talking about two things, an employee...a full-time employee of the County whose children are on either free or reduced, right? Is that what it says right here? Free or reduced lunch program.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Full-time employees of the County of Maui and participating PALS...and participating in PALS, the children that are qualified for the free and...so...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, so they have to be working and the kids have to qualify for free lunch.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No, no. The...if you're working, it . . .(timer sounds). . . would...it would be under that. And then if you're getting free and reduced.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: That's what I'm trying to clarify.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Um-hum.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Because I saw there's two things.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right, there's the word "and" in there. So, if you're a dependent of at least one full-time employee of the County of Maui, full-stop, that means you can get in here for...for...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Right, the County employee.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right. And then if you're receiving the free...free and reduced lunch, you also are included.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, you don't have to be the child of a County employee, you just have to be on free or reduced lunch.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Both. You know...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. That's what I'm trying to understand.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This is and, right?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, it's an and --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're saying and.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- right? So, we want to include folks who are struggling, and we also want to include our employees.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Well, people who are struggling don't necessarily work for the County.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, I'll just...employees get free, okay? And then all residents get free and reduced lunch...or all residents who get free and reduced lunch will also get it free.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. I take back what I said, because I was confused, but I'm going to have to probably not vote on this as a County employee, and my kids go to PALS, and I actually have to drop off the payment later today. So, I won't be voting on this.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: My kids went to PALS for a little while. I just...right now, I think, I'm not paying for their lunch at school, or their bus, because they never collected, but I paid for their first quarter bus, and they never used that, so I'm not sure if that...how that worked. But they got papers sent home that they said to fill out, and all of Lahaina might get free lunch for the next five years, so then all of Lahaina would have free PALS . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . and so I would support this.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, clarification, Member...anybody else, I want to ask him something. Oh, Member...Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, I think you mentioned 78,000--right?--for the summer program, and about 8,000 for the winter program.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: \$78,509 for summer, and for winter, 8,458.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Member Johnson --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- are you saying that it is County employee...full-time County employee and, or are you saying full-time County employee or, that gets free lunch?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Both of those groups would get free lunch, or...I mean, I'm sorry, free PALS.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Free PALS.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So...so, like we're...we're technically part-time employees--right?--as Councilmembers, but if...if anybody else got a free and reduced lunch, then we would get...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, it's or, then. Either/or. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I wanted to disclose, my kids don't do PALS anymore, so I can vote.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, but your husband works full time.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Kids don't do PALS, they're too old already. Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, mine were in PALS. Can we get a refund?

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, no, I was thinking, you know, this is a lot of paperwork. Why don't we just make it free for everybody?

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I like the way you're thinking, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: That's what I was trying to get to. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Remember, Members, it's not a very big budget for what it...what we collect. 78,000 for PALS collected-revenue for summer, and 8,000 for winter. But I'm just saying that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm super supportive. I just was wondering if Ms. Milner can check in, like it could create a bum rush, and then, I don't know if we'd have...like, they'd probably have to...huh?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Sign up is pau already.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, sign up is pau already.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, this has to be for . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, so for this year --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, the next fiscal year.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- we can go for it then.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, this next...it's going to be Fiscal Year '25, right, so...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, it's for next year anyway.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sorry...sorry, Member U'u-Hodgins...doesn't qualify.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I just was wondering, then would it be limited? I mean, if it's free for all, that's great, but we don't want to be over capacity and create safety issues or whatever. So, it would just be limited to how much Staff they have, like the size of the program, and it would be the first so many.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. If we could just double-check with Ms. Milner, that that's...it wouldn't be just, like unlimited because we only have so many locations and instructors.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner, do you hear our discussion?

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MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair. Thank you. Sorry, for some reason my camera, even though it's on on my end, doesn't seem to be popping up. So, I will restart Teams during the next recess so you can actually see me. I did want to let you know, the PALS program is already on a lottery system, so it's limited by staff availability. So, that will continue, even if you make it free.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. Perfect, then.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Great.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, the...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I like the song we're singing.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, the process will be the same from the Parks Department. They will be able to handle, because they're limit it by the lottery, it's going to be staff-driven, how many, you know, they could...they could handle. And that it will be...then the motion now is all free for everybody, which is changed from your original motion, so you're amending it, Member Paltin...or Member U'u-Hodgins? Somebody's amending it?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It was Chair Lee's suggestion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Chair Lee suggested to make it all...okay. Is there a second?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second by Member Kama. So, it is now asking for it to be all free, and it would be County full-time employees that are on free or reduced lunch program.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No, it's free for everybody.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, for everybody.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, you can scratch that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we're taking that part out. Okay. Okay. So, free for everybody. Okay. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, I fully support this, and I really appreciate the Council working together on these things, but again, my intent was to try to prioritize County workers so we could say, hey, this is a benefit for you. If we do

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the lottery where we would kind of prioritize or some way they could, you know, leave slots for County workers, something like that I would be very amenable to because...but, you know, I want to hear the body's opinion first, and that's my point. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm going to ask with your...Ms. Milner to reply to what is the revenue impact, and then I guess you have another question, Member Johnson, about how do we prioritize County employees for this program. Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. We think the revenue impact will be approximately \$85,000 from the General Fund charges for current services, so if that could be part of the motion, we would appreciate it. And as for prioritizing County employees, that is not currently part of the lottery system, so they don't have the process for that at this moment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is it something that you could incorporate into the system because it'll be for Fiscal Year '25?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. The Parks Department would need to look into changing their processes and policies and procedures if they were to do that, so they would have to get back to you on that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, if...I might have --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- a suggestion, if the body would be willing to hear it. Total anticipated for 15 PALS' sites is 1,625 participants. So, maybe like 500 would be reserved for...well, that might be a lot, but, you know, a certain number could be reserved for County workers. I just would throw in...out a number, 200...200 could be reserved, and that way...the 200 reserved for County workers, and they still do lottery for the rest of them. I would be amenable to what you guys would suggest.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: -- is it possible for us to dispose of one of the amendments first? We have two amendments on the floor.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, the one we want to dispose of is?

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Amendment currently on the floor is Chair Lee’s motion to make all fees free.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. We’re going to vote? Okay. All in favor. I saw Member Paltin with her hand up. You had a comment before we take the vote?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It’s on the next one, so I can hold that question until after this vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All in favor, raise your hand, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye. This is making PALS program for free. Nine “ayes,” motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE amendment to main motion**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much, Chair Lee. Thank you very much, Member Johnson. Okay. Next. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just...I like the idea because we do need some sort of recruitment advertisement or announcement. I just would like to ask Ms. Toshikiyo, can we do that legally? And if we can, then what’s stopping us?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You’re...you’re asking if we can advertise the parks...the PALS that we just passed?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If we can give preference to our own workers.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Because, I mean, we have so many vacancies. If that is an incentive, which, I mean, I don't know that it is an incentive. You can just pay money --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- or it's free now, but you could win the lottery better. It might be worth it, but we just need to fill those vacancies, you know?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Toshikiyo?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. Thank you, Chair. Yes, I...I don't think that there's going to be an issue with making that a preference. I'm just trying to figure out where that would go within this Budget Ordinance because by eliminating the fee for all, it would no longer be considered part of the Rates and Fees.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Maybe --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yeah, I'm just...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- if...like, I guess, if they change the application process going forward, and...and they put on there, are you a County employee, what's your supervisor or something where you could check that they are a County employee, then they get put in a different lottery where there's more positions. And then --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- we would open it up. If...if not all the County slots got filled, then it would be open to new other folks, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you're...

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. And I think that's where I'm...I'm trying to figure out where that would go because I think that, what Ms. Milner says, that the Parks Department would be looking into how they would administer such a program, and I believe this wouldn't apply until the winter session anyway since it sounds like the lottery has already been completed and payments are due for this summer. So, just kind of looking forward. But in terms of where that conditional language would go, because since we're looking at Appendix B for Rates and Fees, I guess I would kind of want to check in with Ms. Milner on whether or not this entire section

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would then disappear from the Rates and Fees, and where would that requirement go within the budget.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or maybe if we --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I think...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- just make it be zero, leave the rates in and make the fee be zero so, you know, people can see like there is a cost, and we're going to subsidize it by making it be the rate and fee zero...or the fee.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: And then...okay. And then amend that paragraph at the top that would state that preference would be given to County employees.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yeah, I think that would work. We have to rewrite that top section just to kind of reflect all the changes that are being made.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Are you done, Ms. Paltin...Member Paltin? Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think we can accomplish satisfying the employees' children by allowing...by providing early registration for all County employees. So, then they register before everybody else, and then whatever's left is for the public. No?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I'm just trying to think of the paperwork involved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You want to send that as a suggestion to the Department? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't know. Let's hear from other people.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anything else you want to add, discussion, Members? Okay. That's it. Okay. Ready to vote?

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, we don't have a motion for this yet.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I thought we had a motion, Chair Lee and second by...okay.  
Member U'u-Hodgins, go ahead.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Sorry, to give preference to County employees.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, I don't...I'm not going to participate in this vote as a County employee, and my kids would directly benefit. So, I'm happy to participate in the vote where it was okay for everybody. I totally support this, but I wouldn't be able to vote on it. So, I will just abstain from this conversation, although I like it. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other comments? All right. So, we are...we need the Chair Lee amendment, so it's PALS is free for everybody, and I need a second.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, we...we voted on that one. We just --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We voted on that one.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: -- we don't have a motion if the body would like to give priority or preference to County workers.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member...Member...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I move to give preference or...or secondary preference for recipients of free and reduced lunch, as well as County full-time workers.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Do I have a...do we have a second?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Johnson, second by Member Sinenci. And this would be for free for County employees and preference if...no, also, just preference if it's...if you're on a free lunch program, correct?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Let me just make it...make it a little bit clearer. Preference for County workers, full stop.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Nothing about the free lunch.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No, no.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Preference for County employees. Second, are you okay? Yeah. All right. Any discussion? I think we talked about it, but...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez, and then Member...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I have a question...I have a question for either Corp. Counsel or for our Legislative Attorneys. So, Member U'u-Hodgins is...is abstaining from the vote, or recusing because she would directly benefit, but there's a lot of things that we directly either benefit or burden ourselves with, such as property tax rates, water rates, multiple things. And so, I just wanted to get an opinion on...so, if Member U'u-Hodgins is recusing herself because she feels like there's a conflict, and it...you know, and it's every Councilmember's right to do that, but ultimately, what would then happen on the full budget vote?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's the question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Miss...Ms. Toshikiyo popped up.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, Chair. If I may, I believe that there was an advisory opinion that was requested by a Councilmember a few years back, and the Board of Ethics opined, and I'm sorry if I'm going to, you know, butcher this in my summary. I believe that the Councilmember sat on the board of directors of a nonprofit that was part of the budget, but because that one line item was part of a...you know, the larger budget, I believe the Board of Ethics stated that that Councilmember could vote on the entire budget. So, she would be able to participate in that, you know, discussion and vote when the time comes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Toshikiyo. Mahalo, Chair.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: And...and sorry, if I...I'm just going --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- to be...sorry, this is not for Member Rawlins-Fernandez, this is for Member Johnson, just the motion...because there was a discussion as to whether this would be for full-time or part-time County employees, I think it would be clearer if the intention is for full-time, that that be part of the motion.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Friendly amendment, full-time County workers. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Thank you very much, and for that clarification. Yes, Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, and thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. I appreciate that opinion. I just definitely didn't want to vote on something that prioritized the County employees, and I get your point. Property tax applies to everybody. We don't get a special rate because we work for the County. That's...but I...I do appreciate that clarification. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. All right. Members, motion on the floor...or any more discussion? I see Member Sinenci. You want to say something? No? Okay. So, motion on the floor...yes. Oh, Member Kama, sorry about that.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, your mic is off.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Sorry. So, Member Lee's motion was to make the PALS program free --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- right, for everybody?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Irregardless [*sic*] if you work for the County or not. And then Member Johnson's, the one we're going to be voting on in a few moments, is to make County employees preference, right? Okay. Just wanted to be sure about that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that's what we're voting on. All in favor with...oh, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: But there is a clarification that he clarified that County employees means full-time --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- not part-time.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, full-time.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thanks for that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't know why, I mean, why not?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, I guess, the...the...thanks for asking the question. I think, in my mind, part-time gives you the time to be with your children. But if you guys disagree, I don't mind adding part-time in it as well.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Member Kama?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Part-time...part-time to other people, Member Johnson, is this is my third job. I have to have two full-time jobs, and I need a part-time. So, that's...that's --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: You make a valid point.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- why we always ask about the part-time.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, should I make another friendly amendment to my own amendment that all County workers --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: That would be helpful.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- would be preference? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I would support that too.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: All right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm malleable.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, any more discussion? We're voting on all County employees, and it will be free, and we're not doing the food preference or whatever. I mean we're not doing free or reduced lunch thing. Anything else that I missed that we're...what we're voting on? Okay. Members, all in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nine “ayes?” [sic] Yes, nine “ayes.” [sic]

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Eight.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Eight.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: U‘u-Hodgins.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, that’s right, you can’t. You’re excusing yourself. So, eight “ayes,” motion carries.

**VOTE:           AYES:           Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.**

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       Councilmember U‘u-Hodgins.**

**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVE amendment to main motion**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And we did get clarification from the Department that this is...this is what, in gross, \$85,000, the impact, right? Okay. Any other Rates and Fees?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, you still have the original amendment as amended.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. We now got to go back to original amendment as amended with...and I know you’re not going to vote. All in favor, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Eight “ayes,” and one excused. Okay. Thank you. Recuse, recuse, recuse.

**VOTE:           AYES:           Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.**

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       Councilmember U‘u-Hodgins.**

**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVE main motion as amended**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We can leave this. All right. Thank you very much, Member Johnson. And also in Rates and Fees, if you look at page 27, Members, last night, it was announced that the Maui Fair is not going to come back, and I...it was a news article. We haven’t gotten any kind of official word, but in here is Rates and Fees, Maui Fair Alliance, user fee, 2,000 per year.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair, I can’t hear you . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. I will move my mic, so sorry. Last night, we got word by media, not through Administration, but that Maui Fair Alliance, there’s a Rate and Fee here on page 27, 2,000 per year, security deposits, 2,000 per year, equipment rental is 2,000 per year, so I wonder if we want to just delete this in the budget. They’re not coming back, unfortunately.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Move to delete.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is there a second?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, can you clarify what page you're on?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, page 27 in Rates and Fees, on Ramseyered version.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You got it?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sinenci.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, just a question, Chair. So, this is just specific to Maui Fair Alliance. If there were another company that wanted to come and...and take over the...the fair, this wouldn't apply to them because it's specific to Maui Fair Alliance.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Maui Fair Alliance. Yeah, that's who put on the fair.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, sad news, but...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why, somebody else coming?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Well, I mean, I'm just --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Just in case.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- kind of throwing it out there.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Then...all right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: They...I read the article, and it said that they were disbanding the Fair Alliance, but that they had hoped that another organization

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would come in and put on events. So, would we just change it, instead of Maui Fair Alliance, put event poster or something like that?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think the way I read that is that they were hoping other organizations would take on its place.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So...but this Fair Alliance is no longer.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. So, I mean, instead of deleting the whole section, would we put . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . an entity that has a license agreement between the County...an...any entity that has a license agreement with the County to put on those events?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Toshikiyo? Maybe she can help us with this wording.

MS. MILNER: Chair, sorry, this is Lesley.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

MS. MILNER: Sorry --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. MILNER: -- for interrupting. The camera's being hinky. So, if there is a new agreement entered into, that license agreement would have to come before the Council, and we could do an amendment to Appendix B as part of that process. If the body chose to delete it now, we could deal with that if and when a new license agreement's entered into because the rates might be different in the new license agreement.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, we're going to raise the rates, huh?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we can delete it then --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Ms. Toshikiyo? Is that what you're saying?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, Chair, I was going...going to mention also that I'm looking at the license agreement right now, and those rates are set forth in the agreement that we entered into with the Maui Fair Alliance, and it does state that it expires in

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2024. So, yes, Ms. Milner is correct that this is very specific to this license agreement.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we're fine deleting it from Rates and Fees? Ms. Toshikiyo?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, that would be fine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, motion made by Chair Lee, and I think second came from Member Kama? Okay. Any more discussion, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Could you repeat the motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yeah. So, we're...I'm looking at page 27, Rates and Fees, the Ramseyered version. We're deleting Maui Fair Alliance because they've announced that they are disbanding. So, we're taking them out of this. And if there's a new organization that puts other events together, they would have to come before this body anyway, and then we can include it at the appropriate time. Yeah. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sorry, Chair, I stepped away for a quick bio break, but just to continue the conversation, this license agreement between County and Maui Fair Alliance expires on 12/31/2024. Did you guys discuss that at all? Is that...that's no problem if we...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: They just...yeah, they announced they're no longer...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, that would put our license agreement null and void as well?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I...I think that there isn't one if they've disbanded, but Ms. Toshikiyo, maybe you can . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . answer it legally.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, Chair. Thank you. I'd have to review the agreement and to determine how we terminate the license agreement. Sorry, this was...it was --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: A surprise.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- news to me as well. Yes. So, the expiration date is December 31st, 2024, and there are probably clauses within this agreement on how it would terminate. And I don't want to speculate too much. So, either party may

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unilaterally terminate this agreement with or without cause at any time prior to expiration, with 30 days prior written notice. So, we have to work with the Maui Fair Alliance to make sure that the agreement is properly terminated.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, again, we're still fine deleting this from Rates and Fees.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: They disbanded.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's...right? Okay. Nothing changed. Members, all in favor, raise your hands and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sadly, we have nine "ayes." Okay. Motion carries. We're going to delete this.

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

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And if you look under that, Adult Recreational League, there is increase in charges for softball. It went from 20 to 30...and these are adult leagues, right? So...and then basketball, it went from 25 to 35. Volleyball, it went to [sic] 10 to 15. Kickball, 20 to 30. And baseball, 55 to 60. Other sport activities is 20 to 25. Okay. So, these...there are increases in fees. Chair Lee?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Didn't I have a priority? I can't seem to find it. It had to do with exempting sports organizations. You have it? Do you have it?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We're going to talk about priorities later, but --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- let me...let me...is there...does she have one that relates to Rates and Fees?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, if we're not going to do it now, no problem.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yeah, Member Johnson . . .*(inaudible)*. . . I don't see one. Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair, I have a question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, aside from softball, basketball, volleyball, kickball, baseball, and other sports activities, what are the other sports activities besides pickleball that we could list?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You want to list out pickleball?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No, I was just...I was just wondering if that's where pickleball would funder...would fall under, other sports/activities.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I wonder if they even pay. I don't know.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Well, everybody else is paying.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner, does Parks charge pickleball or other...what are the other sport...sports activities? And . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .I guess the question is, should we list it? Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. We are looking into what falls under that. Those were the adult recreational. I do believe there are others...there's other than pickleball, but I will get back to you as soon as I have that information.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. That's fine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you're going to get back to us on that. And then also, on the next page, on page 28, playing fields. So, there is an increase, residents with residents cards...and this is regarding golf, fees from 16 to 17. Military is

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24 to 25. Retirees with residents cards is 11 to 12. And non-Maui County Hawai'i residents with Hawai'i driver's licenses or Hawai'i State ID is 28 to 29. Nonresident is 65 to 66. So reasonable.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: That's cheap.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And rates, weekends and holidays. So, the first one was weekdays, and this one is weekends. So, residents are 21 to 22. Military is 26 to 30...29 to 30. Retirees with residents card...residents card is 15 to 16. Non-Maui County Hawai'i residents with Hawai'i driver's license or Hawai'i State ID card is 16...35 to 36, and this is weekends. And nonresidents is 85 to 86. Chair Lee, this is your favorite. Are you fine?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I wasn't listening.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, this is golf fees, it's being increased.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, yeah, the dollar...the \$1.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, \$1, and it's for residents.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I think we can afford it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you're fine with all of this. Members, do I see a motion to accept? Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Move to approve.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Move to approve. Okay. I can just...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No need.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No need, just consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No need to approve. I don't approve.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. So, that's the end of Parks. Did I miss anything for Rates and Fees? We're fine, yeah? All right. Very good. So, there...and department requests. Do we have any department requests, Ms. Milner, besides the one that you did this morning?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Yes. The request we have is under Appendix A, Part I, Grants. We would like to move the Urban Forest Management Plan from Parks to Management, as the Staff that was overseeing that program has transferred to the Office of Recovery.



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Duke...I can't read this, sorry. Oh, Maliu Recreational Park, Mitchell Pauole...oh, this is Molokai, two 18-inch sod cutters, 16,000. And that's on page 17-65. Four new passenger club car, 23,000, Parks Program on Budget Details 17-26. New utility cart recreation, 27,000, and Budget Details is 17-67. Let's see, ice maker needed in district for recreational programming, \$10,000, Recreation 17-68. And communication board for inclusive ADA 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, and it is 9,200, and it is on Budget Detail 17-65. 40-foot shipping container, \$11,000, 17-67. Two new floor scrubbers, \$33,000, 17-66. One new 18-inch sod cutter, Recreation 17-66. 24.6 horsepower HP tow-behind blower, \$18,000 for 17-65. New 20-inch plate compactor with water tank, \$5,000, and it is on Budget Detail 17-66. The first item I didn't read, it's \$11,000, and it is on Budget Detail 7-68. So, the presentation that you're looking at for new equipment, complete total, as I said, was \$171,000. And if you want to do a 5 percent cut, 10 percent, 15 percent cut, it explains there, or a 20 percent cut. Do you want to do any cuts? Yes, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I would like to do...I move to add a condition to priority number 40 on Budget Detail 17-65. I did receive complaints when this first came out that there was an image of water depicted with a plastic water bottle. And...and it was offensive to, I guess, the people that were contacting me that water shouldn't be associated with a plastic water bottle. If...if they could maybe associate it with a faucet or rain or something like that, that would be preferable, I guess, so I...I won't get any more complaints about it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That would be my condition. If I get a second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Take out the plastic water bottle? Delete.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If...if you're going to depict water, don't depict it as a plastic water bottle, please.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: In this day --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- and age of recycling.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or reduce, reuse.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Member Paltin, second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Members, any questions on that? You want to vote on that? Okay. Members, all in favor say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It would be on 17-65, communication board with inclusive ADA ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i. 8,000...is it 8,000? Yeah. 9,200?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, for four. That if they use that, don’t depict water with a plastic water bottle.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Depict it some other way.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Did you get...did you get that? Okay. Okay. All in favor say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This looks like nine “ayes.”

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. Okay. So, of these new equipment calculations, is...does anybody want to make a motion for...to cut some of the expenses by 10 percent...5 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent, 20 percent? And the amounts are below. No, you want to leave it?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Let's hear your suggestion, Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I really appreciate all the work that's going into these graphs. They're very helpful for salaries. But when it comes to equipment, it's kind of difficult because either you're going to cut something or buy one instead of two, but you really cannot buy 80 percent of a soccer goal, or 5...you know, buy 10...90 percent of an inclusive playground. So, they're helpful, but I'm not too sure if the percentage cuts are necessarily helpful. I understand the math behind it, but they're giving us a number that that's how much it costs. So, it'll be difficult, like I said, to buy 80 percent of a...of a...of a soccer goal, and when you need two.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: So...but I...I really like these --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- but it's difficult.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Appreciate that.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, appreciate that. Okay. So, I'm seeing that there's no motions except that one for the water bottle, yeah? Okay. So, CIP. So, you also received the CIP for Parks, and this is what was listed from the Parks Department. And is there a summary? No, there's no...there's no total. So, basically what it is, I'm asking if you would like to do a percentage cut instead of funding the entire amount, which is a 5 percent, 10 percent, 15, 20 percent cut on these projects. And number one is Countywide Parks facilities, \$1 million. Number two is Makawao Boys and Girls Club roof replacement, which is 500, or half a million. Countywide construction project management, 2 million. Countywide parks playground equip--...improvements, 1.5 million. Countywide parks ADA improvements, half a million. Lāna'i Youth Center and skate park, 1 million. And Central Maui pickleball courts, 1.5 million...1.3 million. Fifth Street courts, resurfacing and improvements, is 2 million. Kanahā Beach Park restroom

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replacement, 200,000. War Memorial Football Stadium and track rehab, that is 800,000. Waiehu Golf Course facility improvements, 500,000. Waiehu Golf Course pond liner replacement, half a million. Pā'ia Community Center rehabilitation, 250. Keōpūolani Park...Keōpūolani Park field lights replacement, which is 2 million. Anybody have any suggestions for cutbacks on these? Yeah, go ahead. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. You know, our parks are basically our best quality of life issue. And although none of these really seem like they would help out West Maui, I think, you know, collectively, as a County, we've been through the wringer this last year. And anything that we can do to raise the quality of life for our residents during this time is...is pretty important. You know, in normal times, a lot of the testimony center around parks because that's what our families use. And...and although we get a disproportionate amount of pickleball testimony sometimes, the actual survey that Parks Department did, you know, said the walking trails and the facilities and like that. And, you know, we on the West Side are feeling it too. A lot of people feel they can't walk through the parks, and don't feel safe going to the pavilions or the bathrooms in the parks. And it's really negatively affecting the community as it is negatively affecting those utilizing the parks as their house right now. So, I think that in this past year, where our quality of life have took significant hits, I don't personally want to take any more away from the community that has had to struggle. And...and, you know, of course, I feel that West Maui has the most need. It doesn't mean that the rest of the County hasn't had to accommodate West Maui. And so, I wouldn't like to decrease any of these quality of life things --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- personally.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good points. Any other comments? Member Kama, are your hands up?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. You know, our beaches and our parks are the only places that our families can go for free. It's free. So, every time you want to do something with your family, it costs money. So, everybody opts to go to the beach or go to a park and have a...have the baby's party, or have your celebrations, and so on and so forth. And so, I think it's...I feel really hard-pressed to be able to cut our Parks Department's recreational facilities and so on and so forth because where else do they go? And even...and I...we know that our people complain about some of our parks, broken restrooms, water is leaking, the pipe not working, this and that. But better to have a park and a safe space than to have to play in the middle of the road.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, that's my comments, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. All right. So, we're going to move on. It is now 11:40. Do you want to take your lunch break now and then...and then go into the Mayor? Okay. So, that's what we're going to do. After lunch, we have Office of the Mayor. And then that should be kind of lengthy with many priorities from you. And...let's see, hang on. And then 'Ōiwi Resources. Planning.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair? Chair? Chair, do you anticipate going into executive session with the Mayor? Just asking.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I hadn't planned it. Do you want us...do...are you . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I don't know if he has anything, you know --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- confidential or whatever.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you mean...Mayor's not going to come. I've asked them to come tomorrow after --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, tomorrow.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- after...after the Senate bill is done.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. Thanks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: After the Legislature has made their decision. Yeah, so no. And then Department of Transportation. So, just to...just so you know, Department of Transportation asked if they could be today because both the Director and Deputy are going to be off-island tomorrow. So, I might move them up if it looks like we're running out of time. Today, I'm hoping...we don't have a night meeting tonight. So, if we need to go at night, I'm buying dinner if we have to stay. Yeah, I want to...yeah. If we have to stay, I'm hoping we don't though. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, I just...before we go on recess or whatever, lunch, I submitted my cuts last night after I finished working on them. And I have the general amount, but I did have a suggestion on how they carry out the cuts. But I don't want to make any disclosures about position IDs or anything. But I did

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fully defund some of the positions that I thought, based on the Office of the Mayor response, was vacant. So, I don't know if we can send my cut list to Ms. Milner, and she can let me know if I defunded any of the positions that were vacant. That wasn't my intention. And a lot of the defunding was based on us moving the grants out from there. So, I figured there would be less work.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Do you have the list? You do. Okay. So, can you share it with Ms. Milner? Okay. So, we'll do that. We're going to take up the Mayor. Again, I'm not going to have the Mayor. I'm just...the Office of the Mayor. And it's now 11:42. You want to come back at 1:00? You want to come back at 1:30?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have a one o'clock meeting.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, how much time do you need to make our dinner?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . So, of course I'm going to buy it, right? Okay. I am not Chair Lee who can cook and conduct the meeting, or run to the market and buy desserts, you know? Same, same. So, what time do you want to come back? Did you say 1:00...1:30? Oh, okay, 1:30. This meeting is now in recess. . . *(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS: 11:43 a.m.**

**RECONVENE: 1:35 p.m.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. It is now 1:35. We are continuing our decisions week, and we will be starting off with the Office of the Mayor. And before I start though, I wanted to let you know that my goal today is try to get us out of here by 5:00 or 6:00 o'clock. And if we go longer then, you know, my office will...5:30, we'll decide if, you know, we are, but my office will buy you dinner. But I would like us to be expeditious and try to get out of here is my goal. But this...this work is more important than take a break or not. But I just want you...you to know my goal. If we can finish by 5:30, we're good. And my Staff will check in.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Budget Bill, which is Bill 60, look at page 13 to 17, which is the Office of the Mayor. And at this time, if anybody has amendments. 13 to 17, page 16.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, I have amendments. I just want to go over and make sure I'm not cutting positions that are filled. I got the information from Ms. Milner.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So, then...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, do we have copies of what you're proposing?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm...they're going to --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Did you send...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- probably send a redacted version.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: They is sending...who? Who is sending, your Staff?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No. Your Staff.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So, here we go. I move, in the Budget Bill, line 12, Office of the Mayor, small a.(1) Category A, to decrease salaries by \$365,500 plus 304,242 fringe.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee. And?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, you know, there's a lot of folks up there. We had a fire, Lahaina burned, and that's my proposal.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, anybody have any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I do.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm sorry, are there any vacancies up there?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: In that section, I believe there are one expansion in that section, and one, two...I think two vacancies.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, it might be like, you know, some...I just made some adjustments based on increases over one year, taking into account that most folks came in on the highest level that the Victorino Administration left on. And so, they didn't have that same experience of four years as the raises over the Victorino Administration. And then one year into it, they got raises. And I understand everybody's working harder because of the fires, ourselves included, including our Public Works in Lahaina, who a lot of them had their houses burn down, Fire, Police, all the people, and they're not getting these kind of raises, and they're doing more work, and their houses burned down. So, just saying that...that's my proposal.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair, could you...could you repeat that, the cuts?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, sure. For small a.(1) capital A, Salaries Category, decrease 365,500 plus fringe. And the positions that I believe are vacant or expansion, P-00591...let's see, P-26386...oh...P-31603. And in that section, that's all I see for the small a.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. What is dollar amount, please?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 365,500, plus fringe of \$304,242.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, motion made by Member Paltin, second by...is it Chair Lee? Yes. Okay. So, the motion is to cut 365,500 from Category A plus fringe, and we got the position numbers. Any discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I...I had some recommendations, but the position numbers are just guidance. Obviously, he can distribute A however he'd like to.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, no other discussion. Then all in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye. And who is not here? Oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez is there.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, the only...oh, Nohe is there. Oh, okay. Very good. So, nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move...in small a.(1) capital B, I move to decrease Professional Services by a million.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Small a., capital B.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Category B.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Category B. Okay. Okay. Budget Program, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second for discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 1 million of how many?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, you're talking 50 percent?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Chair. Sorry, before we continue, can I just say that I'm at home, I'm the only adult in my house, and there are three minors running around somewhere.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay. Thank you for doing that.

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COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Appreciate that, and I guess I should ask same thing with Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 1 million out of 2.3 million.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm alone in my office.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. All right. So, Member Paltin, can you give me the alphabet again? Mayor's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Small a. --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Small a.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- (1) Category B.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. B. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 1 million off of Professional Services, page 15-9.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. Second for discussion was Chair Lee. Okay. Motion is to...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, if you want my discussion --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- you know, their...they have this whole big plan of resilient hubs, and when I talked to the MEMA Administrator, he was not aware anything of what they had planned. When I talked to him, you know, he's all like, I'm not sure pre-staging containers is the way he wants to go, so it...it seems a little premature to just set all that money when there's no coordination, no communication. And...and it's through this Executive Branch that's not civil service, so we've seen this before. I mean, we've...this County has gone through like, you know, I think it was Lingle, then Apana, then Arakawa, then Tavares, then Arakawa, then Arakawa, Victorino, Bissen. When the Administration leaves, and there's nobody civil service to carry on their initiative, then the thing just...you know, look at CCRS. Now it's OIS, and then it's going to be POW or

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whatever, you know. So, I think...I'm not opposed to the idea of resilient hubs, I'm very in support of it, but it needs to be with communication, coordination, and support from the other entities that are going to outlive this Administration. And from when I spoke to Administrator Lonokailua Hewett, he wasn't even aware of what was going on. And...and that has been the central problem with this Administration is communication and...and prioritizing what actually needs to be done. You know, like if they would have prioritized the INB, we wouldn't have been in this mess. And then it's insulting to me to even mention the wildfires in the INB lateness, insulting to my whole community. So, maybe I would feel differently if we were doing budget before the timeline, but I think we need to see a lot more coordination, communication, getting the job done --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- before we just release all this money.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other comments? Seeing none. If not, let us vote. All in favor, say...shall we say the motion again? Oh, are you voting, Member U'u-Hodgins, or you want the motion? Ready for the motion? Ready for the vote?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, she's ready.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, she's ready for the vote. James, can you...can you say what the motion is?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, the motion that Staff has is a motion by Councilmember Paltin to decrease, under the Office of the Mayor Administration Program, Category B, under Professional Services, by \$1 million...seconded by Chair Lee.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, got it? No more discussion. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nine "ayes." All right. Member Kama, you're voting, yeah? Okay. Nine...you said aye? Okay. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move, in...under line 12, small b.(1), Category A, to decrease \$58,296, plus fringe of \$48,525.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just trying to offset our cuts.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Increases.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Increases, sorry. Offset it with a cut.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's on page 13 of Bill 60.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's...small b. is the Budget Program. I think it's a Budget Specialist III, which has been vacant for at least 12 months.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Yes. Are...are you done, Member Paltin? Okay. Go ahead, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Budget Specialist position, can we hear from --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- Lesley Milner? Just comment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner, any comments regarding...regarding that cut? Chair Lee is second.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. You know, obviously, it's the body's prerogative. That position is currently vacant. I will say that I am currently Acting Budget Director and am new to this position, so I don't know what the structure of the office that I would envision would look like. So, if I could keep the vacancy, I would appreciate it, but I understand that you're looking for cuts, so that is your call. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you very much. Any other comments, Members? Seeing none. Okay. All in favor, say "aye." Okay. Are you ready for it? Did you hear the motion? Okay. Ready for the vote? All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Maybe repeat it...just repeat it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to decrease small b.(1) Category A, Budget Program, by 58,296 plus fringe of 48,525 for a Budget Specialist position that's been vacant at least one year --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- 12 months.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Further discussion, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Although I seconded the motion, I changed my mind because Lesley is the Acting Budget Director, has been there...oh, just for a short while, and I know...knowing her ability, I'm...I'm confident that she's going to fill that as soon as she can. And I'd like to be supportive of her because she has been such a...a high-level worker for us, and seems to be carrying on the same way with the Administration.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other comments? Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll echo Chair Lee's sentiments with Ms. Milner as the Acting Budget Director. I'd really like to give her a shot at filling that position. I think she's only been Acting Director from...for the past three or four months, something like that, and half of that time we've been in Budget. So, I don't think she's really had much time to try to fill that position as the Acting

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Director. So, I'd...if it...if it was the same, you know, like a recurring thing, I would be supportive for sure. Member Paltin, mahalo for, you know, the idea. Oh, I guess I do have a question though. How many months did the cut leave for the salary?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Or was it the entire thing?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was the entire thing. I defunded the position. I noticed that there were a couple significant raises, but I didn't touch those. I just defunded the vacant position. I didn't cut it. I know...I mean, I guess a lot depends on if Ms. Milner becomes the Budget Director, then she'll have two positions to fill, her former position and this position. If she remains where she is, and...and the Budget Director comes back to the Budget Director, it will just be one vacant position. So, that's the situation that I interpreted from looking at the data.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, ready for the vote?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is this a roll call vote? Oh, are you still going? Wait --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Keani's not done.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, I...I kind of want to work through this. I hear Member Paltin's thought process. And...and...and so, you know, if Ms. Milner's former position since filling Acting Director, the Acting Director--or the Director position leaves two vacancies, I'd be willing to not defund the entire position, but like maybe like a half of the position, or like a quarter. Compromise?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You mean the salary, the funding?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, the salary for the position, not the position itself.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So...so...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I can go along with that. You know why? She's the Budget Director. She'll have control over all amendments. . . .*(laughing)*. . . And if she were smart, she will take care of her office.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't know. So, part of...part of what I'm seeing is, you know, the...the minimum raise that someone in this Department received was 2,664. The largest raise someone in this office received was 23,964. And my guess is, is Ms. Milner is high level. If she is going to be the new Budget Director, I'm not sure if she would have the same salary as the outgoing Budget Director...I imagine so. But I think it would be difficult to find somebody off the street that is on a comparable level as Ms. Milner. So, a reduction would...would probably satisfy, unless they find some ways that's...unless they steal Ms. Yoshimura from Ms. Sugimura, I don't think...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Or Kasie.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, don't steal Kasie.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, don't, don't, don't, don't.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So, we should put a condition that Ms. Milner cannot take from OCS.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If we give her back the position? So, if we defund it --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- then she definitely can't take from...or maybe she could to backfill her position.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll put...we'll put six months, with a condition that OCS will not be poached. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Miss...Member Paltin. So, if...it's a 10 percent cut is 5,830, if it's a 25 percent cut is 14,574, and then 50 percent is half, you know, so it's 29,148. You want to approach it like that?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 50 percent would be closer to like maybe 29,000 or something?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. 29,148.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You want to do that?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I'll friendly amendment that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Take into consideration what the Members are talking about. Okay. So, it's not completely cut, right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I didn't have the exact math. You can read that out for a friendly amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, the cut then would be \$29,148, right? So, it's going to be 50 percent plus fringe. Okay. Chair Lee, you're looking...you're fine? Okay. So --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- that's the motion. All in favor, Members, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That's nine "ayes."

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama, you're okay?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah. Yeah, I said aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: With the condition.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You cannot...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Don't take my Michele, and don't take Kasie and James. Okay. So, that's that. Anything else?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure. For category small c.(1) Category A, adjusted for the warm body positions, I move to decrease that category by \$154,188, and a fringe of \$128,347.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 128 what?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: \$128,347.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Is there a second? Second by Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, discussion, Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Yes, please.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: In our previous actions on this budget, Members have moved, I would say, a bulk of grants out of OED, which would lessen their workload. And so, I've cut all the vacant positions out, and then I right-sized the salaries.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any discussion? Any other discussion? Okay. Member...Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I do have a question for Ms. Milner. When Member Paltin said she right side...she right-sided the salaries, that actually is...can be adjusted because the A Account can be moved around, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee. Yes, the A Account, yeah, can be adjusted as needed. One thing I will point out is that the grants that were moved out of OED weren't necessarily under OED before they were moved there this year. So, I just wanted to point that out as part of the conversation. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I...I can support the motion. I just...I appreciate very much Member Paltin's extraordinary effort in cutting and reducing the budget. But I do...I do support some flexibility to be left to the Administration. Thank you.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion, Members, before the vote? Okay. All in favor...you all know the motion, right? We're decreasing from Economic Development (1) under Disbursements for Salaries, or Category A, 154,188, and then plus appropriate fringe. Okay. And it was explained. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I think I see nine "ayes." Thank you very much. Motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: My next one would be, also under small c.(1) Category B, a total decrease of \$385,000. I have suggestions for where that money would come from, but ultimately, the Administration can do what they'd like to do. My suggestions were on page 15-51, both of them, to decrease Tourism Grant Management Fund by \$185,000, and decrease Maui County Visitor Association Visitor Education by \$200,000. But not trying to micromanage, they can take the money wherever...from wherever they'd like to.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Did you get that? Can you...can you repeat the column...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Total amount?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I got the 385,000.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Um-hum.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And you're taking from where?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Page 15-51, subject-object code 903894B, 185,000. And subject-object code...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Are you done, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Acting Budget Director.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin, are you done? Oh, I guess she's preoccupied. Member Rawlins-Fernandez? Oh...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Acting Budget Director has her hand up. Maybe she can help provide us information.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Acting Budget Director Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. One thing I just wanted to point out, it sounds like you're recommending that this be cut from grant line items, but the motion currently is to cut it from the general section. Those are two different index codes. So, it actually does not provide the Administration with the flexibility to cut those grants. If your intention is that those grants should be cut, the request would be that you actually make the motion to cut those specific line items. Otherwise, it will affect other areas of the budget.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. I'll withdraw --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- and change to--sorry, it was late last night--it would be, I think, C, small...small c. number 4...I mean (4)(i) --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: (4)...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- on page 16 of your Budget Bill --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- decrease by 200,000. Small c.(4)(i), decrease of 200,000, page 16 of your Budget Bill.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, that is...oops. All right. So, do we have a second? So, Member Paltin made the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second for discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, you know, I feel that personally, for West Maui, which...which receives a lot of tourists, along with East Maui and South Maui, it's our folks living down the beach at the Lahaina Strong tent that's doing a lot of the education to the tourism, and they're not seeing any of this money. I do know that...I think, Member Sinenci wanted some of the money, so that's why I didn't defund it completely. There would be 400,000 left.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: We have...we have a request for 450.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, 450? I'll...I'll...I'll amend it to decrease it by 150,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And then, I don't know if Member Rawlins-Fernandez had...if...if that was the pot that she had provisoed for the Agriculture Director --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: His travel.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- travel?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, there's only 385?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I thought she took hers from the Tourism Grant Management Fund [*sic*]. No?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. The Tourism Management Grant.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This one I'm talking about right now, I believe, is...is it not the Maui County Visitor Association one?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, number (4), what you're recognizing is the same one. So, it's Grants Disbursements for Visitor Industry, small (i) Tourism Management Grant Fund, 600,000.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, my bad. So, in that case, in that one, I wanted to decrease it by 185,000. And that would leave...so then I would change it for Member Sinenci to be 135,000...decrease it by 135,000 if he wanted 450,000. And Member Rawlins-Fernandez took 15,000. So...oh, public math, huh. I...I amend my own motion, I think, to a decrease of 135,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Did you get that? Yeah. Okay. The motion is to decrease Grants and Disbursements for...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'll second that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee. And it'll be decreasing the 600,000 by 135,000, correct?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, except I think it's currently at 585, because we took 15,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: For Keani's. Okay. All right. Members, any discussion? All right. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, then for the Maui County Visitor Association Visitor Education, is that the one that's under C, Category B? No. Or was the Tourism Grant Management Fund [*sic*] and the Maui County Visitor Association the same pot?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I only see that. Kasie or James, do you see another grant for...okay. I only see that one.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: When I...when I look in the Budget Details, they have different subject...index code. The Tourism Management Fund...Grant Fund says 903894B-6317, and the Visitor Association one is 903893B-6317. So, they're different...it looks like they're coded differently.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What page are you on in Budget Details?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 15-51. Oh, I see. I was...I'm sorry. I was looking at the total, and I thought that's what it was. My bad. I'm done.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're done?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or I'm done...yeah, I'm done.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Minus . . .(*inaudible*). . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I saw the one on there, and I saw the total line that said 600,000. And I thought that was another pot of money, but it's the same pot. Because the one above it is the one that corresponds to that row, and it's at zero. It was about 12:00 o'clock at night.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I guess we forgive you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I have a proposed cut. Page 15-45, Details, and it's Economic Development Initiative. The explanation is funding supported by decreasing or transferring from other grants. Funds will be used for economic development opportunities that arise throughout the County of Maui in FY 2025, \$600,000. My justification is it's not earmarked for anything in particular. I

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personally feel that the County has the opportunity, if the departments work with restaurants, stores, businesses, and start enabling them to open their businesses, that that'll accomplish the same thing, and it won't cost anything. So, that's my proposal.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you're...you're asking to delete that, right? Your motion is to delete it?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Pardon? It says --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it is...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- 15-45.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And 600,000, correct?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: 600,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And you're deleting it?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, okay. Members --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: My proposal is to delete.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- did you get it? I need a second. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Second for discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Okay. I think you gave your discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah, I think I already did my discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so delete and use that money elsewhere that may be needed. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I can be supportive. The sad thing is...to me, is they took 5 percent of all these existing grants. All these things that we heard so much support from, like STEMworks, and MEDB, and all the existing grants, they took 5 percent off of all those grants and put it in this pot so that they could give it to some unnamed people that we don't know of yet. And I mean, if that's the case, that's the case where we're doing a lot of adding and not a lot of cutting. And it looks like where we figured that out was the Mayor's program, but I...I can support it because of all the adds we're doing. And maybe we made up for it

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somewhat with the summer PALS, what was decreased from STEMworks and whatnot.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Don't say that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion Members? Okay. That's deleting from page 15-45, 600,000, 6317 County Grant Subsidies. Members, all in favor, raise your hand, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye. Okay. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you, Member Cook. Next, anybody else has any amendments, deletions? None? Okay. So, on page...I wonder if you did this one already. This is 15-5, delete P-31603, Grants Management Assistance, COM-2...2, I'm sorry, OM-2, page 5 and 11. Delete funding, duties transferred to P-28892, Economic Development Specialist. So, this is...this is the movement that we did by moving all the grants to the EP&S.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . yeah, you take care of that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I did cut the Administration pretty heavily --

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- and I wouldn't be supportive of additional cuts beyond what I made because I...I wasn't gentle.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Okay. Let me...let me delete all of this, Category A. Okay. I'm going to withdraw that. So, on 15-8, Details, 9030138/6035, Miscellaneous Supplies, funds relating to Sister City events and dignitary meetings. Delete funding, which is a \$1 million...\$1 million. Delete funding, expenses should be made from Mayor's Contingency Fund 903351B/6221, page 15-10, and it's a \$20,000 Mayor's Contingency Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are...are you...you're not reading from something you handed out to us, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or are you?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Did they pass this out? Oh, I have this that I...from my...my Staff put together.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, so you folks haven't seen it?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, I just was wondering if you were expecting us to follow along, because you were kind of mumbling.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just...I mean --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can you pass out this?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- I'm not been trying to be mean. And Member Rawlins-Fernandez --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- has her hand up.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. I'd like to call on Acting Budget Director Milner for information that might be helpful for us.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. I just wanted to clarify, if you're talking about the Sister Cities line item 6035, that's a \$1,000 line item; is that correct?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. MILNER: Sorry, you said a million earlier, so I just...I just wanted to confirm.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, big mistake.

MS. MILNER: Okay. Sorry, Chair, just wanted to clarify what the motion was. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That would be a serious trip to Korea. Okay. Members, so that's my amendment. You know what? I'm going to take a short break so you can get my...my page, but I don't think it was passed out to you. So, it is now...do you guys need ten minutes, maybe, yeah? Okay. So --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- 2:25, I'm taking a recess. Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, instead of killing trees, can it just be emailed to everyone and then uploaded to Granicus for the public to be able to receive it as well?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is that okay with you all, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can we save trees?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair, if you have it there already, maybe you can just --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- pass out these --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- and maybe...

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Email the rest. Hang on.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, email the rest.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, what about...so, I have been advised that Tamara has done a lot of the cuts. And so, for me to go individually is not necessary, so we can proceed. Yeah? Cumulatively...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No objection.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's fine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, next we have...any other amendments for the Mayor? None. Okay. CIPs, there's none. Appendix A, Part I, Grants, Budget Bill, page 40. Any opposed...any proposed amendments to the grants? Probably not, right? So, that's adding money. Okay. I don't see any...consensus. Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Revenues, and what's under this is Office...Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, Scenic Views Preservation Fund, which is Chapter 3.88. Maui County Code, which is page 45. So, Special Revenue, page 45. Okay. Any change? Oops, sorry. None, right? Consensus? Okay. Oh, I'm not making...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yours, that's later.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm...I'm not going to pass out mine.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Because I was advised that Tamara has covered my cuts. Mine are individual, but...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, no, no, I meant the...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I thought you talked about the Open Space and Managed Retreat Funds, no? Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This is regarding priorities. This is from...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's okay, my mistake.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, if anybody has, that's what I'm asking. So, we did grants, so now we're in Special Purpose Revenues, Open Space...oh, I just said that. Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Revenues. As a reminder, this is where

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Open Space is, and Economic Development Cultural Programs under page 48, and Molokai Farming Cost Reimbursement Programs Fund, which is page 50. Any revisions? Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Member priorities in Open Space.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We haven't gotten there yet.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah? So, Appendix B, Rates and Fees. Okay. No changes, right, to what I just read. Consensus, Members? Okay. Next, B, Rates and Fees...well, there is none for the Office of the Mayor. Departmental Requests, Granicus 137, page 2. So, Ms. Milner. Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I believe the first line item was already taken care of when you considered Management, so I will move on to the second line item, which would be to move...decrease the Professional Services line item under OIS further by 608,000, and then add a line item under OED. I do understand that the Pā'ia Community Association, that was information I was given, so I will just say for the Pā'ia Clean and Safe Program, and to also add a line item under OED for Feral Animal Control Lāna'i for 285,000. And that is that request. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anybody need explanation? Got it? Okay. Next...is that it, Ms. Milner? Nothing for Office of Economic Development?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, do we have a motion on that last item?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Go ahead. Can I then...get a motion then to accept the Administration's recommendation? Funding of 608,000, and this is on page 59. For...there's no such thing as Pā'ia Community Association, so for Pā'ia Clean and Safe by 323,000, and 285,000 to Feral Animal Control for Lāna'i.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You want to take that separately?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sure. You want to --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- split it apart?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The first one, I move to approve the 600-and-something thousand.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, they're trying to take the 608 and move it to...that's what they're recommending.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, I see.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I see.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, that becomes a total.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, can I clarify?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sure. Ms. Milner?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is...is that from professional services that we decreased by a million dollars already?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Yes, it would be from that same line item.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: But this is net zero, right? I mean...because there's no dollar change because she's just moving the \$608,000, right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, it was 2.3 million originally, and we decreased it by a million to accommodate some of our other cuts.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh...yeah. I didn't know if Ms. Milner was talking to us.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Members, is there a motion for this? You want to split it, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I just thought that, you know, the cat one would be a little controversial, so I just wondered if you wanted to do it. You know, you got to be realistic.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you want to move...what you're recommending is...I need a motion to move funding for Pā'ia Clean and Safe Program and...for 323,000.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Move to approve.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Move to approve. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member...Chair Lee, and approved [sic] by Member U'u-Hodgins. Any discussion? We heard a lot about Clean and Safe.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I think it's self-explanatory.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You have something, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I just wanted to clarify where we're moving it to. I heard that there is no Pā'ia Community Association, so who are we going to give it to?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Pā'ia Clean and --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: It...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Safe. Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: It goes to the Pā'ia Clean and Safe.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I got it. Got it.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: It's a grant, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So...oh, so it was going to Pā'ia Community Association, but there is no Pā'ia Community Association, and Pā'ia Clean and Safe wants to extend their hours, so it would be going to Pā'ia Clean and Safe.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah. So, you know, Pā'ia Community Association hasn't existed for a long time, so I'm not too sure why it's in there. Originally, it was in the Office of the Mayor, and then earlier this year, we went...we moved it to OED so it could be a grant, and we kind of separated the Pā'ia Clean and Safe from the Wailuku and Lahaina Clean and Safe Program.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So, we're moving it...this money into the Office of the Mayor, OED, to increase the Clean and Safe pot, OED. Okay. Got it. Just --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- I wasn't sure...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: It was moved earlier this year in '24, Fiscal '24, but it just needs to continue to be reflected in the '25 Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Got it.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: -- can we just clarify where it's moving to? I see that in Councilmember U'u-Hodgins' priority, she noted that the money would move to Grants and Disbursements for Water and Environmental Research Protection. Is that where the body would like to move this 323,000?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: In Office of the Mayor?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Office of the Mayor --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: OED.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: -- Economic Development, Grants and Disbursements --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: -- for Water and Environmental Research Protection, and then it would be a new line item for Pā'ia Clean and Safe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I know, I know.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, I think that's where it was moved earlier this year. I...I'm less attached to where it's moved to, so long as that...it's moved, and Pā'ia Clean and Safe can continue the funding. So, I'm happy to put it wherever, but maybe that's where it was moved earlier this year when we were working with the Office of the Mayor and Management.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If it would be easier, we can just leave it there and condition it to Pā'ia Clean and Safe, if that makes it any much easier. Because it would be a professional service because that guy at the Pā'ia hearing, he looked professional. So, I mean, we could leave it there and condition it to Pā'ia Clean and Safe, if it's confusing a different way, but I'm...I'm not attached to it.

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COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, I know...yeah, I know it was already moved to being a grant, so I don't know what would...if it moved back, how that would work, because the grant process was easier. So, really, I just want to create a line item in the grant for Pā'ia Clean and Safe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And then...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Sorry, that's my loud door.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Kama, then Member Johnson.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I...I really appreciate how the Members are really working together to make sure that their priorities are being funded, and it's being taken in a way that really credentializes the process that we're following. But my question is, when the people...the grantees go and try to get their money, how do they know who they got to go to? Like if we're moving these things around, and I'll assume that...that --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- ...they would--probably--and I would assume that he knows that he's always gotten his grant from this entity, he'd go back to the same entity unless we're changing it around. So, how do they know, when we change stuff around, that they have to go to the Mayor's Office and not to another...like or DHHC, or something like that? Call Tamara.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think...I think the Office of Economic Development lets them know, right? Because these are all line item.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Just to make sure our people don't get confused as to where they got to go.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner, do...oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think Member Johnson wanted to say something, and then Member Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. You know, I...I don't support the...the splitting of these two items because they're both very important to our communities. I remember the Pā'ia community meeting, and they really wanted this. And in turn, I hope you remember the Lāna'i community meeting, where they really wanted the feral animal control money too...too...well, wanted it as well. I don't...there are times when this body has to make hard decisions, and sometimes we don't...you know, sometimes they go against what many of our community members are thinking. But also, there are times when we should be backing what our community wants. So, I think that we shouldn't split this, and we should vote for both of them. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Mister...Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I just want to comment to Pro Tem Kama's comments. Normally, we'll make sure that the nonprofits are able to write the grant for the funding. And I do believe OED may want to request those grants, I believe, by the end of May. So, we're kind of on a...on a tight timeline. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, we are.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm trying to find a place to put both of them under. And did you suggest earlier, it should go under the Water section of this?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: I was just noting that that was Councilmember U'u-Hodgins' proposal on the priority matrix, but it sounds like the discussion currently is either to place it under Grants and Disbursements for Water and Environmental Resource Protection, or to just include it as a line item for professional services under the OED program. So, it'd be small c.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Excuse me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I...I think it might be easier if we put it in OED under Grants and Disbursements because, you know...and with the condition that it is for Pā'ia Clean and Safe Program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And so, what happens, it'll...it'll be...you see, if you put Professional Services, then there's a procurement process. On the grants, you know, you don't have that. And then even if they...it's...it's not a 501(c)(3), they

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can find an umbrella agency, but the monies will be set aside for them for that purpose.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, at this time, what I'm hearing you all say is you want to do Lāna'i for the feral animal, and you want to do this Pā'ia Clean and Safe, right? So...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's the motion on the floor, I believe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, wait, wait, wait. But you wanted to split it, right? So, where can we put it, again, Kasie and James?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: So, you can either place it under the Grants and Disbursements for Water and Environmental Resource Protection, which is under Office of Economic Development Program, or you can place it under the B Account for the Economic Development Program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, Economic Development for...if you look on page 13, right, the choices are to put both of these--or we can split it too, I guess, right? Go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: One, Pā'ia Clean and Safe. Okay. So, we can move...put Pā'ia Clean and Safe under Economic Development...I'm sorry, under Grants and Disbursements, or would it be under General, Economic Development General on page 13? Option.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So...okay. So, put it under the Economic Development Program, General Disbursements, under General.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: General what --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Two...two...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- Grants and Disbursements?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Grants and Disbursements, which is...yeah, item number two, Business Development and Technology, and then you can put the Clean and Safe program there. Does it match there?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: I think the proposal was under Grants and Disbursements for Water and Environmental Resource Protection.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: That's number five.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: On page 16.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: If you're going to put it under Grants.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. And that's what the Budget Director, Acting Budget Director recommended?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Then I'll change my motion to that.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Sorry. I think the recommendation was per the priority matrix, so that was Councilmember U'u-Hodgins' proposal. But, you know, we're welcome to check in with Budget Director if you'd like to.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, let's ask Ms. Milner, you know, what her recommendation is so we can move on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee. Yeah, I think this could fit under Grants and Disbursements for Water and Environmental Resource Protection and Conservation, or it could fit under the first category of Grants and Disbursements for Business Development and Technology, which is where some funding, I think, has gone for similar programs under the residency area economic development funds. I think either of those would be fine, particularly considering Councilmember U'u-Hodgins' stated preference for it to be a grant. I

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think as long as it's under either of those, OED will have no problem administering it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, pick one, which one? Department of Water or the other one?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, I think...I think what we're...

MS. MILNER: Well, I've already typed it under Grants and Disbursements for Water, so that would be great.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Let's go with the already typed it --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Already typed it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- under Grants and Disbursements under Water.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, under this, then, it would be--since you already typed it, it would be number XVI--right?--Roman numeral XVI, and you want Clean and Safe, 323,000. And then number...Roman numeral XVI would be Feral Animal Control Lānaʻi, 285,000; is that correct? Oh, we haven't talked about that one yet because we split it. Okay. Are you fine with that, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: First one? Okay. Members, we're just doing Pā'ia Clean and Safe. Nohe, is that good? Because that's where you had originally put in your priority.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: That's great.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: While we're on this topic, though, one of my proposals since...I know we didn't get there yet, but so we're not touching the same thing twice, I did propose to add 77,000 in there so they could expand into the Pā'ia Bay area and start monitoring the bathrooms. At our community meeting, I know you guys all heard about the concerns that are...that's happening at the Pā'ia Bay. So, I would ask that we put \$4,000 [sic] in there, and we don't

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have to come back to this when we have to do the priorities...\$400,000, I'm sorry --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- when we have to come back to priorities since we're already discussing this now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Friendly amendment.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I'll change that to 400,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. 400,000, which will include the bathrooms --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- right? Oh, very good.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, how about we vote now?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. All in...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is...that's --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I seconded.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- \$400,000 total, or --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Total.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- 400,000 in...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Total.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, total. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Total, total. So, for an additional 77.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Can you restate the motion, Chair?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, under grants...oh, number...item number five on page 16, right, Office of the Mayor, Grants Disbursements for Water, Environmental Resource Protection, Roman numeral XVI, Pā'ia Clean and Safe, 400,000 under B.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: And then can we also just clarify that part of that motion is removing 323,000 from Category B of Economic Development Program?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Correct. Got that? Okay. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yay. Aye. Nine "ayes."

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. All right. So, then the second half of this, which is the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control for 285,000...and Member Johnson, you can make that motion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I was going to make it, but he can make it too.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Okay. You can...you can second it.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: All right, Chair. Go...go ahead, Alice...Chair Lee.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I move to approve \$285,000 for the Lānaʻi Cat Sanctuary.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, it's not a sanctuary.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No, it's --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It is for the...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's for the Feral Animal Control Lānaʻi.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh. Oh, okay. I change it to that.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And I second that.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Can we...is the proposal matching the Mayor's, where we're also decreasing Economic Development Program --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: -- Category B by 285?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: 285,000? Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Wait, wait, wait, decreasing what now?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, this...

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: The Mayor's proposal was to move 608,000 total from the Economic Development Program B Account for these two line items. And so, I'm...I'm just clarifying whether you're moving that 285,000, or if you're only adding the 285,000...because that wasn't included in the motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we're moving.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We're moving it, but you know, if we have to add 77,000 to make up for the other 77,000, is that what you're saying, Kasie?

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: No, just to clarify that you're moving the money and not adding the money.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm moving the money.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Net zero, correct. Okay. Discussed. Any more discussion? All in favor...oh, okay. Go ahead, Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No, I just...so, I'm looking on page 16. Is that where we're at?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And then I see Feral Animal Control, Feral Animal Control Maui. So, which one is the Lāna'i one?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're adding it.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: There is no . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. That's what we're doing. We're adding --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're adding it.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- Lāna'i.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're adding Lāna'i.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: To...but we're deleting something here and adding Lāna'i. Is that what we're doing?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: We're just...what are we...okay. What are we doing with (ii) and/or (iii) over here on 16?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: (ii) and (iii) didn't change.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So, we're adding what, 9?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Feral Animal Control...Feral Animal Maui...Control Maui. And we're adding on Lāna'i. And we can make it in sequence, numerical sequence.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. We got it.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Got it?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, I got it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You got it? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I'm going to need to request a roll call vote. You know, when we have feral animals on the other islands, we have so much land that is government land, public space that needs to be, you know, taken cared [sic] of by feral animals. In the case of Lānaʻi, 98 percent of that island is owned by someone with a net worth of over \$100 billion. So, when you think of the perspective of \$285,000, that's like a quarter, 25 cents, to somebody with over \$100 billion. So, you know, I...I feel like, personally, if that island, 98 percent belongs to him, he has a kuleana as well. And in this time, where we have 12,000 people made homeless overnight, infrastructure needs, they received 450,000. I proposed the suggestion the other day, if they don't want to take it up, then I'm not...I'm not going to be supporting this. Because I think the person that has \$100 billion, owns 98 percent of the island, should be the one to step up in this case.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Then I saw Member Uʻu-Hodgins, and Member Johnson. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER UʻU-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I hear what Member Paltin is saying. I don't think it's my place to go into too much detail, but I do know that the billionaire who lives there really, really loves cats, and I think they're on his land. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That is true. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I appreciate discussion about land ownership on Lānaʻi. We should be reminded that yes, 98 percent is owned by a billionaire, but this is for all feral animal control, and I know plenty of farmers that are getting nailed by the wild turkeys. I know plenty of farmers who are getting nailed by deer. The hunters and the...and the farmers could use some funds to help them with these...controlling the feral animals. It's not just cats, even though they do get a lot of the press. There are...I can't tell you what a rat would do to your...your baby starts when you're...when you're farming. They'll just take out everything in the night. And this could be funds for farmers.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: As...and as...and as far as like the idea that the landowner would use some of this money, if you recall, Members, this money was in pots before for Lānaʻi Feral Animal Control, and they didn't take advantage of it. In fact, they went...worked with the Feds in NFWF. They've got grants from NFWF, which is the Federal programs to do some fencing, and which they did, and they have that program. They've never applied for this...this money, and I don't think they will this time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. So, shall we do a...oh, go ahead, Member Rawlins-Fernandez, and then Member Sinenci; is that right?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I agree with Member Paltin, and I...and I shared some of my thoughts at the Lānaʻi budget hearing that night. I hear what Member Johnson is saying about wild turkeys. We have wild turkeys here on Molokai as well...as well as axis deer that go everywhere. So, we have a hunting club here, the Molokai Hunting Club. And they're the ones that apply for the funding, and then they hunt the deer, and share the meat with the rest of the community. So, not only is it controlling the deer population on our island, but it's also feeding our people. So, it...you know, it's...it's a double bang for our buck...or I guess triple, because it's also protecting the farms, right? I...I...I hear that you want it to go to the farms, but unless you have an...unless there's an organization on Lānaʻi that's going to apply for the money, then it's not going to get to the farmers. Because I don't think farmers individually are going to apply for a grant because it's a lot of work. You know, the organizations on Molokai already, you know, have...have gone through lots of struggles to apply for the funding, report on the funding, ensure that, you know, the funds are distributed in the...the time that was agreed upon. There's a lot of work involved in managing grants, especially County grants. So, I...I...I hear what you're saying, Member Johnson, and like the intention of where it could go, but unless there's like an actual plan for...for people to get that money out, it...it's good intentions and all, that's all it'll be. And I've learned this after multiple budget years of allocating funding, and it sitting there, and it lapsing. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. I just had a clarification. So, feral animal control on Lānaʻi is different from the Cat Sanctuary?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I wouldn't call it different, but we definitely can't hunt and eat the cats, so that's a different part of it. But as far as anybody applying, anyone can apply, right? So, I'm sure that the Cat Sanctuary would apply for

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this funding. But I also want to remind everybody that HFUU is growing on Lānaʻi, and they have a very active membership. And I don't...I can't speak for them, but I'm very impressed with what they have been doing, you know, working with grants, and you know, they are getting grants, and they have a Statewide backing. You know, HFUU's across the State, and they could help them. And I hear what Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez is saying, but at the same time, when there are people in HFUU who are up and coming, I would like for them to have at least a chance. That's all. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: But...but this...this particular money will not go directly to the Cat Sanctuary.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It's not lined item [sic] for that to go directly.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, it's...oh, I...I got it.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It's...it's competitive.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. All right. Members, I'm going to call a roll call vote.

MS. MONIZ: Chair, proceeding with the roll call. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins.



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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: But I'm not sure where it goes. So, you know, a couple of budget questions ago, when Scott was still here, I asked a question about the PILT funds. So, the PILT funds was monies that were being advocated by NACo for all the counties across the country, and the PILT is payment in lieu of taxes. So...and all of our islands get money from the Federal Government, from the Department of Interior because of Federal lands that pay no tax. The only Federal lands we have here in our...in our County, or at least in our...on our island, is Haleakalā. So, President Biden and the Department of Interior, to make amends for that, decided to start the PILT program. And so, they...so, they send money to our County, and all our County has to do is provide them our Interior Business Center or system of awards management account so that they can send the funds to our bank electronically. This has already been done by Scott. And that's how come he told us a couple of budgets ago that we had \$50,000 in the account. And I'm...and I kept asking him, where is it? Where is it? Because how do we get access to it? And then when we talked to the budget...I mean...I mean, OED, she said that the PILT funds are now in OED, and nobody applied for those funds. So, my question is, who gets to decide where those funds go if they come from the DOI and they...they're supposed to be in payment of taxes, so they come to our Finance Department. So, where does...where should that money actually lie? Where should it be that we can decide whether...we get to decide where we want to put that fund, and not put it into a department or an entity that decides where these monies go?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I see...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: That's my question. I don't know if it should be here or what...when it should come up.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I see Ms. Milner popped up. And \$50,000, Ms. Milner?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Well, it said in 2023, PILT sent \$32,272 to us. And then it said that we needed to continue to call them, or at least let them know for the next drawdown, and they'll tell us what that future drawdown is going to be.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner, do you have any comments? We can send a letter to PILT or Federal Government? No.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, this is from the Department of Interior. I got this from her.

MS. MILNER: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We'll...we'll hear.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I'm checking with Department of Finance on the PILT funds. I did want to confirm, when you're talking about the 50,000, that may be

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the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, which is separate from...from the PILT funds, I believe. And that is currently being administered by OED. I don't believe the Department of Finance really administers grant funds necessarily, although they do receive some specifically for operations within their Department, which would be different. But they don't go out and solicit grantees, which is why I believe that OED is assisting with the administration of those LACTF funds. I will see what I can find out about the status of the PILT funds, which I believe are a separate issue. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: But I also think that if the money does come into our County, that it should probably go into General Fund, and not into some department to be granted out.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Ms. Milner...has your hand up.

MS. MILNER: Yes. Thank you, Chair. So, grant funds are treated a little differently. They don't just go into the General Fund because usually grant funds have certain conditions on how they can be expended, certain reporting requirements that we have to meet for the government. So, usually when those come in, that's why you see them in Appendix A, Part I rather than in the general budget ordinance because those have to be tracked separately. So, that's why we look at those that way. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, you look at PILT funding as a grant?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I'll have to check on the financial reporting status of how that's recognized when it comes in, and I will let the body know.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Then I'm going to send you the letter that the Department of Interior, Deb Haaland, sent to me. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: If I...if my memory serves me correctly, I believe the last Finance Director said some of these monies would pay for the National Parks' tax...taxes?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's where it comes from.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. All right. Now we're going to move into Members' priorities, and it's on pages 20 to 31, and then 41 to 43 on our matrix. Member U'u-Hodgins' Countywide number two, pages...oh, go ahead. Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Would you like me to go --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: After that is Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. So...okay. Thank you. For Budget Details on page 5-9, index code 903021B-622, I would like to increase that by \$100,000, for a total amount of \$110,000. And this is for funding flexibility to spend for startup costs for smaller projects such as beautifications, planting, security, equipment, storage, garbage bags for our houseless community members. And this is basically...the Office of the Mayor has somebody kind of going out and helping the community, and she's the only one, and this is her small pot of funding.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Do I hear a second? Second, Member Cook. Okay. Motion is to, let's see, increase by \$100,000 for a total of \$110,000, index code 903021B-6221. Okay. And it was explained. Okay. Members, any discussion? No? All in favor, say "aye." Aye. Member Paltin? Is it roll call vote? Oh, what did you say? Couldn't hear.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I can support it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is this nine "ayes?" Okay. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next, Member Kama. Your residency area number one priority. So, it's on page 21 of the Members' priorities. You know what? Earlier we had a motion made and we deleted this section, so it's no longer there. Yeah, Grants Disbursements for Business Development is the 600,000, and we deleted it. So, this one got deleted. Okay. Yeah, I'm moving on. Yeah, we deleted it. Next, we have Member U‘u-Hodgins, your residency area priority number two, which is on page 22.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you guys for your support on this one. This is the one that we voted on for the Pā‘ia Clean and Safe, and I really appreciate everybody's support.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Done. Yay. Okay. Then next...oops, sorry. Then we have...oh, we did this already because this next one is...then we have Councilmember U‘u-Hodgins...I'm sorry, Councilmember Kama, Countywide number one, which is on page 22. Oh. Page 13 of Budget Bill, Office of the Mayor, Economic Development Program, Grants Disbursements for Business Development and Technology. You got it? Okay. Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So, this is under Grants and Disbursement for Business Development and Technology, insert 5, economic diversification, the following condition, that up to \$200 must be for a SWOT analysis of the film and video production industry in Maui County.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second for discussion.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. So, my thought is that as we look to diversify our economy in terms of technology, the tourist industry is most likely, as most of us are seeing, on its way out since it wasn't...didn't get funded, but they're still going to come no matter what, right? So, it doesn't mean that they're never going to come, but we shouldn't always be so dependent on one industry. And so, I wanted to...and so, we talked about the film maybe, but I don't know if it's going to be a viable industry, but we'll never know it unless we study how good that industry would be, knowing that they did a lot of films in Hawai'i for ages and years, and...you know, and they're still doing it now. So, is it viable for us to...to maybe look into that industry? And that's what this is all about. That's all.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is there a second?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Mr. Johnson.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is there a second? Okay. Member Kama, and second by Member Johnson. Go ahead. Member Johnson, you have a discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I really like those opening remarks, Councilmember Kama. You know, there's a lot of history to be told here. There's a lot of stories to be told here. And I think film and film industry is a very clean industry to...to invest in. And the idea that we rely on Hollywood to tell our stories is not the way we should be moving forward. Local film industry is a great way to diversify your economy. I...the example of Bollywood, the example of the Korean dramas everybody loves, those are all things that we could be moving towards. If you...I just want to plug Moku Moku, shoutout to Moku Moku. They got on Prime Amazon...or they got on streaming services, and it was filmed in Makawao. So, you...I want to support folks like that. There's a...there's a lot of great creative people here, and...yeah, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion, Members? And you heard the motion? All right. Member...Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I think Member Rawlins had her hand up first.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. My question is for Member Kama. Okay. So, economic diversification, 200,000 for a SWOT net. Who would do the SWOT analysis? Do you anticipate it being done in-house? Did you talk to them about doing it in-house, or would it be RFPed (*phonetic*) out?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I'd like it to be RFPed out.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did...did you consult with the folks there? Because the RFP process, like draft...draft...drafting up the...the RFP can take several months, as...as we had discussed --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- earlier with Member U'u-Hodgins' reso.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Uh-huh, uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that a yes?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes. So, I did talk to them.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You did.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I talked to OED about the film industry, I talk...and we had a meeting with Brian Kohne, our new Film Commissioner, and they're pretty much on board with trying to get this off the ground. So, there's a lot of...you're right, there are a lot of moving parts to getting something like this off the ground. So, the beginning is doing a study, is...is it a go or no go? And it's...I...to me, it makes sense to figure out before we go if it was a good thing to go to begin with.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then do you...did they give you the 200,000 estimate?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: No, I thought that that would be...that would probably be the cost of what we most would...would cost for most studies that we've been doing.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Okay. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any other discussion? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't think I'm going to be able to support this. I mean, we're already...we already contracted with a Film Commissioner. We're already doing film. So, I mean...and...and it seems like the strengths, opportunities, weaknesses, and threats are...are pretty self-explanatory without paying for a study. I mean, strengths, you get exposure, you get economic diversification. Weakness, you got to make sure that there's equitable pay and it meets the pay, and that people aren't coming...moving to Hawai'i and gentrifying, and pushing out locals' opportunity to go to the next level at Hollywood. You know, threats are like, you know, exposing us in negative ways that the residents aren't comfortable with. I feel like we do a lot of studies. We're already moving forward

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with the film industry, so it's not like a barrier to moving forward with it. And just, you know, I mean, not a lot of people are proposing cuts here. So, we're adding all these things, adding all these things, and we haven't even hit the...the million dollar items that people did. And so, in adding all these things, the only way to come up with the money for this is to raise taxes. And we already heard from our citizens, the B&B folks aren't up to it with our taxes, the STRs, the hotels. Some of them got money from FEMA, about 40, down to 10 right now. So, the only way to fund these new proposals is to be raising taxes if we can't live within our means. So, I'm going to be real selective in money things that I'm supporting going forward because I don't have a lot more cuts left.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you, Member Paltin. And anybody else? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. One of the ways that municipalities bring the big films to their...to their area is through tax cuts, tax incentives.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The State.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right. The State gives them tax cuts all the time, and I think that's not the best way to do things. So, maybe a study could get creative and find other carrots to bring them instead of just getting them taxes. I know even for our parks, we give them...you know, the tax cuts for using County parks. There might be other ways that could be...instead of just cutting...you know, giving...cutting their...cutting taxes that they have to pay, that they could go around, and --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- maybe we could find that study that would answer those questions.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? So, Members, I'm going to be voting...oh. Oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Yeah, I don't know how I'm going to vote yet, but I think that perhaps like instead of only saying a SWOT analysis, \$200,000. . . .(audio feedback). . . Make it stop. Member Kama. Okay. You got it. All right. Very good. \$200,000 for just the SWOT analysis is a lot of money for a SWOT analysis. So, if you did like maybe a strategic plan instead, which would include a SWOT analysis, but more than just the SWOT analysis, would be better...a better use of \$200,000, and would be broader. But also, I...I...whoever's the Film Commissioner, I feel like that's their job, to like figure out the strategic plan, and that's why they were hired because they were the best person for the job and had an idea of like how to improve the film industry in

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Maui County. So, you know, I...I don't see this like making it or breaking it. I...you know, I'm super stoked about Moku Moku, Member Johnson, just as you are. They're doing good work here. But, you know, like I think that the new Film Commissioner--I haven't met him yet--but just like our Department of Ag Director and Deputy went out into the community and talk story with people. I mean, this is a pretty tight...the film industry is a pretty tight community. And so, I don't think it's like as expansive as the ag industry is. And so, it's far less work that...you know, like there's only so many people you're going to be talking to. I think this can be done by the person, by the Film Commissioner, and it should be done because I don't...you know. So, I don't know. So, those...those are my suggestions, changed from SWOT analysis to a strategic plan. And I'm still deciding how I'm going to vote. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anybody else, Members? So, I'm going to be voting...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, sorry, Chair. So, I just wanted to say that our Film Commissioner is on contract, right, with MEDB. So, I'm not sure what...what that looks like because I haven't seen that contract yet. So...but thank you for that. Appreciate it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I'm going to be voting against this because when I worked in the Office of Economic Development, I worked with Amy Kasten, a Film Commissioner. She was pretty energetic. I mean, she knew her business, and I think, you know, the person that they're proposing, I still don't understand why he doesn't want to work with us, and he has to be on contract. I think he has a State job, so he doesn't want to give up the State job, is my guess. I do not believe that we need to do this because of, you know, his expertise, and that's why we want him to help us with the County. The other part about where he's working and how he's being hired, that's kind of unusual to me, but that's another conversation. So...but just in this case, I don't think we need to put out money to determine, you know, what the film industry should be doing, and I think he's a pretty skilled person. So, are you ready for the vote, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- can I make a motion to amend?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, I move to amend the language to read as following, insert under V...under V, Economic Diversification, the following condition, up to 200,000 must be for a strategic plan that may include SWOT analysis of the film and video production industry in Maui County.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion made...amendment made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Kama. So, you're adding on strategic plan, right, in front of --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- SWOT analysis?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I would consider a friendly amendment because I said may include a SWOT analysis, but I wanted to hear Councilmember Kama's thoughts on that. Do you want it to say may? Are you okay with may or must?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, I'm fine with may.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez, can I ask you?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Or can, whichever one.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Do you have any preference to that?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson, for the question. No, I...I have no preference. I'm happy that it's, you know, brought in so that if this does get the votes, that it won't just be limited to a SWOT analysis, but will include a broader effort of, you know, everything involved in a strategic plan.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. While I like this idea of where we're going with the film industry, I know that the Deputy Director for DBEDT,

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this is one of his priorities. So, I wonder if we can just partner with the State right now and we wouldn't have to use our own money...or see what they have, and then we wouldn't have to use our own money. As we all know, money is super tight. So, I'm not against this idea, but I wonder if we can just partner with the State, as I know that that's one of his priorities, and we can at least save some money. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, that's changing this a little bit, and then we wouldn't need to go down this path. Member Kama?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I want...I have a question for Member U'u-Hodgins. So, I like that idea of partnering with DBEDT. I mean, if there was somebody on the Fed side, I'd like to do that with them too. Even on the private side, right? Because you're right, the more people that share in...in...in this, the bigger the split or the cost, right? So, in mentioning that, we could do a friendly amendment too to include and be able to work with Department of Business, Economic Development. But if that's the case, and you want to reduce some money, would you...looking at reducing the 100,000 to maybe less? Tell me, just...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, I mean, that...it's...that's your call, for sure. But I do know that, like I said, they were prioritizing this as well to expand our economic pool, and not just swimming in the same side, but your call...your call. I was just saying. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair. So --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- hearing that, I like the idea of including to your friendly amendment to add DBEDT, Member Johnson, if that's okay with you, to include --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Certainly.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- Department of Business, Economic Development into this so that when...if...if it does pass--I'm hoping that it does as we keep discussing this and hopefully it gets better--that people--it gets more palatable--that we could actually do this, and...and actually team up with DBEDT.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, with the friendly amendment of adding DBEDT and...as well as adding to do --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: A strategic plan.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- a strategic plan, also may include a strategic plan as well as may work with DBEDT...oh, with the State of Hawai'i. Okay. Any other amendments? I'm going to vote on the amendment. Okay. All in favor, say "aye." Oh, wait, this is...I'm sorry. We got to do roll call. We got to do roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll...I'll vote with the amendment, but I won't vote on the main motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Me too.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, put on...put your mic on. I can't hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: It sounds like everybody's willing to be --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yeah. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- for the amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sure. Okay. All in favor, say "aye."

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On the amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: On the amendment.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Nine "ayes."

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE amendment to main motion**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And on the main motion, you still have it at 200,000, right, amended? Okay. So, we’re going to now vote on the main motion as amended. Roll call.

MS. MONIZ: Chair, proceeding with the roll call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Aye.

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MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No.

MS. MONIZ: Committee Vice-Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MS. MONIZ: Committee Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

MS. MONIZ: Chair, that's five "ayes," four "noes," and zero excused. The motion passes.

**VOTE:           AYES:           Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers  
Cook, Johnson, Lee, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**NOES:           Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers  
Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE main motion as amended**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair, can we have a recess?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Okay. So, let's come back at 3:30. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

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**RECESS: 3:11 p.m.**

**RECONVENE: 3:34 p.m.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. It is now 3:34, and we are on Members' priorities. Member Kama...go to page 21, Members, of the priority sheet, and it's Member Kama...your residency area 1.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So, this is the one that we spoke about earlier, but we did something with it yesterday, and we're going to revisit it. Is that what this is, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, this is your residency area, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So, from the Office of the Mayor Economic Development Program, Grants and Disbursements for Business Development and Technology, to insert under Economic Diversification the following condition, up to \$200,000 must be for an economic feasibility study of a bowling alley and family entertainment center in Kahului in the vicinity of the Old Kahului Shopping Center.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And that is my proposal, Chair, and Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, second by Member Cook. So, motion made by...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion made by Member Kama, second by Member Cook.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You may proceed.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So...so, I was approached by some people who are going to buy...or wanting to buy the Old Kahului Shopping Center from A&B. I talked to A&B, they said, yes, it's up for sale, and they're just waiting for the sale to go through with these people. In the meantime, they want to do 1,001 things with this. And one of the things I've been trying to advocate for is a bowling alley. So, about maybe 10, 15 years ago, when my daughter was at Easter Seals, they used to have Special Olympics, and they used to go to the bowling alley. But once COVID happened, they stopped going. And then even after COVID, they stopped going because they...they don't have the staff to take the kids out anymore. So,

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basically they're in Easter Seals most of the time. The only time they go out is if they're going to go walking around the mall at Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center, or if they do exercises, you know, around the center itself. But a bowling alley is something that all the kids...whenever I see them, they always tell me, Lina's mom, Lina's mom, you're going to get us a bowling alley. And I wasn't the one who started it. It started with Charmaine Tavares way back when, when she would talk to them about that. So, I guess I'm the new Charmaine Tavares to them. But anyways...but we do need a new bowling alley. And I...I don't know why we haven't got one...or what I've heard was it has probably no economic value, but...and...and I don't know. So, I just want to see if we can do something about maybe doing a bowling alley or something. I was really impressed with the bowling alley on Kaua'i, which is right adjacent to this karaoke room, which is right adjacent to this...this small little dining place. I really liked that. And then it was in a really...and it was in a...like a cul-de-sac of a...of a...of a mall. And they had a Chinese noodle shop, and they had a laundry, and they had other kinds of shops around there. And I thought, that's...that's cute. Because, you know, you could be doing your laundry and still go karaoke, you still can, you know, bowl or whatever. But anyway, that's why that's prompted me to do this today.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You know, Members, I'm going to institute the one minute when you present your priority.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, one minute, sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, no, no, I'm going to do that and 30 seconds for questions, okay? Because I know you guys want to go home.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Wow, that was long.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No. But, you know, passion and I love Lina, so that's good. Anybody...motion made by Member Kama, second by Member Cook. Any questions? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I thought that former Mayor Tavares was coming back from Vegas to do this. So, then why would we need a feasibility study if she...that's her plan already?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It would like be for the sole benefit of an individual, which I don't know if we can get Corp. Counsel to weigh in on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama, you have a question, or shall we call Corp. Counsel? Okay. Member...Member...I mean not a member...Ms. Toshikiyo? . . .(timer sounds). . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't know if Ms. Toshikiyo is on, but my understanding is we weren't supposed to take actions that would benefit an individual.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. Thank you, Chair. So, I guess my question is...to Member Kama would be, you know, is this just to benefit one individual? Because if you're doing a grant, that it has to meet a public purpose. I'm not sure if it's specific to, you know, contracting with an entity to do a study that would benefit a private party, which would not be allowable because again, it has to meet the public purpose. So, I guess just on its face, I don't...I'm not familiar enough on what you're trying to accomplish to be able to say whether...I mean because if it was open to just anybody in terms of economic development of a specific area, that would be one thing. But if it's, you know, really, really specific to a type of activity that would benefit, you know, like a private company, that's a different story, and we will not be funding something like that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I could...I could...I could see how that could be beneficial to whoever is in the process of purchasing this. But at the same time, what happens if the deal doesn't go through? I mean, so they could or could not, I don't know. I just want to know, is it...is it feasible for us in this County to have a bowling alley? I mean, is it something that our people could actually have as another source of entertainment besides going to the beaches and going to the parks?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: But you could look at it...yes, I did look at it from that perspective, Ms. Toshikiyo, but I thank Member Paltin for thinking like that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I completely support a bowling alley and a family entertainment center on Maui. I just don't know if we need a study to show that we need activities for our kids. Because I think we already know that. I think we probably have nothing for anybody to do on a rainy day, that's for sure. So, I don't know if we need a study for it, but I love what the

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bowling and family entertainment center could prove, and I hope that our Liquor Department is able to help make them . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . work on it, but I don't think I'll be supporting to...or voting to support a study of. But thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Good.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Anybody else have discussion? If not, we'll vote. Okay, Members. Roll call. Oh, there's Member Rawlins-Fernandez. You want to say something?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I just wanted to know what it is that we're voting on before I vote. Okay. So, right now, we're voting on the 200,000 for a strategic plan for film and...film and video production industry in Maui County, and --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, two separate.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- an economic feasibility. Oh, because we already voted on that --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we already voted on that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- before we went to recess.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right. You know what?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Got it. Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can you...can you repeat the motion?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. The motion before the body right now, as made by Councilmember Kama, to insert a new condition under that Economic Diversification line item to read as follows. Up to 200,000 must be for an economic feasibility study of a bowling and family entertainment center in Kahului in the vicinity of the Old Kahului Shopping Center. Seconded by Councilmember Cook.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That's the motion, Members. All in favor...oh, we're going to do a voice...voice. Megan, can you?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Roll call.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Voice...roll call.

MS. MONIZ: Yes. Chair, proceeding with the roll call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: No.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No.

MS. MONIZ: Committee Vice-Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MS. MONIZ: Committee Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

MS. MONIZ: Chair, that’s three “ayes,” seven [sic] “noes,” zero excused, motion fails.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Seven [sic] . . .(laughing). . . okay. So, a lot of enthusiasm.  
Sorry...sorry, Lina.

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**VOTE: AYES: Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, and Lee**

**NOES: Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers Johnson, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**ACTION: MOTION FAILED**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Then we'll now go to page 23, and Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. This is for my grant proviso for the Tourism Management Grant Fund. Originally, we had asked for the entirety, but we're okay with working with the 450,000 that is left in there. And again, this is to continue the existing pilot program to mitigate visitor impacts in East Maui. The program has been successful, but no future funding from either HTA or MVB will continue the program, so this money will probably take us past the summer months where we anticipate more traffic at...at these high-traffic areas. Again, the benefit has been less emergencies and less impacts on our emergency resources in East Maui. So, I ask for the Members' support. It's just to proviso the tourism so it doesn't add any money to the budget. . . .(timer sounds) . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Perfect.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Perfect, one minute. Second, Member Cook. So, motion made by Member Sinenci, second by Member Cook. Any other discussion? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm supportive of this. And just clarifying, it doesn't add any money, it just conditions existing monies?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, no other discussion. You heard the motion. All in favor, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, nine “ayes,” motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Next, Member Sinenci, your grant two.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have...I have a question real fast.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, my hand was up before we voted, but I just wanted to clarify, how much for the last condition?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: 450,000.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Next.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. Our second grant proviso out of the Water and Environmental Resource Protection is for 200,000 for the Pili Koko wetlands. It's the...a nonprofit that's mission is to conserve, protect, and restore the wetlands. They support wetland management, native species planting, and cleaning of the invasive species. They've been part of the...the wetland bill, and helping to map the...the wetlands, so they're asking for 200,000. Again, this is just to proviso existing monies in the Water and Environmental Resource Protections grant.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't know if it matters, but is this the money that we transferred to EP&S already? I mean, we can still take it up because we're in Mayor, and it was in Mayor. I mean, I don't have an objection with taking it up, but I'm...I'm under the understanding we transferred this to EP&S.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Staff?

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, Chair, apologies.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right.

MR. KRUEGER: First, Staff is unclear as to what line item is being provisoed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. I think it's...

MR. KRUEGER: Our apologies, conditioned.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Page 16, 17...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: It's the...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Water and Environmental Resource...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The 700,000. Member Sinenci, is it the 700,000?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes. Budget Details 15-51.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, if...if the reference is the Environmental Protection line item, that line item was moved to EP&S under DEM.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. It was. Okay. So, how do we deal with this? We have to move it to EP&S.

MR. KRUEGER: The Committee already made a motion and voted to move that line item to EP&S. It was Councilmember Johnson's priority.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right, so how do we deal with this? Just deal with it in EP&S?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

MR. KRUEGER: If the body's agreeable, you could still proviso it, but the line item is under EP&S now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm agreeable.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's now...it's now in EP&S in DEM. Do we have to give you specifics, or are you guys going to be able to do it?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members...yes, Chair Lee? I'm sorry. Okay. Members, if no other discussion, then you want to vote? All in favor...Tom Cook? Member Cook? So, 200,000, this is now in EP&S. Grants Disbursements for whatever it's called in EP&S, and it is this 200,000 for Pili Koko for Wetlands Environmental Protection.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah, I'm supportive. I know what they're doing.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. All in favor, Members, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. I think who we have is just Member Johnson is excused, so that's eight "ayes," one excused. The motion carries.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Johnson.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm sorry, what?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Next, we have Member Kama, grant number two. This is about MISC.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We did that one when we were --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- under EP&S.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, this is the one we moved, and I think Member Johnson did it, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, I think the next one is yours, and it's...I...it might be the same situation --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's already moved.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- as Member Sinenci's.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, I think so, because we moved it, yeah. So, let me go through this, and then can...you didn't move the Soil Water Conservation? Okay. So,

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Members, this is part of the Budget Bill Economic Development Program, Grants Disbursement for Water and Environmental Resource Protection. That's the same one, right? Okay. Increased Appropriation for Maui Soil Water Conservation District for...by 50,000, and it is to be used for the Lahaina Flood Control Project.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, thank you, Member Paltin, Chair Lee second. So, this is a request from Mae Nakahata with...who you may have heard, has had great success with NRCS and finding Federal funding. So, this is all part of an existing project that she's working with DPW on the Lahaina Flood Control Project, so this is additional. Okay. Members...oh. Okay. Call for the vote. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Okay. Alice Lee, Waikapu Community Association beautification grant.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Move to approve \$10,000 to the Waikapu Community Association for their beautification project.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Alice Lee, second by Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This would be an add.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, an add. And the members of this association are very active and devoted to beautification, and I'm asking for your support.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to amend the main motion to instead condition 10,000 out of the Environmental Protection item for Waikapu Community Association beautification grants.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, where are you moving it to? Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The same place yours one just went.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Environmental Resource and Protection.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, my...where Shane went to?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, Water and Environmental Resource Protection.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Condition it out of Environmental Protection similar to how Member Sugimura just did.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You got to put on your mic.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. I will move it to where Shane's one went.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: EP&S. Okay. So, we'll change that. Change the motion to...to condition the EP&S Fund, \$10,000 for the Waikapu Community Beautification Project.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, it's Chair Lee and second by Member Kama. Can I ask you what they're going to do with the beautification?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: They're going to beautify Waikapu.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. So, that passed, right?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You didn't vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, we got to vote on it. Okay. All in favor of the move of the...of the amendment...oh, Keani, you have a question? Please proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: A question for Chair Lee, a serious question. I thought Waikapu is beautiful already; is it not?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It is, but it can be more beautiful.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for answering my serious question, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All in favor...are we doing...all in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This is nine "ayes." Okay. Motion carries.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next, Alice Lee, Grant number one, Workforce Development Program.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. This Workforce Development Program is actually in existence now, but it will be terminated by the Federal Government by the end of the year, I believe. And so, MEO is the administrator of this program, and they need additional funds to keep it going. This assists dislocated workers who were laid off, you know, because of the Maui wildfires, both in Upcountry and Lahaina. So, this helps place people in various positions, and it provides them training, so forth. So, this Workforce Development Program needs additional development because going forward, it's going to need additional funds and participation...in other words, matching funds from the employers who receive the displaced workers. So, the...the . . .(timer sounds). . . nonprofit that's going to be working on this is the Maui Nui Resiliency Hui, and I'm asking for \$12,000 for this program to them.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Chair Lee, and then second by Member Paltin for \$12,000 for this program, Workforce Development. Any other discussion? Seeing none. All in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That's nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Okay. Next we have Chair Lee again. Soil Water Conservation District, this is their 600,000.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Me? Who?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, is there one other?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: AL grant number...okay. Oh, I see, I missed it. Okay. One above...AL grant number two on page 24, Green Building and Resilient Housing.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. This is...I'm asking to...I'm moving to support a \$56,000 grant to the Living Building Challenge Organization.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member...motion made by...

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, can we clarify, this one is also under EP&S now.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. EP&S. All right. And this is a...it's sort of a pilot project, but it's a very creative project by Mark Deakos, and he is very excited and eager to move this project forward, which would help with, you know, as the title says, Living Building Challenges.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? Member Paltin?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I'm generally supportive of this. The only thing is that I had spoken with Mr. Deakos about this same amount of money with this same grant that nobody had tapped as of yet. So, my advice to him was to submit an application before April 30th. So, I...I just wanted to clarify, did he need a one-time installment of 56,000, or did he want 56,000 for two consecutive years?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: My understanding is one... . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . one grant.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So, no need then.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Would it be appropriate to say unless he already got it in fiscal year...if he...unless he gets it in Fiscal Year '24, or is that not necessary, he won't apply for it? I mean, I don't know if he's going to get it this year, but I did say that it's available. Member Rawlins might know.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I...I hear what Member Paltin is saying. And since it's not adding money, it's just a condition, I think that we may know before, you know, first reading. And if he...if the Living Building Challenge gets the...the grant for FY '24 for this fiscal year, then we can vote to remove the...the...the condition. So, that's...that's one way to go about it. And then, Chair Lee . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . okay. So, I'm on page 15-56, which grant is this we're talking about?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Green Building --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Green Building --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The garden...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- and Resilient Housing.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Green Building.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. We like your suggestion.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We do like your suggestion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Okay. All right. And then Member Johnson. Are you done, Member Rawlins-Fernandez? Yeah? Okay. Member Johnson.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Real quick...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, support.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Real quick point of information. Now, Mark Deakos told my team that April 17th, he applied for this. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Okay. Okay. We'll know by first reading. Okay. Members, all in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Okay. Next. Now we have your next one. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Again?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Countywide 4.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Now...now is the big one. Now, the project I just described to you that's being run by MEO currently, we need \$2 million to continue the project. And this is Grants and Disbursements for Business Development and Technology.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Do I have a second?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The Maui Displaced Workforce Development Program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This is an add, yeah, so...an add, yeah. So, I would imagine in Economic Development, Office of Economic Development.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's 15-25?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, it's a separate...it's a separate...I don't think there's such a Revolving Fund or anything like that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: A new line item.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This is a separate add.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How much is...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Okay. We can add it to the Economic Development Workforce Programs.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, but we're adding 2 million, yeah. We're adding 2 million to that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Huh?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Add a condition.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The condition would be for the...the Maui Economic Opportunity Maui Displaced Workforce Development Program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And MEO asked you for this? Just curious. Okay. Member Cook?

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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, we just took 600,000 out. So, this is actually only adding...besides that, we're adding 1,400,000.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, we're adding 2 million.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No, I know. I'm saying we're putting the 600 that we took out back. I'm just pointing out that we...anyway, I'm supportive. And I'm entertaining my colleague down there with my math.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I had --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, the whole business --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- is gross, if you ask me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama, you seconded this, right? Okay. So, Chair Lee made the motion, and Member Kama made the second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Rawlins-Fernandez . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Public math is always entertaining. Okay. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Chair, our...okay, okay. So, the Maui Economic Opportunity...oh, MEO Maui Displaced Workforce Development Program was Federally-funded, and came with a lot of extra stipulations. Is the idea to follow those same stringent, unnecessary stipulations, or would it be a little more Maui-style, Maui County --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- style?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. That Federal program ends at the end of the year. So, this will be, you know --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- yeah, MEO-style, local-style.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Wonderful. Support.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, just to let the Members and the public know that I do sit on the MEO board, so I'm going to have to recuse myself. But before I do that, I just want to, you know, let everybody know that--and I'm glad Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez brought that up, and I'm on limited time--but the Federal funds wouldn't allow us to kind of raise their wages. So, maybe some wording like the program must ensure participants receive at least self-sufficient wage as determined by the latest DBEDT self-sufficiency income standard of Maui County...something that ensures that they're not just going there and working, you know, very low wages. So, I...I really . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . got my hands tied on this vote, but I would support...well, I...I'm just --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You can't vote.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- going to say that. Like...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you made the motion. Can he...can he if he can't...because he's on the board? He can't vote and he can't...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: He didn't make the motion. I made the motion...me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez made the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, can you repeat it?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And it'll be...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Gabe, go ahead and speak, and I'll move my lips.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Maybe, Gabe, you can submit that to Staff in writing, because it was kind of lengthy.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It...as your preference, yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You can say it again, but...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. The program must ensure that participants receive at least self-sufficient wage as determined by the latest DBEDT self-sufficiency income standard for Maui County.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That's it for me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, second by Member Cook. Members, I think...oh, Member Paltin, you have a comment.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I had a question. So, I'm not sure, like, I think the dislocated worker program paired up workers with nonprofits and paid them through the nonprofit. So, my question is, can they pair up with the County? Because we've got plenty of vacancies and plenty of nonliving wages. And then I'm not sure how this money would be used, but could it be used to supplement them up to what the living wage is? If they're a . . .(timer sounds). . . displaced worker, can we hire them and supplement their wage to a living standard? Is that a possibility...I guess, Ms. Toshikiyo?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I mean, not exclusively us, but inclusively us, the County.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry, Chair, I was researching another issue and I didn't hear the...the discussion or the question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: If you could please repeat.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll...I'll repeat it. So, this is to make an MEO Maui Displaced Workforce Development Program for \$2 million. And there was a condition added that it would be like a living wage according to DBEDT standards. And the way that it works for nonprofits, or it has worked when it was a Federal program, was they'd pair up people with nonprofits, and then the Federal program would pay them like \$24 an hour or something. I was wondering

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if...inclusively, if it has to be nonprofits, or it can be other businesses, and if it's other businesses, can it be the County? Because we got choke vacancies. And realistically, we're competing for the same workers, you know. Like we have so many vacancies, but we're going to subsidize other entities to get these workers?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: So, I'm sorry, I'm going to kind of just repeat back what I think your question is. So, this program matches up, in order to train for the workforce, individuals with what you're saying is nonprofits. And the question is whether or not it only is limited to nonprofits or whether private businesses and government entities could also match up, and then the funding actually pays the workers' wages. I would have to look into that. I don't know it off the top of my head. If there's any prohibitions, I'm not aware of any. Is...is this program already in place for MEO? Is the...do they limit it only for nonprofits, or do they also already have...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's currently in place with the Federal Government. I believe MEO is running it for the Federal Government. And now they would be running it with the \$2 million if it gets passed.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I can answer that.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: And right now...oh, sorry, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I have the program description in front of me. And it says that...oh, where was it? Oh, participants will be placed at work sites at public, private, nonprofit, and qualified private sector sites with prior approval from the DOL. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's the Federal program, right? And then this would be a new program for once the Federal program ends. And it would be funded by the County and administered by MEO.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right, but I thought I was reading you what the...the plan is going forward. So --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- you know, I don't think there are restrictions, whether it's private or public entities.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair? Mahalo. Okay. So, I think...you know, the...the idea of what the Federal program did in helping to provide employment to the displaced workforce because of the fire is a good program, conceptually. There were some limitations that came with the Federal funding that we, if we fund through County funds, would not have to adhere to. So, we could work with MEO to ensure that it's a better program, you know . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . Maui...Maui style, Maui no ka oi style, and then that way it works for everyone. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: And...and yes, to clarify, if I can just kind of --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- dovetail off of what Member Rawlins-Fernandez said is when, you know, they apply for the grant, they have to provide their scope of work, and then the Department would go back and forth with them to make sure that it meets, first of all, the...you know, the...you know, the County rules in Chapter 3.36, and make sure that...you know, we have to get assurances from MEO that what they're doing is also legal as part of their grant proposal. So, we would work with them to make sure that whatever grant agreement is entered to fills the part...the intention, and...before we execute.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. My question is for Chair Lee. So, two votes ago, we provided \$12,000 for the Maui Nui Hui Resiliency to develop the program. And then, so they're going to develop the program, and Maui Economic Opportunity is going to administer the program per their recommendations; is that right?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, not exactly. They're partnering, so they will be developing the program together. But the main...one of the main roles of the...the entity... . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . the entity that we approved the \$12,000 for is to develop the matching part, which doesn't exist now. Because it...this program would not be sustainable, like the Federal program, and that's the reason why it's expiring, is because MEO would not be able to continually provide workers to nonprofits or businesses and pay them 100 percent. There's got to be some --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- matching from the employer, which doesn't exist now.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. So, really...thank you. My question, I guess, better worded then, is Maui Economic Opportunity creating the Maui-style version along with all of us?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. Okay. I was just trying to find the correlation. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Any other questions? Ready for the vote? Oh, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think, for Ms. Toshikiyo again. I'll...I'll just see her before I ask the question, so I don't ask it twice.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry, Chair, I think there's about a three- to five-second delay when I try to unmute my camera.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. My question is, if I were to try and add inclusive of County Government, is that legal to say? Like that we wouldn't be like violating collective bargaining if it's, you know, been vacant for years or anything?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I think it also depends on, you know, which department it would be in. So, for instance, like the Mayor's Office, you know, if they're not civil service positions. So, that would be a depend, but you're not requiring that it includes, it's just that it would...the funds could be used if it's...it's legal to fund...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Because like we lost kind of some of Ka Lima O Maui, some of the things they did, we lost the MCCC work line, and those...we're having trouble fill in on those because we have all these vacancies, and nobody's

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applying to us. You know, I mean, collective bargaining could interfere, but it's not that we have enough workers . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . you know?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yeah. And...and you're...you're right, we always have to keep that in the back of our mind, you know, how these positions would affect collective bargaining agreements and, you know, other lawsuits that have been filed in the past. But we would be paying MEO to then place and to work for the County, so the money is going...we pay MEO, then they would pay for County work...just trying to figure out, is that how that works.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, only if we have so many vacancies, which we do.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Correct, yeah. Yeah. So, I...I think that you could condition it just to contemplate that it could include County...County work. It would just be, you know, as long as it's legal to do so.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to amend the main motion to include County Government.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair? I'm sorry. We already have two amendments on the floor, so you'll need to dispose of one first.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Never mind.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, the amendments that we have on the floor to vote, Ms. Apo Takayama?

MR. KRUEGER: So, Chair, currently we have a motion to amend the Councilmember...I mean Council Chair Lee's motion to add in the \$2 million for the Maui Economic Opportunity, Maui Displaced Workforce Development Program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: So, the motion on the floor is Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez's motion to amend that to...apologies, the language might not be exact, but to add in that the program must ensure participants receive self-sufficient wages, as stated by DBEDT's self-sufficient wage standard for Maui County. And that was made by Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Cook.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, on that, Members, you want to vote? Yes. Okay. All in favor say "aye."

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye. Nine “ayes.” Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One recused.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Oh, you cannot, eight...eight “ayes” and one recuse.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       Councilmember Johnson.**

**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVE amendment to main motion**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Then yours.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to amend the main motion to say inclusive of County Government.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I need a second. Motion made by Member Paltin, second by Member Sinenci, and it’s to...the motion is to also add inclusive of Maui County Government; is that correct? Member Paltin, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any discussion? Member Cook? Oh, you’re voting. Okay. all in favor say “aye.” Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Member --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Wait, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm trying to raise my hand before...mahalo. I was raising my hand before we voted. So, my understanding is that the...this funding would only support about half of the current participants of the Federally-funded Maui Displaced Workforce Development Program that MEO is managing, so...that there's about 100 current participants, and it would continue the employment of about half of those. And so, it . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . wouldn't open up to new participants. So, if they weren't already part of the program, then they...they wouldn't be able to apply.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, this motion wouldn't apply if they aren't already a County employee and part of the program under MEO?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Some of the...some of the people that I know in the program ended with their employers due to various reasons. So, I mean, if this is over the next fiscal year, I...I would love to keep this condition on in case they don't like where they're working and they can give the County a try, and then, you know, it might not be as much, but once they get some years in, they can possibly transfer to something else that pays higher. So, I just would like...I don't see the harm in the amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Members, I got to...Chair Lee, I'm wondering if this is manageable with MEO?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm pretty sure it is because it's...it says inclusive, it isn't, say, mandatory.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, it's to the extent, you know, available, and...and I mean, if there are no jobs available, then you can't hire new people, right? But as

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people, let's say, transition out of these jobs, then it can be open to County Government workers.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin, you have to use your mic.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, they could --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- they could apply to the County, right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I don't know, you were saying something, so...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If they don't like the job that they're currently in, and they want to apply to the County, that could be one of the options they have. I know a handful of people that didn't continue on with their current employers for whatever reason, and I only know...I don't know all the workers.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, we are done with discussion. Oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I...I totally understand where you're coming from, Member Paltin. I think some of the participants in this displaced workforce program were getting paid more than some of our County employees in the Bargaining Unit 13. And, you know, like . . .*(sighing)*. . . every year we talk about this, and every year it doesn't change, and it...it's...it's really frustrating. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . And we understand that we only have one vote, and the State has four. So, I...I think at this time, my understanding is that it...I don't know what Ms. Toshikiyo said about it conflicting with CBAs and...and all of that, but if she could clarify.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Toshikiyo?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. Thank you, Chair. For the most part, I guess it really does depend on, you know, what positions they would take in what departments, and

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if those...are they taking a position that is covered by collective bargaining agreements and, you know, it didn't go through the...the normal hiring process. Those are questions that I'd have to look into, you know, whether or not that's possible. I don't know off the top of my head. And then, you know, the...the condition that it's being paid self-sufficient wages, whether or not that's really on par with the wages under...for that position under a collective bargaining agreement. So, I guess that...that's research that I'll have to do to, you know...oh, friends, some of my colleagues in the office, that's one. And also, like I said, it would be dependent on what position in what department and what the, you know, duties entailed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, because this is now talking about our County employees and collective bargaining, and I wonder if we could put this aside and vote on it once we get more information. Because it's pretty important. And can we place it, or was it the Federal guidelines, or...and if we're creating new, then are there...are there things that we need to abide by? Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm just saying that we cut a lot of salary from the Mayor's Office. They're not under collective bargaining. If they wanted to pick up some of these employees, if they didn't like the job they're in, that could be a possibility. It's just the condition that says not exclusive...I mean, it says inclusive of the County Government, if you want it to say not exclusive to the County Government. But I wouldn't be able to support it without this condition because \$2 million is...I mean, we...we add millions like . . .(timer sounds). . . water, but we cut 10,000 like hard time. So...and I...like I said, I don't have much more cuts.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Oh...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And there's lots more millions to be added.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, I'm not saying don't do it, I'm just saying can we research it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I...I believe we can still vote now because all it says is that it's inclusive of the County employees --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- or employment. It doesn't say you have to because obviously, collective bargaining has requirements and so forth that have to be followed...that's the law. So, she's just saying that this can be available to County workers. That's all it is.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.





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overstated, and what they are actually doing in my discussions with their...Mae Nakahata, I don't know if she's Executive Director, is that they found State match as well as Federal match for these dollars, so she was looking for a State match...a County match of 600,000. So, this should not be for 921,000.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 279?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, 279. So, that's...I need a motion and a second.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, you already added 50,000 for this, so do you want to subtract the 50,000 from that number as well?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, no, we need to add 50 plus this. So, 2...279, and then plus that 50,000 earlier for Lahaina Flood Control Project. Okay. So, this adds 279,000 to this pot, and it will bring the Soil Water Conservation District the 600, plus the 50 that I mentioned earlier. Yes? Oh, Member Paltin. Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering. So, the 600,000 that they'll be getting minus the 50,000 specifically for something else.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Plus. Plus. The 50 is plus. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, I'm just...I'm only concerned with the 600,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm not...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Go.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So, the 600,000, they're going to get matching funds for 600,000, so it'll be a total of 1.2 mil?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: They'll get it from...they'll get it from the State.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, a total of 1.2. Would the 50,000 also be matched? So, it would be like...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, separate.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, only the 600,000?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other questions? Okay. Thank you. Members, all in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And this one, Member Johnson can vote, so we have nine "ayes," Thank you. Okay. Motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Who made the motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This was made by Chair Lee, and second by--who made the second? Member Kama. Okay. This next one is mine. Office of the Mayor, Grants and Disbursements for Business Development and Technology under--what is this?--XV, Roman numeral, Maui Economic Development Board, Inc., a new condition as follows. Up to \$10,000 must be for science, technology, engineering, and youth...and math programs for Upcountry schools.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, motion made by Member Sinenci, second by Chair Lee. Any discussions? Okay. Thank you. This is the award-winning schools Upcountry. I'm so proud of what they've done. Yeah. Yeah, engineers, as Member Paltin asked them. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That's nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next, Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. As you can see on page 25, it's just adding 275,000 for a ferry...extra ferry one...or ferry run between Maui and Lānaʻi. And I know...I've been hearing the...the Committee say that, you know, we got to watch our funds. So, instead of making it new funds, I would propose that we take it out of the pot that's called Economic Diversification. But if you recall, Councilmember Cook removed 600,000 above...the pot above it called Economic Development Initiative. So, I would say, why don't we change that name of Economic Diversification to include Economic Diversification and Development Initiative. Therefore, we have a pot of 570K that we could proviso this 275,000 for an extra run between Maui and Lānaʻi. I want to remind the Members, the ferry lost a vessel and a warehouse. The PUC is giving them a

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problem to raise their rates because they're now not leaving Lahaina Harbor, they're leaving Mā'alaea Harbor. So, they're struggling to raise their rates. Workers have various shifts on Lāna'i, so they can't always take that first . . .(timer sounds). . . boat off the island. A midday run would be ideal. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Is there...a motion by Member Johnson, is there a second? Member Sinenci. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I see Miss...Director Milner on...on the call, raising her hand.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Just a quick clarification question. So, would this be for a grant to Hone Heke?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, that is correct.

MS. MILNER: Okay. If we could just specify this...that as part of the language, we would appreciate it.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. So, add a new line item entitled Expeditions Ferry, Hone Heke, in the amount of 275...oh, it's not a new line item.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Condition.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Proviso under Economic Diversification and Development Initiative, 275,000 for Expedition Ferry/Hone Heke DBA.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Doing business as.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any questions? Seeing none. Members, all in favor, raise your hands and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Nine "ayes." Member Kama, you're voted, yeah?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're voting? Okay. Nine "ayes."

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Good, we can have a mid-day ferry run, right? Next, again, Member Johnson. Lānaʻi Community Association.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Oh, okay. Thank you, Chair. So, this is adding the following condition. Up to \$40,000 must be for the Lānaʻi Community Association for the Pineapple Festival. That would be a condition under Grants and Disbursements for Culture, Arts, and Tourism. \$40,000 for one of the most important festivals on the Island of Lānaʻi. Every year, people who have left the Island of Lānaʻi return to meet their classmates. It's a very important festival, and we need about \$40,000 for all of it to really be a great event. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is there a second? Member Sinenci seconds. I think you said what you need to say, and we've all gone to it. Members, 40,000 for the Lānaʻi...up to, for the Lānaʻi Community Association for Pineapple Festival. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.



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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Page 16. Okay. Gabe Johnson again.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. This is another condition. To add under number seven, in Houseless Solutions, the following condition. Up to \$95,000 must be for Project Vision for the Water Buffalo Service. This is, again, Grants, Disbursements for Water and Environmental Resource Protection, Office of the Mayor, Economic Development Program. This is a condition. We all know that the houseless folks over...that are being serviced by the Project Vision could use water. It's a part of our, you know, living needs, and it's \$95,000 is what we're conditioning. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second? Member Sinenci. Motion made by Member Johnson, second by Member Sinenci. Okay. Anybody...oh, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just checking, is this for the Pu'uhonua o Nēnē? Because when I asked DHHC anything about that, they said it was a State project, and apparently they couldn't even call them to see if they had vacancy there. So, I mean, if it's a State project, is the State not providing them drinking water?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson, do you know?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It is a State...I'm going to have to defer to Councilmember Sinenci. Back...it was his proviso last year that didn't get...that didn't make it. Remember, it's one of those stories where we put it in, and the Administration didn't spend it. . . .(timer sounds). . . So, they...I know that they need it. So, Councilmember Sinenci...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: The water buffalo last year was to deliver to areas that they weren't...didn't have access to clean water. So, I'm...I'm not sure, specific to Pu'u...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Honua.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Because my understanding was, Project Vision was administering Pu'uhonua o Nēnē.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And if this is for a State project, then I'm not supportive. They should fund their own thing. I mean, they're giving us a hard time just to, you know, do the thing. So, I'm not supportive of giving them money to support their project.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Let me...can I add to that? I'll be quick. They deliver water to houseless island-wide, but they also run that project. They do both. And it just...you know, they do both.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin, are you done?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I don't think I'll support it. The money's there for the Administration to use as they need to fund solutions to houselessness. And if they didn't spend it in the past, then I don't want to take up the space of it when they could be funding some of their solutions that they support.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Member Kama, then Member U'u-Hodgins next.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, thank you, Chair. So, I was going to say that the Pu'unēnē...Pu'uhonua o Nēnē is a State project. My understanding when we went to visit, when the first day they opened up, was that they were okay in terms of having all the resources available. But getting back to what Member Johnson had said about the buffalo and it services all other areas. So, what part of that buffalo is going to be servicing all the other areas, and what part's going to be servicing . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . the Pu'uhonua o Nēnē area?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I don't have those details.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I know that they tried to get it, Pu'u...or, I'm sorry, Project Vision tried to get it, and our department, they...it just didn't happen. I don't know, they had...they had issues. So, try...try it again because people are still houseless, and there's still people that are outside of that district, outside of Pu'uhonua. So, just want to be able to have a transportable water source for our houseless people. It's just that simple.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, can I ask...can I ask, Member Johnson, so did they come and ask you for this? Did the Project Vision? Because I know they were...they worked with Member Sinenci last --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And they...I think they got it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- fiscal year.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I thought they got their water buffalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: It just, it never got issued. It never got spent, and I think it was...got caught up in the bureaucracy that we hear time and time again.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more questions? Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. In working with Naomi, I understand that this is...this monies is for houseless solutions, this \$200,000 is originally going to go for safe parking, cleanup, and to help address some of the issues at Cut Mountain. So, I understand where Member Johnson is going with this, but I don't disagree with Member Paltin that I hope that this isn't us funding the State right now. But thank you for this.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Did you have a question, Member Kama? Oh, you did already.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I did already.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You did. Anybody else? Okay. Is this a roll call vote? Yeah, roll call.

MS. MONIZ: Chair, proceeding with the roll call. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

MS. MONIZ: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.



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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just a FYI, do you have a paper in front of your camera?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That I'm writing on? Yeah, is it in your way? Am I blocking it?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If you look at the screen, maybe you can figure out what I'm saying.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I don't know.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Your camera's being blocked.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Why is that? I have my camera on, according to me.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you have something in front of the lens?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, it's my back camera. It's picking up my case. Oh, this is why I need my Staff, and I need my son. Thank you. Thank you. Okay. Next. Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Come on down. Okay. All right. Everyone ready? It's a condition to collaborate and require consultation with MEMA prior to and throughout funds being expended for resilient hubs, including the professional services funding to create modular resilient hubs for the community, and two, green building and resilient housing for \$100,000. And so, I guess I will make the motion to add this condition, and then I'll explain more.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's my motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Cook second. Go ahead, explain.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And mahalo, Member U'u-Hodgins, for also seconding it. When we had MEMA Administrator Lonokailua Hewett before us, I believe it was Member Paltin that asked if folks that were doing the resiliency hubs were collaborating with MEMA, and the answer was no. And in the org. chart that administrator shared with us, there's a proposal for a resiliency branch chief, but also, these resiliency hubs, there...there...they should be all collaborating. All the emergency services,

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especially our Emergency Management Agency, should be involved in the design or the...you know, like the planning of it. And so, I had asked if I...you know, if it would make sense to put the funding under MEMA. So, that was initially what I was thinking to do, but I...I figured I'd start . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . with this, and just add the condition to the funding under the...under OED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. I think we heard that from Chief Amos. Any other comments? Oh, Member U'u-Hodgins, do you want to say something? Or you're just nodding your head?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Just nodding my head --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- in support. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All in favor, say "aye." I think that was pretty...

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you have a question? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't understand this second part, the two with the green building and resilient. Is it that MEMA is supposed to collaborate on the green building and resilient housing?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, one is the professional services under OIS, or whatever it's going to be. And then the second, my understanding is a grant that would be a competitive grant for the community to apply. And then, you know, whoever would end up getting that grant would also loop in MEMA on whatever it is that they're doing. So, just so that everyone's communicating. . . *(timer sounds)*. . . Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, this would...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...I didn't want to put it...I didn't want to put it under MEMA and then like force MEMA to have to manage it. I just wanted...you know, it sounded like, and it made sense to, I think, all of us that MEMA be involved, and like, you know, have a part in how this is working.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, if Mr. Deakos doesn't receive the money this year, and he's provisoed for the upcoming year, it wouldn't affect it because all it is, is for them to be kept informed?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. We'll work together.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All in...

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. If Staff could just get clarification. So, our understanding is for this priority, we put two conditions, the same condition about collaborating and requiring consultation with MEMA. We put one condition under Office of the Mayor Administration Program, and then we'd put that same condition also under Green Building and Resilient Housing, which is currently now under EP&S, under DEM.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Krueger. Yep.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Boy, that move is far-reaching. So, Members, all in...oh.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I have a question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I just...so, Member...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama, then Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, I just was voting.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, I just had a question. So, under item one, it says for professional services, funding to create modular resilient hubs. Is that...what does that mean? You're going to actually create the modules for the hubs to do their business in? Is that what that means?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, when OIS was before us, or Director Mahi, they explained the hubs that they were creating. I don't know if it's like as a result of the recommendations from the CARP or, you know, just the work . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . in the community. So, there's...there's one, they talked about planning for the East End of Molokai. You know, of course, on Maui, in different places, I think they want to have like one in each district or something.

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But yeah, they...they explained the vision of how this would work and the...the funding for it to happen.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any other questions? Ready to vote, Members? Okay. All in favor...for the motion is we have like two separate pots, one in OED and the other one is going to the EP&S with that move that we made, right? So, you got that. All right. Members, all in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Next, we have Member U'u-Hodgins on page 27.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. So, this is for the 140, I believe, that all of our offices will get to disburse. So, I guess I'm kicking off the conversation. So, up to \$60,000 for the Makawao-Pā'ia-Ha'ikū residency area cleanup efforts, security, beautification, maintenance, community outreach, educational events, and economic development. It is just for a broad spectrum of people to apply. But the more conditioned one is up to \$20,000 for the Makawao Rodeo Parade, up to \$15,000 for King Kekaulike High School Foundation for fundraising events, up to \$30,000 for Upcountry Strong for food distribution events, and \$15,000 for Kaizen LLC for a surfing event at Ho'okipa. I move to...I don't know about...



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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, great. So, all of the remaining, which is Member Sinenci, myself, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Alice Lee on page 29, Tasha Kama for Kahului, Lānaʻi is Gabe Johnson, Tamara Paltin for Lahaina, and Tom Cook for Kīhei, and these are all the \$130,000...\$140,000 pots. And I wanted, if I could do it in one motion, and just accept all of it.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So move.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you may...okay. So, we won't do yours, and you can make your changes. All the rest, Members, can we do it in one motion?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I support that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you have a comment?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah, I'm going to add 10,000 for Polani [*sic*] Hāna sail (*phonetic*) program in Hāna.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we'll take yours and yours separately.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All the rest, Members, I'm going to ask for a motion to accept all of the other amendments that you made to the \$140,000 economic...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So move.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Good. Member Kama, and then Gabe Johnson made the second. And this would be for...this would be not for Hāna, and not for South Maui, but for the rest.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, we do see Corporation Counsel's hands up.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I don't see Corporation Counsel. Member [sic] Toshikiyo? Sorry, Kristina Toshikiyo, do you have your hand up?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Toshikiyo, you're muted.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry, must be dinner time for me soon.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You can come eat with us.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Let me mute that as well. For Member U'u-Hodgins, I'm sorry, going back, I'm looking at page 27, and she does have a condition for the consultation, and approval by Council must be done prior to the expenditure of funds. And I know in the past, we've agreed that the language--I think under yours, Chair Sugimura, on A--so the language that would be, notice must be provided to Council if funds are to be expended prior to Council notification. Because once the budget has been finalized and we're outside of the budget session, it would be an up or down vote if they're going to ask. So, I just wanted to see if...it is going to have to be approved by Council, any budget amendments, so if they add any appropriations, additional ones, or are there any amendments to Member...to the Makawao-Pā'ia-Ha'ikū area? So, I just wanted to confirm if that's the language Member U'u-Hodgins is requesting.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: So, you're telling me I don't need to have that there? Because I see that not everybody has that there.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Well, before...so, for instance, if there is an amendment that's proposed by the Administration, it would come before the Council as an up-or-down vote. What the other Members have requested in the past is that notice be given before the amendment is made.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: But either way, the...the amendment would have...is subject to Council approval anyway. So, that's why the language in the past has been, notice must be provided to Council that funds are to be expended prior to Council notification.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. I mean, if it’s redundant, then I’m okay to move it, and if we have to do it anyway. But whatever makes the most sense for me, I’m cool with. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And let me just say something before Ms. Milner does, in that the years that we’ve been working on this, what we’ve learned as Councilmembers is that if OED wants to use these funds, at least they would talk to us about it so that it makes sense with our district. So, we’ve started putting that in our language, our...our \$140,000 pot, so that we would have some communication with OED before they like blast it out and did a press release this last time, right? But that was stopped. So, anyway, Ms. Milner, go ahead.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Yes, what I was going to say for Councilmember U‘u-Hodgins, she’s conditioned the entire 140,000, so no changes can be made without coming back to Council because the full 140,000 is conditioned. So, I don’t think you need that conditional language there because it’s not possible. There’s no competitive pot to be looked at.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Well, Member...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member U‘u-Hodgins then, to finish you off, and then we’ll go to Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Okay. So, you’re fine? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. So, the condition of notice would be left on the...or would be put on the funds that were not conditioned in the 140,000 for communication. And in the past, it...it...it’s not exactly what Member Sugimura said. It...it was that some Councilmembers’ funds that were not conditioned were also used in combination with other districts for benefit of outside of our district. And so, that was before Director Mahi joined OED and became Director. So, that was one of...one of the concerns, which is why the condition was added. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right, Members, so to move on. Thank you very much, everybody. And Member U‘u-Hodgins, if you want to change that or leave it, you’re fine. So, this motion then is to accept all the other districts except Hāna and South Maui because you have some amendments that you want to make. So, this would be for Molokai, Wailuku, Kahului, Lāna‘i, Lahaina...and that’s it. There’s a motion to accept on these \$140,000 pots.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Chair...

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Chair Lee, and second by Member Kama. Yes?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, we did.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So, it was done already. Okay. Here we talked about it. All in favor, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. The motion carries. Nine “ayes,” motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Now let’s go to yours, Member Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Shane wanted to . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: You wanted to add something, as well as Member Cook next. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Should I...should I just present it or read it out...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so if you can . . .*(inaudible)*. . . just has to add on what he wants to add, right? He says he has an amendment to his list. How do you want him to handle it?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You can read it out. Just the amendment, not the whole list.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Move...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, just the adds. Whatever you're changing.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Just whatever I'm...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, I'll just really quickly.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. So, for Hāna Arts, 28,000. Festivals of Aloha, 13,000. Hāna Business Council, 8,000. Hāna Canoe Club, 8,000. Holani Hāna Sail Program, 29,000. National Tropical Botanical Gardens, Kahanu Gardens, 8,000. Kīpahulu 'Ohana, 8,000. Ma Ka Hāna Ka 'Ike Māhele Farms, 20,000. Nā Moku 'Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui, 8,000. And Hāna Taro Festival, 10,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. What about the Na...Na Mano o...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Na Mano o Mū'olea, they're not having their Limu Festival next year, so we zeroed them out.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You zeroed them out. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, is there a motion? Okay. Thank you. Member Sinenci, seconded by Member Kama. I think you heard him. All in favor, say "aye."



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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, mahalo. Member Cook, you can totally do that if you want to. You just move 10,000 to the other pot.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. Well, I'll read off what I'm doing, and you all can share with me the...the proper methodology.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, are...are you...are you keeping everything else and just doing this one thing?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I'm keeping --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can just do the motion to move.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- 40,000 for Kihei Fourth Friday, 7,000 for...to Support ReTree Hawai'i Projects Countywide, \$50,000 for the Kihei Youth Center, and \$5,000 for the Kūlanihākoī High School Activities Program. So, I haven't used up all my 140, and so 10,000 sharing with Hāna. So, what is the appropriate way, people?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: So, you can make a motion to move...delete \$10,000 from South Maui Economic Development, Environmental, and Culture Programs, and then add 10,000 to the East Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So move, just like you said.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. So, that's the entire motion.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: And then the conditions included, all the ones you just read, for yours.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very nice. All right. Who seconded it? Anybody second? Tasha Kama? Okay. Member Kama seconded your motion.

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: My apologies. And can you state what the condition for Hāna is as well?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Holani Hāna Sail Program, 10,000.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, any questions? All in favor, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin? Okay. Nine “ayes.” motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Are we done with all of that? Yeah, everything else has been approved. Are we done?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I’m raising my hand. I’m raising my hand.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member...Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: My hand is raised. Okay. Mahalo. I will add another condition under the Molokai 140...30,000 from...for Ho‘aka Mana.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.



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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you didn't do yours?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- Ms. Milner...well, I had to use the restroom. But Ms. Milner raised her hand.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Apologies, I didn't mention this earlier when we were doing departmental requests. We did have one under Office of the Mayor for Appendix A, Part I, Grant Revenue Fund. We've received a few grants that we would like to add under there. So, if the body would be interested in entertaining a motion to add FEMA for 1,800,000, United States Department of Agriculture for 150,000, Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program for 1.5 million, United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation \$1,180,224, and the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant for 3.5 million under Office of the Mayor Appendix A, Part I.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Too good.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is there a second? Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, seconded by Member Kama. So, before we vote, I mean, this is all fabulous. Can you send us a written for these adds, Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Yes, this was included in the transmittal on April 12th. It's on page 3 with some information about the status of these awards.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I see it. Okay. Okay. We got that, right? All right. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nine "ayes." Okay, motion carries.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Anything else on this? Seeing none. So, we are done with the Office of the Mayor. James and Kasie, anything else?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, what about West Maui?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I’m sorry. Okay. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: I thought hers was included in the mass --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: -- one that we made.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We did . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It was. Unless you have changes. Unless you have changes, Member Paltin. That was all we were doing. If you had changes from what you submitted.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: If not, we . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You’re fine with what you wrote?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I’m fine with what I wrote.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we are done with West Maui, and I think we're done with all of the pots. We are...yes. Oh, Revolving Funds. Okay. Revolving Funds priority. Let's look at this. So...okay. So, it is on page...Special Purpose, Open Space, page 45. Sorry, page 45. Okay. Who has page...any...any comments or changes to Open Space on page 45? Conditions. Consensus? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I have a Member...I have a priority, and I think so does Member Sinenci for the Open Space funds.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I'll let Member Sinenci go first if he wants to.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What page are you on? Probably...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Sorry, I kept pressing it, and now I was muting myself. But on the Members' priority matrix, it's page 41.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I got it. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: And then on Budget Bill 45. But Member Sinenci is listed first, so he can go first on page 41.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's your 600,000 for Nanu'alele.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, mahalo. Yeah, for under the...Office of the Mayor, Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund, 600,000 for the purchase of Nanu'alele Kawaipapa, Hāna for the...conservation purposes, TMK (2) 1-3-007:024 for 9.78 acres. And Members, this was the point where we had our district meeting. It's...it's right across the bay, that point that we want to conserve. It's a historical sites, including holding loko ia, or holding pens for...for ia, and the site of Ho'olai Makua (*phonetic*), the Hawaiian slingshot warrior was...he...he lived in that area. So, again, under the Charter, Section 19-...9-19, Open Space for...for preservation of this land. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Second.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: 5:08. Recess. . . (*gavel*). . .

**RECESS: 5:08 p.m.**

**RECONVENE: 5:25 p.m.**

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . It is 5:25 p.m. So, we're going to finish all of the conditions and priorities for the Office of the Mayor, and I'm going to start with Member Sinenci and Member Cook. Proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. That was for the first one, and I believe I did get a second from Ms. U'u-Hodgins.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Should I do the second one as well? Or vote on...on...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wait, you're going to do the one for Na Mamo O...I can't say it...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mū'olea.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, yeah. That's what you're doing.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, we're...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. We got to call for the vote.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, did we...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No, we have to vote for the first one.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, did we not vote for the one above?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Sorry. Okay. Members, anybody have questions for Member Sinenci? Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I just had a question for you, Chair, and...and I don't know the answer, that's why I'm asking you. But if there isn't sufficient funds in the Open Space Funds to cover all of the Open Space requests, then should we take them all up together? Because it would seem otherwise, if we want to support them in order, then the last person wouldn't...or the last item wouldn't have money, even if we would want to support it. So, I just was wondering if we want to have a discussion about all the Open Space requests . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . and the remaining Open Space Funds before we commit to any one fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So . . .*(inaudible)*. . . --

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just a question --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- ran out of money.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- for the group.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, and I see Ms. Toshikiyo might have her hand up.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I do not see her. Ms. Toshikiyo? Oh, you do have your hand up, I see it. Go ahead. Ms. Toshikiyo...you're muted.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry, I keep forgetting to unmute myself. Yes, just wanted to ask Member Sinenci if this is going to be a grant to a nonprofit, or if the County is going to be acquiring?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: It will be a grant to the Ke Ao Hali'i nonprofit.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, the question is from Member Paltin, should we look at all the Open Space Funds just to see that we have enough funds in the Open Space Funds, and then look at it comprehensively, and then maybe we can vote it one by one. Member...I mean not Member--Ms. Apo Takayama or James, what do you recommend? Do we have enough money? I guess that's the question. Do we have enough funds in the Open Space Fund based upon everybody's wish list? We don't have enough? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, maybe --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- maybe I think we should have that discussion --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- that Member Paltin's looking at so that we can take a look at all of the proposals.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: We might have to prioritize some. We might have to take some from some so that everybody gets something.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Anyway...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can you just tell us now, James, what the...the total requests are versus the...the balance in the fund?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I see Ms. Milner also popped up. Go ahead, James.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Say what? Oh, they're doing the math. In the meantime, Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I just did want to point out, I don't believe the adjustment has been done for certification yet, and the RPT did come in higher, so that will be some additional funding for the Open Space Fund. And the Council does always have the prerogative to add more funding if they determine that they feel all of these priorities are of importance this fiscal year. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Whoo, big decisions. You're adding it up.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: How many people . . .*(inaudible)*. . . I didn't.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Staff?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: So, the...if...considering all the priorities would be 9.12 million, and there's currently already...180...3.8 million conditioned out, out of the 11.5, so...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, yeah, I do have one.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, we're short.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Short 1.4...

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yeah. So, you're short about 1.4 million.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Short 1.4 million. So, Members...so, we have overdone it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I can...Kasie, are you including mine?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yes, that's including all the priorities.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, the 6 million. So, I can reduce mine to 4 point...let's say 4 million.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That was to the Lahaina; was that right...Lahaina Community Trust?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What was yours?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The...the Lahaina one was --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, the Revolving Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- the managed retreat.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Managed retreat, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. This one is Open Space, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This is the Waikapu buffer.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you know why? That's last year.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yeah, I don't see one for this year for you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You don't. Okay. Then I...I take back what I just said.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Because it's on my list for some reason.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, because you were thinking about that. Okay. So, right now, we're going to be over. What if during the...what if you come up with a list of whatever, and then the Members can decide which one, or which not, because we were like...we were like...

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Keani has her hand up.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for seeing me, Chair Lee. So, my question is for Acting Budget Director Milner. The 6 million for the Waikapu buffer that Chair Lee mentioned, is that included as an encumbrance in the current balance of the Open Space?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. Yes. As we've discussed, the appropriations to the Open Space Fund do not lapse. So, those were deducted from the estimated total at the end of this current fiscal year. So, those funds remain available.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And since the budget is open, would we be able to amend that encumb--...well, I guess it's not encumbered, it's just a condition from...from the previous...or the current fiscal year.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No. Not that one.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. And --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Go pick another one.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- I wasn't going to ask you if you wanted to until I find out if I could, but I still want to know the answer to my question for future reference.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that means Members who have made amendments to the Open Space Fund would have to change...would have to make that adjustment, right, because we're now...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I want...I want the answer to my question.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, I thought I said no.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, that wasn't my question.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Acting Director Milner.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

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MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I probably need to defer to Corporation Counsel on what the methodology --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. MILNER: -- would be for that. But if I could, could someone from OCS give me a call? I just want to talk to them about their balance numbers real quick. Please and thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, Ms. Toshikiyo?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It hasn't come yet. Ms. Toshikiyo, did you hear the question? Oh, there.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I did. And I think that we were in discussions too about, in the budget, including, under the Open Space funds, appropriations that, you know, were...were conditioned, but perhaps not encumbered previously. So, I'd have to kind of talk to OCS about what the motion would look like because if you were going to amend, I suppose...yeah, I think that you could do it because it still exists in the fund as a condition.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Toshikiyo. That's what I thought the answer was, but I just wanted to hear it from Corporation Counsel. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, they are still in communication. They are...our Staff is still talking to Ms. Milner. We're okay? So, that means we are okay to amend Fiscal Year '24 Open Space funds? Oh, you're saying that our totals are okay, and we're not over. We are over one...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we are over--is it 1.4 million? Okay. So, we still need to find 1.4, but we can't amend then what Chair Lee said, Open Space funds from '24, Fiscal Year '24.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The...the answer is yes, we can amend existing conditions from previous years, but Chair Lee is not open to amending the 6 million that is currently conditioned for the Waikapu buffer.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. You...you said no now. Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The options...the options before us is, we would go through the Open Space proposals and see if we would want to support all of them for the amounts that are being proposed. And if we choose not to, then we would be okay if we come under 1.2 million, or whatever the amount is. Or we can just add the 1.2 million to Open Space Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's true. Can I explain?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Chair...Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The reason why I asked is because I had a preliminary list of conditions, and it had another 6 million. So, that's...that's the reason why. And if this other 6 million was submitted, then that...I would have withdrawn that one, but I wouldn't withdraw --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I see what you're saying.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- the one that was already approved previously.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So, you're --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- saying that you were thinking of adding again the 6 million for the --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- buffer because you weren't sure if it was an Open Space Fund, but it is, right?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Previously because of Charter 9-11.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, you want to look at...

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: I think we have a solution that will give you enough money.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: So, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez has agreed that instead of adding 5 million for the Lahaina Community Land Trust, it'll make that condition a total of 5 million. So, instead of the 1.5, it'd be 5 million, which would give you...leave you with about 100-some extra thousand.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're welcome.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- come to the...come to the rescue. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You're so nice.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Okay. So, what is...what is...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I try. I take notes from you, Chair Lee.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that is your priority.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: So, that will leave you with \$108,843 extra.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Whoo! That is close. Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. And you're not even here to have dinner with us. Oh, my God. Okay. You don't even have...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll take a paddler's Euro (*phonetic*). Thank you. Thank you, Member Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So funny. Okay. So, what item, what...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That wasn't a joke. . . .(*laughing*). . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .(*laughing*). . . Okay. What number is Member Rawlins-Fernandez...her Open Space, 43? Okay. Okay, 43. Oh, here it is. Okay. Revolving Fund number one. Oh, here. Okay. So, you're going to change this to what? Up to...not 5 million.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, my proposal, I move to condition 5 million for a grant to Lahaina Community Land Trust for the acquisition of property in Lahaina. So, it's not adding 5, it's adding 3 to the existing amount there. So, for a total of 5.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Okay. So, let's...Member Rawlins-Fernandez, we got to deal with Member Sinenci's motion, and then we'll come to yours with the solution, okay?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll table it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Table it. All right. So, Member Sinenci is...okay. You are number...number 45 on page 41. Okay. Go ahead. So, that...you made the motion --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- right? And second by who? Member Cook?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Nohe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nohe.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Nohe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Nohe.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What was the motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It is for...if you look on page 41, it is 200,000 for Na Mamo o Mū'olea land...that one.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: 600 for the purchase of Nanualele Kauaipapa.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, that one. Okay. That one. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sorry, the one above.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, why didn't we vote on it?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Because we were having all this discussion about we are overdrawn.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, this is for Open Space.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, Open Space.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, I see. I see.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Open Space.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, and we need to vote on it. Okay, Members. Yeah, any other discussion regarding this? All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye. And then next we're going to go to...okay. That is nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. So, this is done. Next, we're going to go to the savior of the day, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. So, the motion is to...to add 3.5 million for a total of 5 million for the Lahaina Community Land Trust.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We need a second. Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, second by Chair Lee. Discussion? All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Kama?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're very welcome.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Saving the day. Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I try.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We...we finished with all of it? Oh, Shane has the last one.  
Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: I have one too, Chair, when we’re done.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I...I know she was before me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Did she want to go now?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U‘u-Hodgins, you want to go...go next?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Sure, thank you. For the Open Space funds, I move to add up to 3.5 million, must be used for the acquisition of approximately 8...82.18 acres located in Ha‘ikū, Maui, Hawai‘i TMK (2) 2-7-004:050. You heard about my community talk about this. This is part of the --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: -- Pauwela Lighthouse. Yeah, this is the bigger parcel out of the three, but I didn’t want to hog cheese the whole funds. I am asking the County to purchase it now, and then I’m working with the community to hopefully establish somebody that they can inherit that responsibility and kuleana. Thank you again.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U‘u-Hodgins, second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. We all heard the plea from the community. Any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin? You raised your hand, yeah. Okay. Nine “ayes,” motion carries.

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

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**   **None.**

**ABSENT:**    **None.**

**EXC.:**       **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:    APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yay, that was a loud cry that night of the community meetings. Okay. Now we have one more, which is Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And this one, Member Cook has been kind enough again to kōkua with this one for his revolving fund proviso.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And it’s for \$20,000 for Na Mamo O Mū’olea Land Management and Safety Security Purposes, TMK (2) 1-5-007:001, and (2) 1-5-007:010. And this is for the management for safety and security purposes for this County-owned property.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Here we have Member...Ms. Apo Takayama, yes? Clarifications.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Sorry, correction, TMK (2) 1-5-007:012.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It says 01...001, 012? Okay. And there’s more, right? And (2). Is it two TMKs or one? There’s two listed.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Two...two TMKs.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, any questions? Oh, motion made by Member Sinenci, second by Member Cook. Okay. Any questions? Okay. All in favor --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- raise your hand and say "aye." Who said Chair?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Oh, yes, Ms. Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Thank you. If I could make a recommendation for Member Sinenci, just so that the language is consistent with the language in the Charter. So, if he could state that it's for safety and security improvements, and perhaps just delete the brush abatement because that may be considered maintenance.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Friendly amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Yes. So, safety and security improvements, and delete as a brush abatement, yeah, portion?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Correct? Okay. All...any discussion, Members? Oh, we have to take off that brush abatement portion. Oh, you know why? You know what it is? He read off of...you know the last column? For safety and security improvements. So, in his motion, just add improvement, take off the word purpose, and then it's good, your motion. Right, Member Sinenci? Okay. Okay. Members, all in favor, raise your hand, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Do we have any more that we need to cover, or are we done with Open Space? Are we done with the Mayor’s Office? I’m...we’re done, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: No. Chair, I have one more for...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: No, that’s okay. On page 48, letter Q. for the Programs Revolving Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 48. Okay. So, I don’t have that. You have that?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: It’s on page --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, page 42.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: -- 42 on --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I thought you said 48.

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COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- on our...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Matrix.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, so it's 48 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- in the Budget Bill, sorry, and then 42 on our Councilmember matrix of priorities.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Go ahead. Go ahead, Member...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: So, I move to...thank you. I move...don't mind the peacocks. I move to add up to 250,000, must be a grant to the Pā'ia Village Company, LLC, for the Pā'ia Sugar Mill redevelopment. And again, this is in Q., Programs Revolving Fund.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member U'u-Hodgins, second by Member Kama. Any...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Which Revolving Fund?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It...it is...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Q., Programs Revolving Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Q., Programs Revolving Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, page 48 in the Programs.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: In page...60.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: On page 48 in Budget Bill 60, yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And that...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: So, this is for the Pā'ia Sugar Mill redevelopment.

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We heard Mr. Ellis come and speak. It is for a grant writer, so they can seek additional funding for the State and Federal Government for manufacturing of building materials for our island.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's great. Okay. He was here this morning. Some of you got to ask him questions. Any more discussion? Okay. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee? Oh, okay. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Did I miss anybody else? You're done, right, Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair, we're holding off on Affordable Housing and GET, correct?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we're not...we're in the Office of the Mayor right now.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No, I know, I'm just saying, so...

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, yeah, yeah, we'll do it. We'll get there. Anything else we need to do before we...as far as the Office of the Mayor...I wonder, did our dinner come? Not yet, our dinner hasn't come.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, is it?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So, I'm going to take a break. It is 5:48, you all want to come back at what time? 6:40? 6:30? 6:30, okay. We'll be back at 6:30. This meeting is in recess.

**RECESS: 5:49 p.m.**

**RECONVENE: 6:36 p.m.**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development . . .*(feedback)*. . . Was that from me? Oh. We got it? Okay. So, for the rest of the evening, we're going to finish up to...we're going to do 'Oiw Resource...Resources, Department of Planning, then we're going to do Police, and Department of Transportation. But I also wanted to let you know that the...the Conference Committee at the Legislature has...they call it roll, but defer taking any action on that Senate Bill 3068. And that was the bill that we're waiting for, so that's going to be held tomorrow. They do have a deadline, they have to finish by Friday, so the bill will get done. Personally, I'm looking at that as a positive thing, although it's keeping us waiting. So, who knows? Josiah texted, saying that the bill was rolled over, is their terminology, and he said he would appear tomorrow. But I...I don't think that...I mean, personally, I did ask for the Mayor to come tomorrow, but I thought it would be after this bill was heard. And again, I still think we need to hear from them after the bill was heard because the impact is going to be what the State does, right? So, I'm going...I'm going to defer to Josiah and the Mayor to decide. If they can come tomorrow, that's fine, but it's only after that Senate bill is heard because that's the wildfire impacts. So, it may be...tomorrow's Thursday, I hope they come Thursday. If not, it may be Friday morning. I'll let you know as soon as I hear more, but that bill...that one bill that we're waiting on is...is rolled over, so it's going to be heard tomorrow. Okay? So, to go back to your question, I did announce from the very beginning that we're going to take up the Affordable Housing and the funds that...the CIPs for Water...Water, DEM, and Public Works, right? They're all impacted with that Office of Recovery bill that is before the Legislature because that's...that has CIP projects that are critical for us for wildfire recovery, and it's not something that's going to be we don't have to do, we got to do. And I want to see what the Mayor's priorities are, based upon what he heard from the office of...I mean, from the

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Legislature, and that'll set our priorities also. Very, very important. So, sorry about the bad news. Okay. So, we're going to do...we're going to...thanks for finishing Parks and Recs, Office of the Mayor...and Department of 'Ōiwi Resources is next.

**DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go to Bill 60, page 17. Anybody have any changes, amendments? Page 17. None? Member Rawlins...Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to move Appendix 2, item S. under the purview of 'Ōiwi Resources' jurisdiction, including S-1 through -3.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Say it again.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to move Appendix 2, item S., under 'Ōiwi Resources' jurisdiction, including items S-1 through -3.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: S-1 through -3.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or 1, 2, and 3.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 1, 2, and 3. Okay. Any...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second. Member Paltin, and second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, is it...is it...you're saying it's referencing the Special Revolving Fund?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And page what?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, let me look at it, what page...48.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Page 48.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, 48. Okay. So, you're saying it's S. Here we go. S. is Hawai'i Cultural Restoration Revolving Fund, and...

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I think...I'm not sure if it previously was under Department of Management or Parks and Recreation because the last couple times, I think they tried to develop a plan for Moku'ula/Mokuhinia. This is at least the third time that I'm aware of. I don't think the 250,000 has ever been spent. The first time I remember them doing it was under the direction of Director Karla Peters, and I had this whole long thing of, like make sure you do this, make sure you do that, make sure you do that, and then it never happened. But I think that whoever is selected to head up the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, I mean, my imagination is they'd be way more ma'a to all the things to be sure of than all the whole rest of us. So, I think it's an appropriate location. I think, as Mr. Nishita said, who knows how long we will continue to have this Revolving Fund if the State does take away the EO to the County on this parking lot. The parking lot is in the burn zone. I think there was a contract under Diamond Parking, it's...from what I understand, it's expired. It's on hold as well, and . . .(timer sounds). . . they might be using this for staging other stuff.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, can Staff ask to check in with our Legislative Attorney or Corporation Counsel to see if this would require a Code amendment?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ah, okay. Ms. Toshikiyo...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, oh, call on me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Our Member attorney.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(laughing). . . Okay. Go ahead.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I suspect that Member Rawlins-Fernandez has the answer too, I just actually looked up Chapter 3.38 as amended, and it's not tied to any specific department.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, it's good, right? Yay. Okay. So, motion made by Member Paltin --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Wait, call on me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Do you have any comments, Ms. Fernandez?

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Call on me. Yes. Okay. Mahalo, Chair. All right. I...I just wanted to add to Member Paltin's mana'o behind...so, the fund is established for proceeds collected from a legally-established parking concession located on property under control and management of the County on the area that's identified, as Member Paltin described. But funds can also be put under this fund, as well, from General Fund. In adopting each . . . *(inaudible)*. . . The Council may . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . make appropriations to the fund. Any balance remaining in this fund at the end of fiscal year shall not lapse, but shall remain in the fund, accumulating from year to year, so that's 3.38.020. So, it doesn't have to come out of the proceeds of the parking revenue, but it can also...there can also be funds put in there. And then it just has the Director of Finance shall establish an account. So, there isn't a specific department that was assigned to manage this fund, as Ms. Toshikiyo explained. Mahalo.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: My apologies, Chair. I guess our confusion is just how we would reflect this in the bills, how...how the amendment is reflecting that this is under the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: How is it currently reflected as being under the Department of Management? Is it in the Program Budget --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or who has the --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- under that way?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- authority to pull the money out?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I propose that we --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- we amend the Program Budget, and put it under the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources there.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: We don't amend the Program Budget, so our legal documents are the budget bills.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Could we...

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yeah, that's...that's actually a --

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- good question. Because you're correct in the way that Appendix A-II is reflected. It actually doesn't have the departments that it, you know, comes under their jurisdiction. You would have to actually look at the Code to determine which department is managing. And for this one, it's silent, which could be the reason why it's moved from department to department. I actually don't know that answer off the top of my head.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Could we put it in Part I? Funds may be used by the Department of 'Oiwī Resources for the implementation of the manage...could we do that? And put it in I until we can make a Code change indicating it?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or funds must be used by the Department of 'Oiwī Resources for the implementation of the management strategy and restoration of Moku'ula and Mokuhinia through community input and participation. I thought that at one point, we added Pakala from Member Rawlins-Fernandez's Committee as well.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, that change was made in Ordinance 5580 that added Pakala, including Kamehameha Iki Park. I think that would work.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then...

MS. TOSHIKIYO: So, just adding a condition to the Revolving Fund that says that the funds must be used by the new 'Oiwī Resources.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And I can make a Code change later on, as we're out of budget...or if somebody can.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So...so, Ms. Toshikiyo, then, we are then amending Revolving Fund S., Hawaiian Cultural Restoration Revolving Fund, and creating an item number two with the verbiage that was just expressed?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, no. Amending item 1 in S. with the verbiage just expressed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. It'll be in there. Okay, item 1. Okay. That's good? Okay. All right. Members, so you got that? The motion is made by Member Paltin, second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. And in the Revolving Fund, to

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reflect the discussion that we just have, S.--item S., Revolving Fund, Hawaiian Cultural Restoration Revolving Fund, is going to be adding also that...that this will be used...or this will be...how...how did you say the... . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Funds must be used by the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources for the implementation, yada, yada.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Got that. And that's perfect because it does reference, right, Moku'ula and Mokuhinia. Okay. All right. Members, any discussion? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have a...mahalo. Okay. So, if...if...I have...I have a counterproposal for consideration, and I see Ms. Nakata also turned on her video for more information. But if...so, it says, you know, the funds may be used for these purposes, and it doesn't say how much. But if we put a must in there, then it would mean all funds would have to be used for this purpose. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . If Ms. Nakata has better language that she's developed, I'm open to hearing that. But I was going to say something that...that funds must be managed by Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, and may be used for the implementation and management strategy and restoration of Moku'ula, et cetera, et cetera.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Nakata?

MS. NAKATA: Oh, thank you, Chair. No, that sounds fine to me. My questions were going to be if there was going to be a cap on the amount of funds to be used for that purpose, and also whether Department of 'Ōiwi Resources would also be embedded into the second and third conditions under S.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, Ms. Nakata, I was thinking that it would be a separate condition, maybe like the first condition be that the funds would be managed by Department of 'Ōiwi Resources. Also, it might just be cleaner for us to introduce a bill now, and then...I mean, not today now, but before second reading. And then that way, it's the clearest intent.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Nakata, you're drafting it as we speak.

MS. NAKATA: Yes. I...I agree, the Code amendment would be cleaner, but also wanted just to get still clarification on whether...I think originally, Councilmember Paltin had indicated she wanted all three of the conditions to be under the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources. So, whether similar language need to also be inserted into two and three. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Maybe just for the interim, until we can change the Code, that wording. I don't know how fast we'll be able to change it, but that...that

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wording could be temporary until we actually do the deed...or I mean, temporary for this year until we do the deed and change the Code.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, Ms. Nakata, if we just made the first condition that all funds or...yeah, that this fund must be managed by Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, would that apply to all the conditions?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Nakata?

MS. NAKATA: I'm sorry. Are you referring to a separate condition, or are you referring to amending the first condition?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It would be a standalone condition. It would be the first condition, that all funds must be managed by Department of 'Ōiwi Resources. And then all the conditions would then come from that fund, which would be managed by Department of 'Ōiwi Resources.

MS. NAKATA: I think that would work, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Thank you. And I see Ms. Toshikiyo agreeing...excuse me. Okay. So, therefore, the...the motion is for...to add a separate condition in S., and then to reflect it also in the 'Ōiwi Resources on page 17, that these funds will be used by or managed by the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources; is that enough? Or can you submit it in...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...I don't think it would be on page 17 of the Budget Bill. I think it would just be on the Revolving Fund --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- letter S., on page 48.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we don't need to reference anything in the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources then? Okay. Members...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...I...I don't think so. Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Fine.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But...but if anyone else thinks otherwise, like please --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: James...

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- turn on your video.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: James, do you have any comments?

MR. KRUEGER: So, Chair, the motion on the floor currently is still Councilmember Paltin's motion to amend that first condition. So, could we get clarity, that is it still the intent to proceed with that, or is it...is it Councilmember Paltin's intent to instead proceed with the motion to insert that new first condition, to just state that the fund must be managed by the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I'll have that as a friendly amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, any further discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Great. This is the amendment made by Member Paltin, second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye." Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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

**NOES:**       **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**   **None.**

**ABSENT:**   **None.**

**EXC.:**       **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:   APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And then we'll...main motion as amended. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.



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MS. MILNER: Sorry, it took me a minute to find my button. Yes, we would like to request a decrease of \$100,000 to...this is on page 16-4 of the Budget Details, index code 926001B-6137. We would like to decrease that by 100,000, and move 75,000 into sub-object code 6235 for a rental office, and 25,000 into 926001C-7043 for furniture for the Staff.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair, just...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So moved.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: So, I was just going to say, so you're aware, this is neutral, it just stays in the B Account, so we don't need to do anything with it. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anything else with Members' priorities, page 32 of matrix?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have a question before we move on to Members' priorities.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. So, I think that was Ms. Apo Takayama. So, I...I understand that it's revenue neutral. So, as far as like the B Account, it just remains the same on the Budget Bill. But we've been making amendments to Details, so --

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- wouldn't it be clear...like I know we've been working off the Budget Bill itself, but so that it's...it's communicated clearly what the Administration's intent and the Council's approval of their request to...to move the monies around from professional services to rentals and all that stuff...and furniture?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: I can defer to the Acting Budget Director, but they have full control over their B Account anyway if they need to move things around. And we're not making revisions to the Budget Details. Any...anything we're reflecting is only in the Budget Bill, so we can take it, you know, for the intent and...and note that. But on our end, there's nothing we need to vote on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, any other questions? If not, we're going to go to...go to page 32 of priorities, and it's Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I move to add \$2 million grant to Lahaina Community Land Trust.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, second by Member Johnson. Yes, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. So, as we've been doing with the Lahaina Community Land Trust, and we know that they're...they're going to be addressing lots of different...the variety of situations in Lahaina. So, there's funding for the Affordable Housing Fund, for Managed Retreat, for Open Space. And then there's going to also be, like potentially, you know, cultural land acquisitions and other protections that align with Department of 'Ōiwi resources. And so, this proposal is to support that effort in working together with the County, the State, the community, to ensure that the...the community's vision for...you know, as we move forward, it's...it's...the community's desire is realized.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any other discussions? Motion made by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, second by Member Johnson. Any other discussion? If not, we can vote. Okay. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Who is not here is Chair Lee. Yeah, eight "ayes," one excused, Member...I mean Chair Lee.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Lee.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That is done for 'Ōiwi resources. We are done.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next department is Planning. So, go to Bill 18...I mean Bill 60, go to page 18, Department of Planning. Anybody have any adjustments or amendments? Okay. Seeing none. That would be on page 17 of the bill. And CIPs is none.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is that --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- which one are you on?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm sorry, 18.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, I wasn't...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Planning, page 18.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I have one.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You do.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move line 16 of the Budget Bill, small a.(1)(i), Category A, decrease Salaries by \$135,972 plus a fringe of \$113,000, 183...oh, sorry, \$113,183. And in Category B, decrease Operations and Equipment by 10,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin made the motion, second by Member Sinenci. And you're decreasing Category A, 135,972. And what was the other one?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Fringe of 113,183, Category B by 10,000, for a total proposed decrease of \$145,972 and \$113,183 fringe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Any questions, Members? You have a question? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. So, if I'm...if I'm understanding your cuts, you want to take 135 out of Salary and 113 out of fringe, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I would support that if...but I want to let you know that one of my priorities is to put in an arborist. So, maybe we could cut the amount of cuts to have room for the arborist. Because if we cut this right now, and then in my next priority is where I put in money for an arborist, it kind of doesn't make sense to do...cut it and then we add a position. So, I'd be wondering to hear Councilmember Paltin's or any of the...you know, what the body feels on that. . . *(timer sounds)*. . . And that's what I want to say.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For my discussion, this is a decrease of one of the boards and commission secretaries because there's five of them. One is vacant. I decreased the lowest salary one--but that's not the vacant one--but it doesn't really matter because I'm not assigning it to any. And then the other decrease...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The 10,000.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, the other position I just decreased or defunded was PXX077 because . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . I believe they're still working on describing it. And the 10,000 I decreased was intended about travel, but I'm not going to micromanage, wherever they want to decrease it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, that's a discussion. You can take yours up second, later, yeah. Okay. Members, all in favor for the motion, say "aye."  
Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, who is missing is Chair Lee. And...okay. That's it. Nohe is at home, yeah. Okay. So, eight "ayes," one excused, Chair Lee. Passes.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Lee.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. There is grants on page 40, and that’s just telling us what it is. So, I’m sure we’re not going to make any changes on that. Any changes, Members? Seeing none. Okay. Consensus on that. And next, we’re going to have Special Purpose Revenues, none. Rates and Fees, Appendix B...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Isn’t the SMA there one? Or...oh, Special Purpose Revenue.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, Special Purpose.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That’s not Revolving.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And...oh, it is. Special Purpose Revolving...Special Revenues. Is that what you’re asking me?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I thought the SMA Fund was under them.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I have none here. Okay. Affordable Housing.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It is.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: W., Chapter 3.49.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, W.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: SM...okay. Okay. Any amendments for that?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, shoot.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

**DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES**

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I forgot to mention, with all our discussion about the letter S., about the anticipated revenues for Fiscal Year 2025, if we should reduce that for...because the burn zone parking lot, I don't know that we're going to get parking fees, and it has revenues anticipated 39,395. Sorry, I forgot.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And so, you want to delete that?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, I'm not sure if it's...I mean, I think it could be prudent because we don't know --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: If it's going to open.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- how everything is going to go. And then if we get money, yay, but we're not going to be unbalanced. I don't know. I think Member Rawlins was holding up her hand.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez? We're going backwards, but okay. . . .(inaudible). . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Yeah. So, this is under the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, and so I was thinking we could ask Acting Budget Director Milner why that was put in there because the budget was, you know, created after the fire, so --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Milner?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- maybe...perhaps we can hear from her first.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Probably was before the fire. Go ahead. Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Generally, the estimates we receive for the next fiscal year revenues from Finance are based on actuals from the previous fiscal year. So, I think they just based this on the pre-fire amounts, not taking into consideration the fact that there's no revenue coming into the parking lot right now. So, I don't think we have an issue reducing that estimate to zero.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- we...do we have something on the floor right now regarding the Planning Department? Okay. So, we can go backwards then. So, Member Paltin, you made the motion, second by Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I move to decrease anticipated revenues for Fiscal Year 2025 from 39,395 down to zero because we don't know, and I'd rather under than over.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that makes sense. And is it going to then impact the total for Fiscal Year '25? Ms. Milner.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, it would just be 1,163,867, what it is right now. Correct, Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Paltin. I believe it...yeah, so if we reduce the 39,395 to zero, it would be the balance from the spreadsheet that was provided by Finance for 6/30/24. I believe what's in the budget is 1,173,715, but I believe that number has possibly been adjusted since then.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The 1,173, you said that's been adjusted, so we need to get the new numbers? Is that...I'm misunderstanding?

MS. MILNER: Chair, that's on the spreadsheet that Finance provided to you. I'm sorry, I don't have it in front of me right at this moment. But if you reduce 39,395 to zero, it...the balance of the fund would just remain what is in the first column, and that would still be sufficient to cover all conditions.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I have the balance. It says \$1,163,867.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, is that going to...you're going to correct it and make that all part of your motion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes, that's all part of the motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members...

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Call for the question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Call for the question, understood. All in favor, raise your hand and say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we have eight “ayes.” Chair Lee is not here...excused.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:           Councilmember Lee.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVE**

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Next. So, Members’ priorities. Departmental request, none. Ms. Milner. Ms. Milner? Clarification for Planning. We asked if they manage any Revolving Funds, and they said no. So, can you get that clarified? Because there’s a W., so is it under their kuleana or not? Staff wanted me to get that corrected or clarified.

MS. MILNER: Yes. Thank you, Chair. I’ve talked to Planning Director since then, and yes, they do help oversee the SMA Fund, so it would be appropriate to consider during the discussion of Department of Planning.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, have any...consensus for that? Then we can move on. It is under the jurisdiction of the Planning, unlike what they told us originally. Okay. Members’ priorities, matrix 34, page 34 in the matrix. And it is Gabe Johnson.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I move to add a International Society of Arborists, ISA-certified arborist, to the Planning Department.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Gabe Johnson made the motion, and second by Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I...the plan is to increase Department of Planning Administration and Planning Program salaries, page 18 of Budget Ordinance, by \$55,377 for the addition of an ISA-certified arborist expansion position funding for nine months, and adjust the Countywide Cost Fringe Benefits, page 6 of the Budget Ordinance...page 6 of the Budget Ordinance accordingly. I have a letter here from the Department of Planning. The new...the new Director, Kate Blystone, says, and I quote, "the Planning Department fully supports the hiring of a County Arborist." I can pass it around if you like, but really, that's...post-fire, we need a plan, and to have some certified arborists looking at what kind of trees we can work to plant, and respect, and kind of...yeah, I'm sorry, it's getting late, and that's the end of my story.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Discussion? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to amend the motion to add that this position will annually inspect all County beach park trees.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Second by...Member Paltin made that motion, and this inspector will annually inspect all park trees. Is that what you said? All County park trees.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: County beach park trees.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: County beach park trees. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And question for Member Paltin.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second by Member Sinenci. Go ahead, Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: You know, the County parks have trees, but, you know, they also have plants. You know, the kauna'oa plant that grows in Kanahā. You want to take that on too? Because sometimes, you know, when they try to maintain, they just cut them all down, but they need to know that that's where kauna'oa grows. So, we want it to continue to grow, but not going to grow if they don't allow that patch of land for it to grow on. So, could you consider maybe native plants, too? I would hope that the arborists would know, right, about the kauna'oa.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think arborists' specialty is trees, and not native plants.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Plants.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: To my knowledge, arborist, if it's an international-certified arborist, won't necessarily know or be specialized in native plants.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I don't know. I hope...I'm just hoping somebody's going to be protecting them that's out there.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I do see Member U'u-Hodgins' hand up. I don't know if she has an answer --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Member U'u-Hodgins?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- or if she had a other issue.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I...I...I have a couple questions for Member Johnson. So, how come you're going to put it in Planning? What would they approve and review? What would they do? Are they going to go into zoning and enforcement? Do you foresee them helping with the LPAP plans, or what would they be doing?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you for asking that question, Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Because all of the other things that's either a Parks issue, or maybe an Ag issue. So, why Planning?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, specifically, why Planning, one...one of the things...there's a few. I'll start off with the landscape . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . plans that developers submit to us. The...there's a bill out there for parking lot trees. Parking lots need to have a certain amount of tree cover in them. And I think the other thing is, is when we spoke with...well, those are the main reasons why...why it's in there. So, South Maui...right, South Maui's residents really wanted it. And then when we look at rebuilding Lahaina, we have an arborist in Parks. We do not have an arborist...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Or I'm sorry, yeah, yeah, thank you. But they work with Parks, you're right. So, to have somebody in Planning when we're looking at the rebuilding of West Maui, I think that's a smart move. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay. So, if you're going to put it in Planning, and they're going to work with LPAPs, and you want them in the Zoning and Enforcement. If you probably want them to deal with like the long-term vision of

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Lahaina, you might want to put them in Long-Range. Would you want them to go in both? Like they do double duty, or you have a floater?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm amenable to that. I see Councilmember Paltin's hand up.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think if they're going to be a floater in Planning, Admin would be appropriate place.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, and...and I'm asking because I...I like it. We just need it to make sense...the most sense, rather. I'm not saying this doesn't make sense, but in my head, I need it to make sense. But...so, the LPAP, you have a landscape architect, right? And they work with whoever [sic] their subcontractor, and they have special plans. So, the two things you mentioned--again, sorry, the peacocks--those are both the LPAP things. So, the trees, one tree per five parking stalls, that's the LPAP, and so is the landscape planting plan, which is what it all is, that's the LPAP. So, you would want the arborist to review the LPAP plans?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: You know, sure, but I...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: As well as do the other things. But if they're in Zoning, then this is what they would do.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I...I think this discussion, I would love to have with the Director here because I kind of want to let the Director, you know, place them where she would think is...is a good spot. But I also hear where you're coming from, like you don't want to double up or anything, but...so, maybe higher up in the Administration. I see Director Milner might have something to add to this discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmembers. So, because the Department of Planning only has the Administration and Planning program, it's all one A Account. So, there's some discretion as to where the Director can place it. I have heard from the Director, and I do believe right now, her intent is to place it in ZAED. But if you would like to have further conversations with her down the road, that's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Cool. Okay.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you. I just wanted to know how that would work. Thank you, Member Johnson.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was clarifying, did you say peacocks, and was that slang for something else? Or are there peacocks in your house?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: No, no, no, I totally have peacocks that are wild peacocks in my yard. I'm waiting for MISC to come and handle them. So, when we do the audit, we're going to have to tell them that my house has peacocks. There used to be a horse arena down the road, and I think the previous owner used to feed them. And so, they always come, and it just started to rain. So, the peacocks like to make noise right around sunset, and especially when it's raining. Sometimes we have up to like 40 to 50 peacocks in my yard.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I...I...

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, next time we have a meeting, I'll bring them for a party favor because I'm...I'm kind of over them.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I didn't hear the peacock, only you saying peacock. So, I wasn't sure if that was slang for some other thing going on.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Code.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: . . .*(laughing)*. . . I'm sorry. They're really loud, and so I needed to apologize so you don't think that I have like children just screaming in the background.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Teams...Teams has a noise canceling function. So, that's why sometimes we can't hear the timer. So, we can't hear the peacocks at all.

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COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Oh, good.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But if you want to bring . . .(inaudible). . . feel free.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: We get choke. I'll bring some.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Today we meet . . .(inaudible). . . tomorrow we'll meet peacocks.  
Okay. Members, are you ready to vote?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, I think there was an amendment that...was  
that...is that still on the floor?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, that's still on the floor. If..

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, annual...annually...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I feel like Public Works Arborist. So, the Arborist was in  
Public Works, then it was in Parks, then it went back to Public Works. And I feel  
like the Public Works Arborist doesn't...doesn't give love to the beach parks. And  
like...we got like 20-something trees at Fleming's without a top. We got trees at  
Wahikuli without a top. And --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- I mean, supposedly we have all these people that got  
trained with coconut rhinoceros beetle, but never reported that we got topless  
coconut trees at all our beach parks. And then like, I always get complaints from  
people at Hanakao'o and Launiupoko that there's way too much coconut trees,  
that there's...they call it like widow-maker branches in the...the parks and stuff  
like that. So, I feel like...you know, Public Works took back the Arborist because  
they need it, but they're not showing parks the love, you know?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, that's the amendment. Annually inspect the County  
beach park, parks.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Trees.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: County beach park trees.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Sinenci?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Also, the amendment, Member Paltin, is just for an annual checkup of the beach parks, but it doesn't exclude all parks.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It doesn't exclude it, but it requires beach parks. And I mean, don't just check it if you see a hazard, address it. You know, I mean, I thought that was implied, but...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Maybe you should say it, just in case.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, check them and address hazards.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Supported.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Are we done?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All in favor, say "aye."

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye. Okay. Chair Lee, look, she appeared. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**    **None.**

**ABSENT:**     **None.**

**EXC.:**        **None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE amendment to main motion**

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Motion as amended.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And motion...main motion as amended.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All in favor, say “aye.”

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Done.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE main motion as amended**

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mahalo, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. I'm sorry, what? Oh, okay. Very good. Okay. Now...okay. This is the department that...remember when they came before us, we all...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Lesley has her hand up.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Yes, Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Sorry to interrupt. I did also hear from the Planning Director about the PXX position, that is still in the description stage with Department of Personnel Services, but she does have an individual identified to fill that position. So, if the body would be willing to reconsider, she would appreciate if approximately six months' funding could be provided, but it is at your discretion. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, to clarify, I'm not...I'm not designating that as a cut, I'm just cutting off the top. And so, you know, with 22 vacancies, you could assign that cut to any of the 22.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay, Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thanks for that clarification. Okay.

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**DEPARTMENT OF POLICE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The next department is Police, then we do Transportation. And you remember when Police came, and we all had fun with Chief, right? So, here we are, Police, on page 18 of the Budget Bill. Anybody have any amendments?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have some amendments. And I just was trying to offset the Mayor's increases so that it's somewhat revenue neutral?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, the first one, Budget Bill number 17, Department of Police, small a.(1), Category A, decrease 30,000 plus fringe, which I did not calculate because my understanding is these departments have a mixture of civilian, sworn, nonsworn folks, that have different fringe rates. So, I'll just leave that to the professionals.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, motion, I need a second. Second? Okay. Member Sinenci is second. So, motion made by Member Paltin, second by Member Sinenci, and it's to decrease from Category A, Administrative Program, \$30,000 plus fringe. Any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor say "aye."

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye. Nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Next, CIPs on page 25.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I wasn't done.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you're not done? Oh, sorry. Okay. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Small b.(1), Category A, I move to decrease salaries by 400,000 plus fringe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, do I see...hear a second? Second by Member Sinenci. Motion made by Member Paltin, second by Sinenci, Category A, under Investigative Services Program, 400,000 plus fringe.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: In Fiscal Year '22, the difference between adopted and actual was \$3,305,206. In Fiscal Year '23, the difference between adopted and actual was \$4,155,764. At that time, the total salaries and wages were less, I think, in the 10 million range. Now it's up to 11 million-plus. so I'm hoping that this won't be felt. I know the Chief is requesting to re-fund a number of the detective positions that had originally been...been left off. And my understanding is that anything higher than a Police Officer I needs to be promoted from within. And so . . .(timer sounds). . . if they're going to promote lieutenants, captains, detectives, sergeants, they're going to just promote it from within, and then to backfill, they'd have openings in Police Officer I's. So, with previous differences

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between adopted and actual being in the millions of dollars, I hope that this 400,000 decrease, which likely will be offset by the Department's request to reinstate the detectives, won't really be felt.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? Seeing none. All in favor say "aye."  
Oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for seeing my hand. Okay. So, I hear what Member Paltin is saying. The actual in F...FY '22 was 7.4 million, and then the actual in FY '23 was 6.6, and then the adopted was 11.6, and the proposed is less than what was adopted last year for 11 million. And so, when we did have Police before us--and I know the proposal is...is just 400,000--but we had...we had talked about keeping in salaries for the flexibility of compensating for the vacancies. And I can't remember if it was a specific division or if it was like, you know, multiple divisions.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For me --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So that's...go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- my...my guess would be probably Uniform Patrol Services. I didn't propose any cuts in there. And I noticed that, you know, those are budgeted the highest, like 30 million, 33 million. And in Fiscal Year '23, we actually went over the 29 million, 600 and...or we went over the adopted amount by \$987,200. So, I'm not proposing any cuts from Uniform Patrol Services program. My guess is even with the overtime, like you need to have people that are willing to work the overtime. And from what I have heard in the past, like, you know, all of those unfunded detective...or defunded detective positions are probably vacant, that's why they defunded them at some point. And I...I feel like from what I've heard anecdotally from detectives in the Police Department, they don't have that much detectives to be able to work that much overtime.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then the 400 was calculated by how again?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I picked a number that I felt comfortable with. I think they're requesting to re-fund maybe like nine detectives or something, which will be more than the 400,000, I believe. I think they mean...I don't know if I'm supposed to say what they mean.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Member Paltin, on this category, there is a \$4.3 million of 100 percent. And you're cutting 400,000, which is about 10 percent cut...because there's \$436,873, a 10 percent cut for this. All right. Members, any discussion? Okay. All in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And we have Member Kama that left. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think they're requesting like 11 unfunded police detective positions to be re-funded. And all of those are like six-figure salaries, so...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we'll get that too, when we get to departments. All right. So, this passes, motion passes, \$400,000 cut.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           Vice-Chair Kama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. In Category d.(1), Capital A...or Category A Salaries, I move to decrease by 150,000 plus fringe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, do I have a second?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member...Chair Lee is second. So, to decrease in Category A, Technical and Support Services Program for salaries is \$150,000 decrease.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I guess my discussion would be in Fiscal Year '22, the delta was \$1,861,897, in Fiscal Year '23 it was 2,000,323 dollars and...223...323,709. And if any of these categories come up short, they can just do a reso to switch money around.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Okay. Any other discussion? Okay. Vote. All in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it's eight "ayes," one excused, Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I'm right here.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, oh, you're in the back, I didn't see you there. You're voting yes, yeah?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:        None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That concludes mine. I'll yield the floor to the other Members for their cuts.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anybody else have any more cuts with Police?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I don't have any cuts, I have an add to CIP.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Wait, I haven't gotten there yet. One moment. Okay. So, next...okay. We just did...oh, I'm sorry, we are. We're done with the bill, so now we're at CIPs. Go ahead. Sorry about that. Page 25.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. I'm proposing that we add \$200,000 to CIP, CBS-1010, for assessment of Police housing facilities, which would consist of design, permitting, and renovations. This was discussed when the Department came to discuss their budget.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. In Hāna.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: And when we were in Hāna, and the condition of one of the two houses was brought to our attention. I subsequently met with the MPD CIP gentleman, and we discussed this would be...they...they would be able to utilize these funds to get this started. They won't be able to construct it, but they'll be able to get the design, permitting, and renovation portion complete.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Second, very happily by Member Sinenci. So, motion made by Member Cook, second by Member Sinenci, and this is \$200,000. And there's a CBS assigned to this one...what did you say, CBS-1010?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: CBS-1010, correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And this is for that housing in Hāna that has a tree growing in the second floor balcony, is what I remember.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah. It would be for the assessment of Police housing facilities. And in paren, design, permitting, renovations would be the description.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, the whole thing.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Would be...would be the description.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Wow, the whole bottle of wax.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Member Cook. And we did speak with Chief, and he did share that all of the...the Police office out there did re-op for another tour out in East Maui. But again, these two houses are not the only homes, that we still have other police that rent, you know, within our community. So, for now, these are County-owned properties.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. So, I have a question, Member...maybe it's Member Sinenci. But somebody asked me, are...because they heard the discussion on the floor. So, they were wondering, are these houses like secret? You know, because it's Police, so it has to be secret.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: The cars are parking in front...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay. It's not secret. Not too secret. Okay. Members, any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. This is going to be nine "ayes," and because Chair...Member Kama is there. Okay. Nine "ayes."

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Any other CIP? Okay. None. All right. Next we have Appendix A, Grants, page 40 to 41, Grants. Unless if anybody wants to change it...I don't think so. So, anybody have any changes to all these wonderful grants that we've been receiving from Police? No amendments. Okay. Consensus on that. Next, we have Special Purpose Revenues. And here is, on page 47, the alarm. Any amendments? Consensus? Number 47, nothing. Okay. Consensus, move on. Rates and Fees, Appendix B, page 34. Any changes for Police? None. Consensus, Members, page 34. We're good. Okay. Let's move on.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're good.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Departmental requests. Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I will do this by program. The first request is to restore funding that was left out due to a clerical error for ten police detective positions. These are all on pages 20-12 through 20-14. This is under the...apologies...the Investigative Services Program, and the total cost for restoring funding to these ten positions would be \$1,240,376 plus fringe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can you say that again, 1 million...

MS. MILNER: 1,240,376.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Can you tell us what the fringe is too?

MS. MILNER: Yes, just a moment. I believe those are all uniform positions. So, the fringe...

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yeah. It's \$1,240,376...oh, 240,376...one, two...

MS. MILNER: Yeah. So, if those are all uniform positions, which I will confirm with the Police Department, the fringe would be \$1,166,450.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Can you say one more time?

MS. MILNER: Yes. It would be \$1,166,450. The fringe rate for uniform positions is 94.04 percent.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow. Okay. Got it, Ms. Paltin...Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I didn't come close in my cuts.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is the Emergency Services Dispatcher II position a uniform position too?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 911?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, it's one of the positions that's being restored, right?

MS. MILNER: Oh, thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez. The current request is solely for those under Investigative Services, which would just be the Police detectives.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Members, all in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I move...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, go ahead. There's no motion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to restore eight of the positions.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, 8 of the 11 positions. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee, second. And how do we decide which ones? Let the Chief decide which ones. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We'll let the Chief decide which ones. All right. Yes?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Can we get the dollar amount for those, the difference?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I will...let's see. I will choose for P-26767 and P-26786 not to be restored. Let me do the math real quick, not publicly. 200...

MS. MILNER: If I may interject?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, \$238,328.

MS. MILNER: Would that be the reduction?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: In what...the number that you told us, \$238,328.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: \$238,028.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: \$328.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 300. Okay. Got that? Ms. Milner, still up? You're...you want to make a comment. You're still on screen. Oh, you're fine. Okay. Thumbs up.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And...

MS. MILNER: Can I just confirm the final count would be \$1,002,048 for the add?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And...and the positions --

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- that I wasn't restoring were on the low end, P-26767, P-26786.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All good? Okay. All in favor...oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez? Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Just...so, just to clarify, I know Member Paltin said that the two positions are on the low end that aren't being restored. So, for this specific one, we are saying in the Details that these positions will get funding, and two of them will not get any funding, and not just reduce it from the A Account.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are...are you asking me...what is the...what was the question?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think I'm asking Ms. Apo Takayama.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Because I know what you said.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, we're...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I just, I...I...I want...I wanted to understand how Staff is taking note of that, I guess.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: We just needed the difference in the cost so that we could reflect how much was coming out of the A Account. Because she noted that she was only going to re-fund eight of the positions as opposed to ten. And so, we needed to know the difference in amount because she wasn't restoring the full amount.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But then Member Paltin followed that up with not restoring funding for the lowest two positions, or three positions. And those are specific positions, but we're just restoring funding for...we're just restoring amounts in the A Account.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Correct. We're not asking for specific positions, we're just needing a number for the Budget Bill.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We're increasing it by a million-something --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- 200,000-something, \$28 or something. And he can choose where he wants to fund the positions, although I...I don't believe that

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these...all ten detective positions would be filled in this next fiscal year. So, it's likely just for overtime and transfer of money or whatever.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, just conceptually, eight out of the ten positions, not those specific two. Okay. Mahalo for that clarification.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more discussion? If not, all in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I guess my discussion would be those aren't the only vacancies, there's more.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That's...Chair Lee is here. So, that is nine "ayes," all...oh, here's Member Johnson. So, that's nine "ayes," right...Member Johnson,

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion carries. Motion would carry anyway. Okay. Nine "ayes."

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

**NOES:           None.**

**ABSTAIN:       None.**

**ABSENT:       None.**

**EXC.:           None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:       APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Ms. Milner has...or the Administration has the next two items, which is same as my priorities. So, recruit incentive for Police hires--Police I hires--for 300,000.

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MS. MILNER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MS. MILNER: Chair, apologies for interrupting. There was another part of the re-funding in another program. I had only done the Investigative Services Program. So, if the body would like to consider that, I can give you the information. But if the body would prefer not to consider that, I will turn off my camera.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you didn't give it to us in writing? Is that what you're saying?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, she didn't include it . . . *(inaudible)* . . . first one.

MS. MILNER: Chair, yes . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: She just did it by program because that's...that's how the Budget Bill is set up, by program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, there's another program that has Department-requested amendments.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That she didn't give it to us yet?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: She wants to do it now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right, that's what I just asked her.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Let's hear it. We'll see what the Members want.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. And again, my apologies for interrupting. This would be to restore a Police Officer III...sorry, for Technical and Support Services Program, to restore a Police Officer III position, two Police Officer III D.A.R.E. positions, and one Emergency Services Dispatcher II position, for a total of \$364,020.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I see what you did. So, it's in the same paragraph. It says Police Officer III position, Budget Details 20-51; is that correct?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah. Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is that what you're...is that what you're talking about?

MS. MILNER: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . here. Okay. Okay. So, it's here...as well as Police Officer III D.A.R.E. positions, two...Budget Details 20-52; Emergency Services Dispatcher II position, Budget Details 20-54. What is the dollar amount, please?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. It's \$364,020 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay.

MS. MILNER: -- plus fringe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Plus fringe. Is there a motion?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: There is. Tamara made one, and I seconded.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin and second by Member Kama. Discussion? Okay. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: People are standing up, I guess we're sitting down too long. This is nine "ayes," motion carries.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. Okay. So, the next two items, that’s my priorities that I had put for Police. So, it’s on page 33. It’s also in the Administration requests for Chief, and recruitment incentives for police officers...Police Officer I hires, 300,000. And per Department request, and I put that in as my request. I think when Chief was here, he was talking about it. And Member Paltin’s Committee, he also talked about it. So, I need a...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So move...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member...Member Paltin, second by Member Kama. And I believe that what Chief said--and Ms. Milner, you can correct me, I think he must be sitting with you--that the amount that the police officers would get would be staggered based upon achievements as he...as they did their training. I think that was it. Okay. All in favor...

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

MS. MILNER: Sorry. Yes, I believe that’s correct. It would be over a period...a certain number of years. And if they left before a certain time period, they would need to pay that money back.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Pay it back, right? Okay. And you have something in writing that you can share with us eventually. And the next item then is retention pay increase for emergency...oh, I'm sorry, we didn't vote.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: We did that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We did vote, right?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, we...that's...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nine "ayes." Motion carries.

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

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members. Okay. And this last item for Police would be retention pay increase for emergency services dispatchers from 750 to \$1,000 per month, which is \$50,000. And it's a Department request, and it was one of my priority requests for...for this budget.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Move.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.



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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Because the Technical and Support Services seems like a mixture of the sworn, nonsworn, civil, whatever, could we get the fringe on that \$364,020?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member...Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Yes, I'll do that calculation, and provide it in just a moment. I believe the only ununiformed position is the Emergency Services Dispatcher position.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Then Member Rawlins-Fernandez has a question. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. While she's doing the calculation, I just have to disclose that there's an unnamed minor in the...in my office with me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aww.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's all.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: They must miss you, right? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You miss me? No? Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: She's trying to...trying to make big girl. Okay. Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. The fringe for the uniform positions would be 291,103. And the fringe for the nonuniform position would be 45,339.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Are you good, Member Paltin? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I got a total of 336,439 [sic]? About roughly public math.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. 336,442.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're off by three. Okay. Members, we are done with Police. Any other questions for Police? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Not a question about Police. Good with Police. I just wanted to know if we're going to do any more departments?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Transportation.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Transportation.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, I can take my minor home, or I can have --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're going to...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- the minor's father come pick her up. . . *(laughing)* . . .

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, we have...we have one department left, which is Transportation. So, you can make that judgment. Sorry about that. We are on page 20 of Bill 60. Any amendments, Members? Member Paltin. I need to just call you automatically, but just wondering.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: On line 20, Department of Transportation of the Budget Bill, small a.(1)(i), Category A, I propose...I move to decrease salaries by \$29,148 plus a fringe of 24,315.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Second? Member Paltin, second by Member Sinenci. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just pulled this number right out of the air.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, Ms. Milner, any discussion on that? I think there's one employee that has return rights, and we just want to make sure we're all good. All good?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Because this is off the top and not removing a specific position, I think that that is fine. It gives the Department flexibility with how they want to allocate that reduction.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Any other discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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

**NOES:**        **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**    **None.**

**ABSENT:**     **None.**

**EXC.:**        **Councilmember Johnson.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:    APPROVE**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. CIPs on page 26.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair, was there a second to that motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Sinenci. Oh, okay. Okay. Page 20...I'm sorry, page 26 is CIPs for Transportation. Any amendments for CIP?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. Can...can we just revisit that vote count real quick for that? We don't see Councilmember Johnson, so we think it was eight, zero.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Member Johnson's not here. You're right, it is eight, zero. Everybody's here, and Chair Lee and Nohe and Rawlins-Fernandez is online. Sorry about that. Okay. Next, for CIP, which is Budget Bill, page 26, any amendments? Seeing none. Consensus? Okay. Grants, Budget Bill 42, any

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amendments, any changes? Page 42. Oh, you changed your background, Tamara.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The sun has gone down.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay. Hint, hint . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Keani?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, Koa is not as well-behaved as King.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was love. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, what did I just miss? Something. Okay. Something.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee expressing her love to...to Koa Lee.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, that was to Koa. Koa, who was neglected all day and getting jealous because we had King here. Aww. Okay. So, CIPs on page 26, consensus, no changes. Grants, bill...on page 42, consensus? Okay. Special Revenue, none. Rates and Fees, Appendix B on Ramseyer version, page 48, 49, any changes? Seeing none. Okay. Consensus. Department request is Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. We have no requests for the Department of Transportation. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I see, I see. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Wait.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, go ahead.

MS. MILNER: Sorry, Chair, just...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The salary?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

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MS. MILNER: Yeah, sorry. Just to clarify, it was my understanding the Committee's intent was to take up all of the directors' salaries once they had more information from the Salary Commission. So, that's why I said we did not have any proposals.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, the reason is because the Salary Commission hasn't met, and they might not get quorum because...we don't want to talk about it, right? Okay. Well, that's true. All right. Then we have...we're actually done for the day-ish, right? But I want you to know that tomorrow...yes, Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: My apologies, Chair. I was just reminded that in their letter, they did request a small change under Rates and Fees on page 49 of the Ramseyered version. In the new section, instead of saying must present or must scan a valid driver's license, they would like to change that to must present a valid driver's license.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So move.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What...what is...what...can you repeat --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- that, Ms. Milner?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Page 49.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Present the thing, and not scan it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is that like if you get pulled over, you got to present an actual driver's license instead of a photo of a driver's license?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think to get a ticket to show...show residency.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. This is for the Wailuku Parking Garage. We did not end up acquiring the scanner for the garage, so there will be nowhere to scan, but there will be an individual for you to present your ID to.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. Members, anything else? Is there a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, there was.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, who made it? Sorry.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'd like...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Who made the motion? I didn't see, I didn't hear. Motion, Tom Cook. Second? Gabe...Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Is it in Rates and Fees? I'm sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Regarding...regarding scanning.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I don't want to vote on something I'm not aware of. Beg your pardon, I just came back in.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Present versus scanning. We're voting on what Member...Ms. Milner said. So --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Can we restate...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- all in favor, say "aye."

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who made the motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It was made by Member Cook and second --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member...Member Johnson --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- second by...Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- it's just a language change for the Wailuku Parking Garage. No change in rates --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- money, not. It's just presenting the ID and not scanning your ID. That's all.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you. Sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Did we vote? That's nine "ayes," right?

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE**

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Present versus scan. And Member Johnson, you have an amendment to Rates and Fees, is that what you're asking?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, Chair. If the body will hear one last thing. I know it's late, but I figured we can speak on it. I just want to...hear me out.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Plenty of room for abuse.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, to make...the action would make parking at the Wailuku Parking Garage more affordable for residents. The parking garage is at 50 percent occupancy. The County policy is aimed for 85 percent. Only \$60,000 in revenue is the total expected from this program for the Department. So, on page 49, Budget Ordinance, Appendix B as in Bravo, amend fees, parking in Wailuku to read, Paid parking rates in Wailuku must be charged from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Paid parking rates in paid parking zones in Wailuku must be as follows. The first ten hours of parking in the Wailuku Garage must be free for residents. To qualify for free resident's rates, a person must--now I understand we don't have a scanner--but must present a valid driver's license with a State of Hawaii zip code at parking lot locations. Off-street parking, \$24 max. And then off-street parking, resident, free for first two hours, one hour...or \$1 per hour after the first two hours, \$10 daily max. \$10 is the daily max. Okay. The parking...the monthly parking permits, to qualify for a low-income or a fare-free parking permit, you must not exceed 85 percent of the State median income or 300 percent of the most recent Hawai'i poverty's guideline. And the prices are employee parking permit is \$5. Low-income employee parking permit is free.

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Monthly neighborhood parking permit rates must be as follows. Neighborhood parking permit is \$5, down from 55. And low-income neighborhood parking permit is free. So, just reducing everything according on your income. I...I have some handouts if you guys want to look at it right now, but that's my proposal, Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Do you need it in writing?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I got you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, I think that's way too much for us to just hear it.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right. You want...you want us to recess so you can see it? You can just grab it. Okay. So, basically, you're saying --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- at the Wailuku Parking Garage, the first ten hours is free if you're a resident?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is that also going to...it's going to help the jury, right? The...the courts, right? Because they've been wanting to park there for free. Oh, that'll be good.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Well...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Well, they would be a resident.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: They would be a resident, they'll be free. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I would like to question the person who's going to administer this program. How difficult will it be to...to have all these different levels of charges?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Director [sic] Milner?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. It may complicate the process. I would also add that these rates were designed in consultation with our --

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Consultant.

MS. MILNER: -- consultant based on the study that they did, trying to encourage turnover within the parking lot so that people could frequent the businesses. And, you know, while we all know residents need parking, if residents are there for ten hours a day taking up the spots for free, there's nowhere for people who are frequenting the businesses to shop. So, that is a concern as well.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Defeats the program.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Shall we...shall we put this on the side so we can digest this?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sure.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, we had the transportation consultant, yeah --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- do a study on this.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And after all the money we paid them, this is what they recommend, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Did they?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Is that right, Ms. Milner? This came out from the Department of Transportation guys from their consultants.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Kama. Yes, this was from our Dixon (*phonetic*) consultants group. I believe this was part of one of the presentations that were given to the Council Committees as we were preparing to launch this program. I think the Department would like to request at least a year to get the program rolled out and get some experience with it before we start making changes to the recommended fines and fees...rates and fees. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, what do you want to do? It's...yeah, go home.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I...I...

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, go ahead, Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I think we should just do what...our...that we paid our consultants to do for just a year, try it out, test it out, see what works, what doesn't, and then we can probably make changes. But I think to make changes right now is too premature.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Cook, then Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Oh, I'm sorry. Carla Nakata popped up. You want to speak first?

MS. NAKATA: Oh, thank you, Chair. I just wanted to note that there are provisions in Section 10.77.020 of the Maui County Code concerning the rates for the garage. And I didn't know, I apologize, I wasn't following closely enough to see if the rates that Member Johnson was proposing are consistent with what's in the Code. Just wanted to point that out for the body. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, can I speak on that real quick?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: County policy is aimed for 85 percent occupancy of the Code that I'm not going to name, she just re-named it. Determinations of rates. Lowering rates for residents supports a lower cost of living for residents and encourages higher occupancy use. We want to have 85 percent. We want that parking lot to be full. So, that's...that's the reasoning.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. I think it's a noble endeavor, but I won't be supporting it because I think it'll be overly complicated. The...the garage is just getting started. So, if they can get, like I said, a year going and the procedure and the policies, and then we can address. We'll have some information that we can cross-reference next year.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Member Kama?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, I think the intent of this was...I remember when this issue first came up a couple years ago, I guess when we first got on, that...the cost of how

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to pay for this, right? So, we thought, well . . .*(inaudible)*. . . parking lot, we got to pay for it. And I think this is the way that you bring...you get back what you put in all those years ago. So, I think we should make an attempt to try to increase our revenue in terms of a parking space --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- structure since the parking lot in Lahaina no longer is in existence, and the Open Space Fund probably won't get anything, if anything at all. So...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Very good. Are you going to stay here to vote, Member Paltin? Oh, okay. You can leave. You can leave. Oh, her dog's so cute. Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, do you have your hand up?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah. So, a quick correction, I think Member Kama meant the Cultural Revolving Fund, the Lahaina parking lot is where the proceeds go. So, yeah, I...I...I can't support this, Member Johnson, sorry. If it's going to be ten hours for free, then I don't understand why there would even be parking permits. And I think the recommendations from the consultants were...were good, and I...I think this is reasonable. We do have debt service on this, and when the Hālau of 'Ōiwi Arts is built, this...it's also supposed to serve as parking for those that end up going to the Hālau of 'Ōiwi Arts. So, I think, you know, having turnover is important, but I also would be a little concerned about the abuse that would happen, you know, if...if there's now parking that's free for those that are, like, renting out their units in the area that, you know, like they would just, like use that as, like a place for their tenants to just...that would be the parking. So, I...I...I understand, you know, the...the intent, but I also understand the, you know, potential abuse of...of this. So, I think I'll go with the recommendation from our Department and the consultants, and try this out for the first year. Mahalo, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, I'm going to withdraw my...my --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- motion. I...I hear the Members loud and clear. I just want to let you know, you know, I...I've been...the parking lot garage right now peaks at 50 percent occupancy, so it's not really working as intended when we wanted...if our policy was to aim for 85 percent. But it's new, I understand, and I hear your talking points, it makes sense, but I just wanted to advocate for...for the residents.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair.

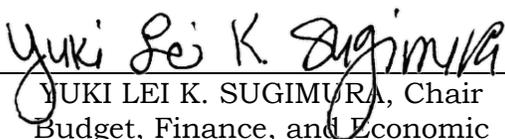
CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. So, Member Johnson is withdrawing his proposed amendment. Okay. Members, that's for Transportation. Before we close on Transportation and the parking structure, I just want to say that there are businesses around there that they need their building cleaned. I've been hearing it...hearing about it for three years, and I hope that the Administration takes care of cleaning that executive center that's been under debris and construction for as long as we've been building it. So, I want to advocate for that. All right. Members, anything else before we move on? That's it. Okay. We're...we're done with the departments for today, and thank you very much. It is...it is only 8:09. I thought we were going to be here until 9:00 tonight, so we're ending early in my book, and...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This is early. Again, the Senate Bill 3068 has been rolled over as the Legislature calls it, until tomorrow. I did ask the Mayor and Josiah Nishita to come and talk to us, I thought maybe tomorrow morning after they hear the results for that bill, as that bill has huge impacts for our budget, so I think it's important. And I will wait to hear that before we, you know, have any kind of resolutions for how we handle CIP, Office of Recovery, what all their...their CIP projects in there. And as we've been saying all day long, all week long, is that we're worried and concerned about the rebuild of Lahaina, and the wildfire impact, so that...that's huge. Members, so at this time, I'm going to adjourn this meeting, and see you all tomorrow at 9:00. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 8:10 p.m.

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DATED the 25th day of September 2024, in Wailuku, Hawai'i



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