

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 16, 2024
9:00 AM**

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

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

Video recording of meeting available at: www.mauicounty.legistar.com

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:06 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama	√			
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook			√	
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	8		1	

ORDINANCES - SECOND AND FINAL READING

Bill 114, FD1 (2024), "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO P-1 PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC DISTRICT (CONDITIONAL ZONING) FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.75 ACRES LOCATED AT LAHAINA, MAUI, HAWAI‘I, TAX MAP KEY (2) 4-5-014:054 (GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH)"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:14 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:15 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bill 114, FD1 (2024) on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	9:18 a.m.
CM Cook			√		
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:18 a.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2024-09-16 9:00 AM - Special Meeting

[GAVEL] >> WILL THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2024 PLEASE COME TO ORDER. GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. WE HAVE JUST ONE ITEM THIS MORNING. MS. CLERK. ROLL CALL. >> CHAIR, PROCEEDING WITH ROLL CALL.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY SHOULD STATE WHO IF ANYONE EXCEPT MINORS IS PRESENT WITH THEM AS PART OF ROLL CALL. COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA. >> GOOD MORNING CHAIR. GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. I'M IN MY HOME OFFICE, AND I AM ALONE. AND GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE. >> GOOD MORNING.\r\n\r\n>> VICE-CHAIR YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY. I'M IN MY HOME OFFICE IN KULA AND THERE'S NOBODY HERE WITH ME. LOOKING FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE MEETING. THANK YOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU, STREAMING LIVE AND DIRECT FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON. >> ALOHA CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS. I'M ALONE IN MY OFFICE AND THERE'S NO TESTIFIERS AT THE LANA'I DISTRICT OFFICE. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU.\r\n\r\nMY MOLOKA'I AHINA, I'M AT MY PRIVATE RESIDENCE ALONE HERE AND CURRENTLY NO TESTIFIERS AT THE MOLOKA'I DISTRICT OFFICE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK? >> EXCUSED. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS . >> HAPPY ALOHA MONDAY EVERYONE. I'M IN THE OFFICE AND I'M WITH SUSAN CLEMENTS AND JADE ROJAS -LETISI AND THERE'S NO TESTIFIERS. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI. >> ALOHA NUI KAKOU.\r\n\r\nHERE AT EAST MAUI DISTRICT OFFICE WITH DAWN LONO ON HER SIDE, AND THERE IS NO TESTIFIERS, CHAIR. >> AND COUNCIL CHAIR ALICE LEE. >> I'M PRESENT. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE EIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT, ONE EXCUSED. A QUORUM IS PRESENT TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF COUNCILING FOR THE RECORD, I'M THE COUNTY CLERK MOANA LUTEY AND THE DEPUTY CLERK RICHELLE THOMSON AND FROM OUR LEGISLATIVE DIVISION STAFF, JOYCE MURASHIGE, LAUREN SALDANA, DELL YOSHIDA AND ARTHUR SUYAMA AND JOINING MEETING FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICE IS DIRECTOR DAVID RAATZ AND LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY NAKATA AND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL MICHAEL HOPPER. >> AS A REMINDER TESTIMONY MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA. WHEN TESTIFYING, PLEASE DIRECT YOUR REMARKS TO THE COUNCIL AND NOT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, EACH TESTIFIER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK UP TO THREE MINUTES ON EACH ITEM FOR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO TESTIFY ON TEAMS, PLEASE CLICK THE RAISE YOUR HAND BUTTON TO BE ADDED TO THE LOG.\r\n\r\nIF YOU ARE CALLING IN, PLEASE FOLLOW THE PHONE PROMPTS TO BE ADDED TO THE LOG. DECORUM SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES ANY PERSON THAT BEHAVES IN A MANNER THAT IMPEDES THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF ANY COUNCIL MEETING CAN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR A MAJORITY OF PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS BE EJECTED OR BANNED FROM COUNCIL MEETING, OR IF PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, MUTED OR DROPPED FROM THE MEETING. EXAMPLES OF DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO HECKLING, SHOUTING, USE OF PROFANITY, THREATENING OR SLANDEROUS REMARKS MADE TO ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, STAFF OR GENERAL PUBLIC. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> CHAIR, PROCEEDING WITH ORAL TESTIMONY. AT THIS TIME, ANYONE CAN TESTIFY ON THE SPECIAL MEETING ITEM AGENDA.\r\n\r\nAND IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE MR. J.C. LAU. >> ALOHA. >> GOOD MORNING. >> LUNA. SHOOT -- CHAIR LEE, I'M SPEAKING ABOUT, YEAH, THIS ITEM TODAY. ALOHA AKAKU, EVERYBODY IN THE BASEMENT.\r\n\r\nI DON'T HAVE TOO MANY HAWAIIAN WORDS FOR TODAY. I HAVE IN GREEK THOUGH, AND TODAY, IS THIS A GREETING FOR TODAY, CHAIR LEE? >> NO, THIS IS JUST A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH ONE ITEM. >> IT'S VERY SPECIAL FOR KUA. TODAY IS THE BIRTHDAY OF PENICILLIN AND EVERYBODY WANTING EXTRA CREDIT CAN FIND OUT WHO WAS THE DISCOVER, PROBABLY DISCOVER, LIKE CAPTAIN COOK DISCOVERED -- 1928. THE WORD CHURCH HAS MULTIPLE MEANINGS. I GOT THIS OFF GOOGLE. A BUILDING, A GROUP OF PEOPLE, OR THE CLERGY, EARLIEST KNOWN CHURCH WAS BUILT IN YEAR 2333 TO 256. THE WORD "CHURCH" COMES FROM THE GREEK WORD THAT MEANS ASSEMBLY AND CAN ALSO COME FROM THE GREEK WORD KOREA CON -- THAT SOUNDS MORE

LIKE HAWAIIAN THERE, WHICH MEANS DEDICATED TO THE LORD.\r\n\r\nI CAN'T REALLY WITNESS THESE GUYS, BECAUSE I'M NOT ON THAT SIDE OF THE ISLAND. I WISH THEY WERE HERE, SO I COULD MEET THEM. AND AND BUT I'M GOING TO THROW THEM IN THE PILA'A BUCKET WITH THE REST OF THE CHURCHES. I HAVE WATCHED THE RECORD AND THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN LEGALLY SAY NO THIS IT, BUT I WILL SAY NO WITH MY EXPERIENCE WITH CHURCHES, KING'S CATHEDRAL DOWN BELOW AND UP TOP. >> CHAIR, I OBJECT. >> CHAIR, PLEASE STOP THIS TESTIFIER. >> CAN YOU STOP THE CLOCK, MADAM CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> HE DOESN'T HAVE TO SPEAK ABOUT CHURCH. >> THE EFFICACY OF THE VOTE AND BRINGING UP THE FACT THAT HE DOESN'T SUPPORT CHURCHES. I REALIZE THIS IS UNCOMFORTABLE TO LISTEN TO, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO LET HIM FINISH. >> EVERYBODY HAS A VOICE, YUKI LEI, THAT IS WHY THEY HAVE ELECTIONS. >> CAN YOU CONCLUDE, PLEASE? >> WHERE IS MY TIME AT? I KIND OF LOST TRACK.\r\n\r\n>> YOU HAVE 54 SECONDS. >> THANK YOU. OKAY, SO MY CONDITIONS ON THIS IS RECYCLE, DON'T WASTE FOOD, PEOPLE CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT, AT LEAST ONE PERSON, ANYBODY, LAHAINA, KULA, ANYBODY. FROM HAWAII THAT IS. AND THE RESIDENTIAL KIND OF THROWS ME, LIKE, OKAY HOW COME THERE'S NO RESIDENTS HERE? THAT IS KIND OF A GOOD THING AND BICYCLE RACK, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, IF NOTHING ELSE, IF THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION, MR. JOHNSON, ANYBODY, BECAUSE THEY WON'T EVEN LET ME KEEP MY BICYCLE IN MY HOMETOWN SO I CAN GET A JOB, YOU KNOW?\r\n\r\nSO MATTHEW, I WILL CONCLUDE WITH MATTHEW 1618, I WILL GIVE THESE GUYS THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT ON THIS ONE. I WOULD LIKE THE SAME DONE FOR ME. >> TIME. >> UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH AND GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT. >> ANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY MORE TESTIFIERS?\r\n\r\n>> NO, MADAM CHAIR. THAT WAS THE LAST TESTIFIER. SO WE'LL GIVE LAST CALL FOR MY TESTIMONY. IF YOU ARE ONLINE ON TEAMS PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE IN CHAMBERS TO TESTIFY. COUNTING DOWN 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE TO TESTIFY. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD? NO OBJECTIONS. SO ORDERED. MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING IS BILL 114 FD 1 (2024) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO P-1 PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC DISTRICT CONDITIONAL ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY .75 ACRES LOCATED AT LAHAINA, MAUI, HAWAII TAX MAP KEY 2-4-5-014:054 GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH. >> BEFORE I CALL ON MEMBER PALTIN, I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE HAD SUPPORTED THIS PREVIOUSLY, AND WE'RE WAITING FOR THE UA, AND AS A RESULT, THIS MATTER WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT OFF OF THE FRIDAY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.\r\n\r\nSO THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE'RE HAVING THE SPECIAL MEETING TODAY FOR THIS ITEM. MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I MOVE TO PASS BILL 114 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER PALTIN, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO PASS BILL 114 FD 1 (2024) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. DISCUSSION, MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. BILL 114'S PURPOSE IS TO GRANT CONDITIONAL CHANGE IN ZONING FOR GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL TO P-1 PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF A CHURCH AND CHURCH-RELATED ACCESSORY USES INCLUDING PARSONAGE PRESCHOOL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AND CHURCH FUNDRAISERS. GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH HAS BEEN A FIXTURE IN THE LAHAINA COMMUNITY OVER 50 YEARS AND TO CLARIFY, I'M NOT A MEMBER OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, AND I HAVE NOT ATTENDED SERVICES THERE. IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW, I THINK I HAVE EXPLAINED OVER THE PAST FEW MEETINGS HOW THIS CAME ABOUT. I HAPPEN TO RUN INTO PASTOR BROWN HERE AND THEREFORE AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR STRUGGLES WITH THE REBUILD. AND WITH THIS CHANGE, THEY ARE ABLE TO NOT JUST BUILD IN THEIR ORIGINAL FOOTPRINT FROM OVER 50 YEARS AGO, BUT REBUILD THE CHURCH OF THEIR DREAMS WHILE OUT AND ABOUT IN PUBLIC FOLKS THAT I NEVER KNEW WERE MEMBERS OF GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH HAVE APPROACHED ME VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THIS. SO I JUST WANTED TO LET THE MEMBERS KNOW THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS SUPPORTIVE OF, AND I RESPECTFULLY ASK THEIR SUPPORT OF MY MOTION.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION, MEMBERS? I DON'T SEE ANY HANDS. >> CHAIR. >> ONE HAND. PRO TEM KAMA. >> YES.\r\n\r\nI JUST WANT TO SAY HOW EXCITING IT IS, BECAUSE LAHAINA IS STARTING TO REBUILD. THIS IS THE VERY FIRST, ONE OF THE VERY FIRST REBUILDS AND AS WE START TO REBUILD, THAT COMMUNITY ITSELF, IT GETS EVEN MORE AND

MORE EXCITING, BECAUSE WHAT WASN'T NOW IS GOING TO BE AGAIN. SO THIS IS EXCITING. THE BEGINNING OF MANY MORE TO COME. SO THANK YOU, MEMBER PALTIN, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD TO US. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nANYONE ELSE? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AND SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> I SEE SEVEN AYES -- EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED. MEMBER COOK. MOTION CARRIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS.\r\n\r\nTHAT IS IT FOR TODAY, UNLESS YOU HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS? OTHERWISE, I WILL SEE MOST OF YOU ON O'AHU. PLEASE BEHAVE NOW [LAUGHTER] OKAY, GOING TO THE BIG CITY AND ALL. ALL RIGHT, THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]