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COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

May 4, 2018

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII, WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KALANA O MAUI BUILDING, WAILUKU, HAWAII, ON FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018, BEGINNING AT 9:02 A.M., WITH CHAIR MICHAEL B. WHITE PRESIDING.

CHAIR WHITE: This meeting of the County Council shall please come to order.

Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS ALIKA ATAY, ELEANORA COCHRAN, S. STACY CRIVELLO, G. RIKI HOKAMA, KELLY T. KING, YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR ROBERT CARROLL, AND CHAIR MICHAEL B. WHITE.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER DONALD S. GUZMAN.

(Councilmember Guzman was not present when the roll was called; however, he arrived at 9:05 a.m.)

COUNTY CLERK DENNIS A. MATEO: Mr. Chair, we have eight Members present, one excused. A quorum is present to conduct the business of the Council.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

And for opening remarks this morning, we have Member Crivello.

OPENING REMARKS

The opening remarks were offered by Councilmember Stacy Crivello.

(Councilmember Guzman arrived at the meeting at 9:05 a.m.)

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Member Crivello.

And, will you all please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Members of the Council, and others in attendance, rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And just a reminder, if you have cellphones with you, please put them on silent mode before we proceed.

And, with that, Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, proceeding with ceremonial resolutions.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION
NO. 18-79

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH YEAR OF THE
4-H YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM IN MAUI COUNTY

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair.

I MOVE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED
"RECOGNIZING THE 100TH YEAR OF THE 4-H YOUTH
LIVESTOCK PROGRAM IN MAUI COUNTY".

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Ms. Sugimura, and a second from Ms. Crivello.

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, May I request the Clerk to read the resolution in its entirety?

CHAIR WHITE: Certainly.

Mr. Clerk.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

(The resolution was read in its entirety.)

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. It is with great pleasure that, actually we, this is really your resolution, to present to the 4-H Livestock Association. We would like to honor and recognize them for their 100th year celebration. I know that I personally have attended the Upcountry, their, the Upcountry Fair, and have seen you, Chair, be one of the bidders of the livestock and an active participant for your hotel. So, thank you for that. I'm not sure if you were there for 100 years, but I'm sure your support is like that spirit.

CHAIR WHITE: Not that I recall.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yea. I want to just, some personal notes is that I wish Dr. Cairns was here, because as we went through the budget process and heard about CTAHR, you would be impressed with this young man. I mean, this, this, he looks like maybe in his early 30's. He knows all about medicine, and everything about livestock; very impressive young man. But, he, as Christy has told me, could not be here.

Christy exemplifies the kind of parents that are there for their kids. And, it really took those kinds of parents over the last 100 years to be able to see a, their child take care of the livestock every day. And, I think to me the hardest part is to let go of them during the auction. I marvel at that. This year, the 4-H Livestock, as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary, Christy said she's going to put together a commemorative book. And, I hope she does that, because there is a huge story to tell about this.

The auction is on Saturday, June 2, at 1:00 at the Maui Upcountry Fair, at the Oskie Rice Rodeo Arena in Makawao. And, I think they have 47 animals to auction off, so there'll be a lot of action there. It is quite an event to see. And, I honor the parents, I honor the kids who actually put in the time to do this. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

Members, further discussion?

Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you to my colleague for, you know, doing this recognition. I grew up with 4-H, grew up in a, on a farm. And, I remember some of the most memorable activities that we experienced, because I think the pledge goes, and I think we still need to remember that; that pledge my head for clearer thinking, my heart to operate loyalty or something of that sort, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living. And, if we can carry that with us daily, that would certainly help us to serve better. So, I want to congratulate all of our 4-H organization, but especially our leaders who work so closely with our young people. So, congratulations and thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Crivello.

Mr. Atay.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Thank you, Chair. I too would want to commend and congratulate the 4-H organization in celebrating its 100th year. But, more importantly, here in the time for Maui County as we are looking towards moving towards food production, we also now look towards our youth as far as our upcoming farmers, and ranchers, and producers of food. So, this program is a true farm mentoring program for Maui in addressing our future needs of food production. So, congratulate the parents, congratulate the staff of 4-H.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Atay.

Any further discussion?

Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. I also would like to congratulate the 4-H members and the national association for its 100th year here in Maui. As Mr. Atay had mentioned, they are a great asset for our agricultural community in mentoring the youth in that industry.

I've always enjoyed going to the 4-H events, and seeing the bright eyes of the youngsters as they display their animals, and the hard work that they've undertaken to raise those animals. And then, the process of knowing that they do have to sell it and it eventually goes to someone's table or someone's entity for food. And so, it's just a circle of life.

And, I've been there when you, when you Chair have consistently bid on the largest cow. But, I have also had a, my great joy in bidding on a few goats. So, I know you're the cow man and I'm the goat guy. So, we make a good combination when we go. So, I'd like to congratulate, again, the 4-H members, and I'll see you at the event. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Guzman.

Mr. Carroll.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. My daughter was also in the 4-H program, quite a long time ago. And, it was a really great program then. And now, I've been looking at the 4-H and what they're doing nowadays, and it's even better. And, we're really, really proud of them. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

Any further discussion?

I'll just add that my, my wife grew up in 4-H, and that's one of the reasons we have such an affinity for it. But the livestock auction every year provides an opportunity for the kids to reach the culmination of their efforts throughout the year raising their animals.

And, you know, the 4-H is very good at teaching responsibility, teaching the finances of agriculture. And, it's, it's great to see the kids go onto bigger and better things. And, I take my hat off to all the parents who put the resources and the time into assisting the kids. And, take my hat off to all of you kids for sticking with it, and making sure that you're doing what you're supposed to be doing, and you know, following instructions and learning responsibilities.

And, it's a, it's a great event for many of us who participate. I get picked on a lot because I represent a hotel. And so, I grew up with the auctioneer, so he would always, if things were slowing down, he'd always pick on me and say you can afford another five cents per pound. And, but it's all, it's all good, it's all good fun and it's all for the kids, and so we appreciate all the efforts.

Any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. With your permission, I'd like to call down Christy Gusman, her mom that's with her, and the kids, if you could just to be welcomed and receive their resolution.

CHAIR WHITE: Certainly, please, please join us on the floor.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, the kids want to do something special for all of you, which is their 4-H pledge. So, I'm really impressed that Member Crivello actually was a 4-H'er and you knew the pledge, but that's what they wanted to do for you. And if Christy could also stay, say a few words. And, here's your resolution. Congratulations.

MS. CHRISTY GUSMAN: So, oh, can I just, I'll go start first. So, aloha, Chair and Members of the Council. My name is Christy Kajiwara Gusman, and I'm the Vice-President for the Maui County 4-H Livestock Association. We would also, at this time like to recognize our Molokai and Lanai 4-H clubs. And in here, with me today, I have Didi Ho`opi`i, who is our Green Valley Clovers parent, and then Linda Clark is our Makawao Paniolos parent, and then we have Ginger Kaiger who is, or Ginger Camara, who is our Country Buckaroos from Kula. So, we represent, basically, mostly the Upcountry area, but we do have a Wailuku club as well.

So, on behalf of the 4-H Livestock Association, we'd like to extend our sincerest mahalos for your support over the years. As you know, our biggest event is coming up, which is the Upcountry Fair and livestock show and auction, which the County has been instrumental in supporting for the last 38 years. This year's event is set to take place on June 2 and 3 at the Oskie Rice Arena. And we would actually like to, not invite you, but challenge all of you to come down and support us by purchasing an animal, or just coming out and enjoying the festivities.

Because of your support, this past year, Maui County, for the first time in history, brought home a national champion. In the senior judging division, Dylan Aguilar travelled to the mainland and competed at the national level. He brought home this prestigious award, and the recognition home to Maui County, and we are very proud of him.

It is through partnerships with you, the County of Maui, and agencies such as CTAHR and the USDA, that we are allowed to continue to reach out and educate these students. Every year, our students prepare endlessly for the Upcountry Fair. What most people don't realize is that for the majority of these students, this is not a hobby, but this is a lifestyle and their upbringing. Many of them do this because they have to.

The 4-H Program is a venue for science and education that they do not get in the common school classroom. And, the raising of a quality animal, whether for food or breeding, is what it's all about. These are our future local food producers and livestock breeders. So, the next time you're sitting in a restaurant having a rib-eye or eating a pork chop, please think of us.

Our 4-H'ers try their best to live by their values as stated in their pledge; clear thinking, loyalty, service, a better living for their club, community, country, and the world. We live in the perfect environment and climate to raise animals. So, one day, from the tiny little island of Maui, we may just very well touch the world. And in closing, we want to do our pledge. So, Alexis--

(The 4-H'ers recited the 4-H Pledge: I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my country, my community, and my world.)

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for joining us today.

Thank you, Ms. Sugimura.

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, for the record, RESOLUTION 18-79.

RESOLUTION
NO. 18-80

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GANNENMONO'S ARRIVAL IN HAWAII

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair.

ON YOUR BEHALF, I MOVE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION
ENTITLED "COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GANNENMONO'S ARRIVAL IN HAWAII".

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Ms. Sugimura, and a second from Mr. Hokama.

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I would like to ask the Clerk to read the resolution in its
entirety, Chair?

CHAIR WHITE: Certainly.

Mr. Clerk.

(The resolution was read in its entirety.)

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. I would like to ask my Members to
support this resolution to honor the Gannenmono, as well as the Kaiwo Maru training
ship who are with us today. It is with great pleasure and honor that we commemorate
the 150th anniversary of the first arrivals of the Japanese immigrants in Hawaii.

I will tell you that my grandfather, who was a bishop, or Buddhist minister, came in the late 1800's. So, he was not part of the first group, but he certainly was there. And, I think it's also very fitting that seconding, second to this motion is Member Hokama, who also comes from the Okinawan Kenjin Kai group. And, he must have stories to share about that and his ancestors.

The, to honor the Japanese pioneers, the Gannenmono Committee was created to perpetuate the history of the Japanese-Americans in Hawaii, and to celebrate the 150th anniversary. Today with us, besides having the crew ship members, we have Stephanie Ohigashi, who is familiar to many of us. And, she was part of the energy behind this Kizuna Group for the Gannenmono celebration.

As you heard, there are many things going on. Last night, there was a "Go For Broke" movie at the historic Lao Theater. This weekend, tonight and this weekend, is the Maui Matsuri festivities at the UH Maui College, great, Great Lawn.

And, tied to that, we're honored to have the Kaiwo Maru cruise ship, I, I have a personal story about them. Growing up, when I heard that the Kaiwo Maru was going to be landing here, and Japanese, the government sent them to be part of this festivities, it, the first thing that came to my mind, I told Duane Kim, who's a Harbor Master, is as a young child, my father and mother use to take us and we got to go on the cruise ship, or not the cruise ship, the Kaiwo Maru. And, what I remember was the smell of the wood.

And, when I went on the tour the other night, and that's the first thing I thought of is that smell of fresh wood that is in the ocean. Growing up, I will tell you that my parents would entertain, entertain cruise ship members. So, I have a long history with them in terms of my recog, my connection to Japan government, and the importance of this cruise, this ship to us.

This morning, we are honored to be joined by some of the members of the Kaiwo Maru. When your name is called, I wonder if you could stand to be recognized. Very honored to have Captain Kiminobu Kumada, Chief Engineer Takashi Ozaki, Senior Professor of Navigation Akitomo Kikuchi, Senior Professor of Engineering Satoshi Yamamoto, First Officer Takuo Yamagishi, Junior First Officer *[sic]* Hiroki Yoshida, and four cadets. There are 105 cadets that are on this ship. And so, the four Cadets of Navigation today with us is Yuki Ito, Naoki Matsutani, Tasuku, Kuwata, Yoshiaki Saito. Thank you very much, Members.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Sugimura.

Members, further discussion on this item?

Well, I will add that it's a great honor to have the Kaiwo Maru anchored here in the Kahului Harbor in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Gannenmono. You know, I think every, every different race that has come to Hawaii has added yet another layer of, of culture, and brings different perspectives, different talents. And, the Japanese community has certainly added a significant amount of culture and, and great growth to our community. So, we have a lot to be thankful for, for the various different groups that have moved to Hawaii, as well as being very thankful for the, the Hawaiians that were here before all of us.

And so, I want to thank you all for coming from Japan and reinforcing our long friendship with Japan, which has continued to grow and become very, very strong over the years. So, mahalo for taking the time to come and join us today, and allow us to share in the excitement of your visit.

So, Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, I would be remiss not to make a few short remarks regarding this very important anniversary in our history. I would just was going to bring up the point, Chairman, that whether they're from Japan, or my colleague who since we can also go back to the Philippines, one thing we have in common, we are all Pacific Islanders in a sense. From a great ocean called the Pacific, we have had many peoples come to Hawaii as other islanders that can appreciate the uniqueness and specialness of what Hawaii provides other islanders.

And, I think when we have our visitors from Japan, Samoa, Tahiti, Philippines, I think one of the common grounds is that as fellow islanders, they can appreciate how we approach our community needs, how we approach our community solutions, because as islanders we have a unique sense of place. We are not part of a continental mass. We are islands in a great, great ocean that provides many opportunities for us.

And, I want to thank those from the Kaiwo Maru delegation that helps celebrate it. Also shows from their perspective, also, another point of navigation. You know, we, we are very proud of our Polynesian navigational abilities and our history, but yet, we also need to recognize that the Chinese, and the Japanese, and the Koreans were sailing centuries and centuries ago, also, through their own unique navigational skills. And, that is one of the things I think I find is a great attribute as islanders, we can all share amongst each other. So, thank you very much.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair. Okay, I was thinking of so many things to say. I thought I should just be quiet. But, I just wanted to say that I'm, I'm you know, of Japanese descent as well, and I've been to Japan many times. And, I remember when I first started going in the early 80's, people could pick you out of a crowd if you were from the United States, and even though I think I look like everybody else there. And, today, we are so integrated. And, we have, and part of it is because of this immigration and because we're living and working together.

So, I want to thank the folks for coming from Japan for the integration of the different ethnic groups into our community. Because, really, to me this is how we move forward in a, towards peace in the world. And, this is what it's going to take for us to get there, is us appreciating and accepting each other as different but equal. So, I congratulate you on your 150-year anniversary. And, I fully support this resolution. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. King.

Any further discussion?

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, could I just add from what Member Hokama said, is that the other night we had a, a reception on the ship. And, there with us was Hokulani Holt-Padilla, who did the opening chant for them when they were greeted earlier in the day. And, Timi Gilliom, from the Hokule`a was there, and his, he had many stories to share when the Hokule`a went to Japan, and shared mutual relationships. And, that was a nice connection; exactly what Member Hokama said. So, they were all included in their welcome. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

With that, I'll call for the vote. All those in favor, please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. I'd like to call down Captain Kumada, the delegation, as well as Stephanie Ohigashi, to receive the resolution, as well as leis and gifts from you, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Sugimura.

Please join us.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you everybody. So, I would like to ask Kumadasan to say a few words, first, and then ask Ms. Ohigashi. So, this is the resolution for you, actually from the Council. And, yea.

CAPTAIN KIMINOBU KUMADA: Good morning and aloha. I'm Captain Kumada, master of Kaiwo Maru. On behalf of our cadets and crewmembers, I would like to express my sincere appreciation during the stay, Kahului. Thank you very much, hard work, speech and wonderful gift.

We left Yokohama at 12 April via Kahului, and arrived at Kahului two days ago. The Kaiwo Maru visited, again, Kahului since 1994, and have not been Kahului in 24 years, indeed. Kaiwo Maru is a training ship providing to cadets with epic and efficient onboard training, so that they will be merchant marine officers and engineers. Now, 105 cadets onboard, they are working hard training day and night toward realization, their dream.

We had sailed about 4,000 nautical miles and arrived at Kahului for three weeks. This touring voyage has sailed from Japan to Hawaii, has one more important mission. The mission is, for celebrate the 150th anniversary of first Japanese immigrant today in Hawaii. We saw the documentary film. And, yesterday, I saw the 442 story "Go For Broke". I knew the Japanese immigrant of the first and the second generations that went through the many hardships, and present generation passed down Japanese tradition to future generation. I was deeply impressed by this movies.

We should begin to be active for promoting more and more friendship between Maui, Hawaii, and Japan. I believe that may deepen the friendship forever. And, finally say, again, thank you very much for your heartfelt and warmly welcome. I hope that County and the City Council will continue to make great success. Thank you very much. Thank you for your attention. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Captain Kumada.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, Stephanie Ohigashi, as many of you know, is very involved with the Japanese community in many levels. Now you're at UH Maui College, right, helping with international students? But, you're part of this Gannenmono Committee. We wanted to thank you for your one-year, right, you've been working on this? Yea, so thank you very much.

And, maybe Stephanie, you want to say something?

MS. STEPHANIE OHIGASHI: Ohayo gozaimasu. Aloha and good morning, Chair White, distinguished Members of the Maui County Council. Aloha and ohayo gozaimasu.

We have been working on this celebration for one year. And, unfortunately, the rest of the team, the Gannen Committee is everywhere today working at the college setting up, they're taking tours on the boat, on the Kaiwo Maru today. So, I represent Deidre Tegarden who is the Chair of the Maui Gannenmono Committee. I've been working on the UH party tonight. We're going to have a mini luau for the cadets, with hula dancing, ukulele playing, and a whole lot of fun; even ulu maika and some Hawaiian games that they, they are going to have to pretend to pronounce.

Anyway, thank you very much on behalf of all the Kenjin Kai's and Nisei Veterans, and also the Kaiwo Maru who said they didn't come here for 24 years. Now, that's just way too long. So, I've asked Captain Kumada if he could come back next year. So, ne? But, he's thinking about it. So anyway, to everyone, I really thank you for your support, for the financial support for making this happen. The County is a very big player, as well as the University of Hawaii.

And, we hope to see you tonight and tomorrow night at the Maui Matsuri in the Bon Odori ring. Aloha.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much.

Mr. Clerk, let's proceed with the agenda.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, for the record, RESOLUTION 18-80.

Mr. Chair, proceeding with the presentation of testimony on agenda items. We have established limited interactive communication that enables individuals from Hana, Lanai, and Molokai, to provide testimony from our District Offices.

Individuals who wish to offer testimony from our District Offices should now sign up with the District Office staff. Individuals who wish to offer testimony in the chamber, please sign up at the desk located in the eighth-floor lobby just outside the chamber door. Testimony on all locations is limited to the items listed on today's agenda. And, pursuant to the rules of the Council, each testifier is allowed to testify for up to three minutes, with one minute to conclude if requested.

When testifying, please state your name and the name of any organization you represent.

Hana Office, please identify yourself and introduce your first testifier.

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

COUNTY CLERK: Thank you.

Lanai Office, please identify yourself and introduce your first testifier.

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

COUNTY CLERK: Thank you.

Molokai Office, please identify yourself and introduce your first testifier.

MS. ELLA ALCON: Good morning, Chair. This is Ella Alcon on Molokai, and my testifier is Walter Ritte.

PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY

MR. WALTER RITTE (testifying on County Communication Nos. 18-165 and 18-166):

Aloha, my name is Walter Ritte from Molokai. I'm testifying on Communication No. 18-165, in relating to fishponds. And, I'm also talking about 18-166, also relating to fishponds.

The first thing I wanted to let the Councilmembers know is that there's no other place in the whole Pacific Rim where people were going into the water with, and building rock structures. The only rock structures that was being done within the Pacific were fish traps. Hawaii was the only place in the Pacific Rim that built fishponds where they were actually raising fish, instead of trying to trap fish.

In Hawaii, the first fishponds to be built in Hawaii was in Hana, Maui. And, on the island of Molokai, we have some 63 fishponds, which is why Molokai was known traditionally as Aina Momona, because of the fishponds and because of the tremendous reef system that we have on Molokai, which totals around 14,000 acres. The other reason why Molokai was known as Aina Momona was because of the valleys on the Northshore of Molokai, where from wall to wall in the valley were taro terraces. And millions of gallons of water flowed through these valleys to water the taro patches.

Recently, I say recently, I mean maybe 10, 15 years ago, the Department of Land and Natural Resources did a study regarding Hawaiian fishponds in the State of Hawaii. At the end of the study, they recommended that these fishponds should be put to the highest and best use. And, the reason they put that in there was because they said that the fishponds were old; yea, they're about 800-years old. And, they were dilapidated; yea, a lot of the fishponds have not been in use.

Therefore, these fishponds should be put in highest and best use. And, in their mind, this was putting up those fishponds, making marinas, building houses on them. Because these fishponds are actually considered land. Every fishpond has a TMK number, and it's the only place, or the only entity or place where you can actually go below the highwater mark and say it's private property.

So for us here on Molokai, we're asking the County to support our efforts for fishponds. We started back some 15 years ago in restoring our ponds, and now it's gone statewide. And, we have a statewide organization with hundreds of people that are actually putting fishponds back to use.

So, for Molokai, we feel that our future on Molokai, when it comes to food production, it's going to depend on two things; one is our fishponds which is like 63 ponds, and the other is our Northshore valleys which contains millions of gallons of freshwater and wall to wall terraces.

So, fish and poi, which has been our past, is also something that we're looking for in our future. So, here on Molokai in order for us to really do a good job on fishponds, we're going to need some support to create a fish hatchery, where we could stock our ponds, and at the same time use the hatchery to not only produce food, but to restock all of the reefs in the State of Hawaii.

COUNTY CLERK: Three minutes.

MR. RITTE: We have big dreams for our fishponds here on Molokai. But today, all we're asking you is to support us in our initial efforts to restore these ponds. We did have some support many years ago when Pat Kawano passed a resolution supporting fishponds. But, it's time for another resolution, because the County, in response to us asking for help said that this, that Pat Kawano's resolution was too old and we need a new one.

So, here I'm asking Stacy and Elle to help us get some support from the County Council. And, we hope that you guys produce us that support so we can continue on our goal making Molokai Aina Momona. Mahalo.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you for your testimony this morning.

Members, any need for clarification? Thank you for your testimony this morning, Mr. Ritte, and I know you've been working on this for a long, long time. So, we wish you all the best.

Next, Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, there is no individual who have signed up prior to this meeting. However, I do see an individual approaching the lectern.

CHAIR WHITE: Please proceed.

MR. JASEE LAU:

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: And, introduce yourself please.

MR. LAU: My name is Jasee Lau, I stay up in Kula. What does 4-H stand for? Does anybody know? I think they just started a 4-H program up there at Keokea at the old school, and so don't cut the Kula Villager too much, Mr. Hokama.

The bus routes are like the arteries of the island. So, we need the Maui Bus to stay alive up there. You know what happens when you cut off the circulation to the appendages. I guess it'd be a bad time to ask for more money, because I bet you didn't know that the small bus drivers get paid one dollar less an hour. I was hoping that you could help the guys up there in Kula, but I guess it's going to be reward just enough for them to be able to drive around up there Upcountry and look at the view.

With your permission, Mr. White, I'd like to get a little free publicity. And, since it's in your district, you probably wouldn't mind too much. All you in TV land can take the bus to Saint Joseph Feast this weekend. But watch out, because the maintenance guy, I think his name is Mosco, Moscollo, Mosca? He thinks he's a mule, but he's really a donkey. So, don't bid any money on him.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Lau.

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, if there's any additional individuals in the chamber or at the District Offices that'd like to provide testimony, please identify yourself at this time.

Hana Office, are there any additional testifiers?

MS. LONO: There's no one waiting to testify in Hana.

COUNTY CLERK: Thank you.

Lanai Office, are there any additional testifiers?

MS. FERNANDEZ: There's no one waiting to testify at the Lanai Office.

COUNTY CLERK: Thank you.

Molokai Office, are there any additional testifiers?

MS. ALCON: There's no one here on Molokai waiting to testify.

COUNTY CLERK: Thank you.

Mr. Chair, there's no additional individuals in the District Offices nor the chamber who wish to provide testimony.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Without objection, Members, we will receive the written testimony into the record.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, WRITTEN TESTIMONY
RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS WAS
MADE A PART OF THE RECORD OF THIS MEETING.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And without objection, we'll close public testimony for the day.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Public testimony is closed.

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, proceeding with minutes.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Council of the County of Maui's regular meeting of December 15, 2017, were presented at this time.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Carroll.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you, Chair.

I MOVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 15, 2017 BE APPROVED.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Mr. Carroll, and a second from Ms. Crivello.

Mr. Carroll.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: No discussion.

CHAIR WHITE: Any discussion, Members? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, proceeding with county communications.

COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

NO. 18-154 - TEENA M. RASMUSSEN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR, (dated April 13, 2018)

Transmitting the notice of grant award from the Hawaii Tourism Authority for the Hawaii Tourism Authority County Product Enrichment Program in the amount of \$70,000.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, with no objections from the Members, I would ask the Clerk to bring up all communications, including 18-157.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. So ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

NO. 18-155 - DON MEDEIROS, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION,
(dated April 17, 2018)

Transmitting a copy of the notice of grant award from the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program in the amount of \$492,409.

NO. 18-156 - CAROL K. REIMANN, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS, (dated April 12, 2018)

Notifying that the Home Delivered Meals voluntary contributions received from senior program participants will exceed the budgeted amount of \$58,052 by \$32,000 for a total of \$90,052.

NO. 18-157 - CAROL K. REIMANN, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS, (dated April 20, 2018)

Transmitting a copy of the notice of grant award from the State of Hawaii, Executive Office on Aging, for the Nutrition Services Incentive Program in the amount of \$58,207.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman.

MOVE TO FILE THE COMMUNICATIONS, AS READ BY THE CLERK.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Mr. Hokama, and a second from Ms. Cochran.

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, just one quick note. I want to thank those that provide voluntary contributions for our senior program participants on our Home Delivery Meals Program; that we extend our appreciation and thanks for their generous giving that helps support the programs. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Any further discussion, Members, on these four items? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Mr. Clerk.

NO. 18-158 - MARK R. WALKER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE,
(dated April 23, 2018)

Informing of the acceptance of Sewerline Easement "B", 2265 Holowai Place, Wailuku,
TMK: (2) 3-4-016:035 por.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair.

I MOVE TO FILE COUNTY COMMUNICATION 18-158.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Ms. Cochran, and a second from Ms. Sugimura.

Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Mr. Chair, this matter is a housekeeping type item. And, it's in accordance with Section 3.44.015(H), Maui County Code. The Director of Finance is required to notify this Council in writing of any acquisition, conveyance, or conveyance made to the County.

And, according to the information provided in this County Communication, the easement purpose is for the underground sewerline uses, including manholes and other equipment.

No County funds were used to acquire the property.

And, the easement location and width are acceptable to Department of Environmental Management as, and is in conformance with County standards. So, therefore, I'm asking for the filing. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Cochran.

Any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Mr. Clerk.

NO. 18-159 - MARK R. WALKER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE,
(dated April 24, 2018)

Informing of the acceptance of Waterline Easement 307, TMK: (2) 2-1-008:130 por &
(2) 2-1-028:001 por.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Atay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Is that for me?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Waterline easement.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

ALRIGHT, CHAIR, I MOVE TO FILE COUNTY
COMMUNICATION 18-159.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Ms. Cochran, and a second from Ms. Sugimura.

Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, thank you. This is also a housekeeping type item,
it's in regards to Section 3.44.015(H), County Code.

And so, according to our information, the easement purpose is for access to water
meters and for waterline purposes, including other equipment and appurtenances
necessary or, or expedient for the proper maintenance, operation or repair of such
water meters or pipelines installed within this said easement in connection with the
construction of our waterline extension in the easement area.

No County funds were used to acquire the property.

And, the easement location and width are acceptable to the Department of Water
Supply, and is in conformance with County standards. Therefore, I'm asking for the
filing. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Cochran.

Any further discussion on this items? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Mr. Clerk.

NO. 18-160 - MARK R. WALKER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE,
(dated April 24, 2018)

Informing of the acceptance of Waterline Easement 607, Wailea SF-11 Condominium
Development, TMK: (2) 2-1-008:156 por.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN:

CHAIR, I MOVE TO FILE COUNTY COMMUNICATION 18-160.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Ms. Cochran, and a second from Ms. Sugimura.

Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, again, another housekeeping type item in accordance with Section 3.44.015(H), Maui County Code.

And according to our information provided, the easement purpose is for access to water meter and for waterline purposes, including other equipment and appurtenances necessary or expedient for the proper maintenance, operation or repair of such water meters or pipelines installed within the easement, and in connection with the construction of this Wailea SF-11 Condominium Development.

And, also no County funds were used to acquire property.

And, the easement location and width are acceptable to water, Department of Water Supply, and is in conformance with our County standards. And, therefore, I am asking for filing. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Cochran.

Any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND CHAIR
WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Mr. Clerk.

NO. 18-161 - ALAN M. ARAKAWA, MAYOR,
(dated April 13, 2018)

Informing of the following vacancies:

1. Salary Commission, due to the resignation of Dionne Phillips on April 6, 2018; and
2. Maui Redevelopment Agency, due to the resignation of Jonathan Starr on April 9, 2018.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. May I also ask the Clerk to bring up 18-162?

CHAIR WHITE: Any objections, Members?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

NO. 18-162 - TIVOLI S. FAAUMU, CHIEF OF POLICE,
(dated April 25, 2018)

Informing of the acquisition of a 2003 Infinity G35 valued at \$11,424 from the State Department of the Attorney General.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

I MOVE TO FILE COUNTY COMMUNICATION 18-161 AND
18-162, CHAIR.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Ms. Sugimura, and a second from Ms. Cochran.

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. The Mayor received notification of the resignation of Dionne Phillips from the Salary Commission April 6, 2018; and Jonathan Starr who resigned from the MRA, Maui Redevelopment Agency, on April 9, 2018. I want to sincerely thank both of them for their service to our Commission and to our community, and wish them well in their future endeavors.

The next item, County Communication 18-162, is a notification from the Chief of Police to the Council for the acquisition of a 2003 Infinity G35 valued at \$11,424 from the State Department of Attorney General. In accordance with Section 712A-16(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the equipment must be used for law enforcement purposes only. Thank you, Chief. Thank you, Chair, not Chief.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Sugimura.

Any further discussion, Members? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, proceeding with county communications for referral. The following county communications are recommended for referral to the following Committees as noted:

NO. 18-163 - MARK R. WALKER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE,
(dated April 19, 2018)

Transmitting the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 certification of the net taxable real property valuation for the County of Maui.

The recommended action is that County Communication No. 18-163 be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

(COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-163 WAS FILED LATER IN
THE MEETING See pages 35 through 37 for discussion.)

NO. 18-164 - MARK R. WALKER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE,
(dated April 18, 2018)

Reporting on transfers/loans from the General Fund and the Department of Water Supply Revenue Fund to the 2017 Proposed General Obligation Bond Fund as of March 31, 2018.

The recommended action is that County Communication No. 18-164 be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

NO. 18-165 - STACY CRIVELLO, COUNCILMEMBER,
(dated April 24, 2018)

Transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION AND REVITALIZATION OF MAUI COUNTY FISHPONDS".

The recommended action is that County Communication No. 18-165 be referred to the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee.

(THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-165 WAS ADOPTED LATER IN THE MEETING AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 18-81. COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-165 WAS THEN FILED. See pages 29 through 35 for discussion.)

NO. 18-166 - ELLE COCHRAN, COUNCILMEMBER,
(dated April 25, 2018)

Relating to the implementation of Section 8-15.3(4) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, as it relates to the sustainability and restoration of traditional Hawaiian fishponds.

The recommended action is that County Communication No. 18-166 be referred to the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee.

NO. 18-167 - RIKI HOKAMA, COUNCILMEMBER,
(dated April 27, 2018)

Relating to the Kihei Wastewater Reclamation Facility Grit System Replacement.

The recommended action is that County Communication No. 18-167 be referred to the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee.

NO. 18-168 - KA'ALA BUENCONSEJO, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION, (dated April 19, 2018)

Transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF A NEW ROOF FOR THE FILIPINO CULTURAL SITE IN KEPANIWAI PARK, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, COUNTY OF MAUI, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE".

The recommended action is that County Communication No. 18-168 be referred to the Parks, Recreation, Energy and Legal Affairs Committee.

(THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-168 WAS ADOPTED LATER IN THE MEETING AND ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 18-82. COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-168 WAS THEN FILED. See pages 37 through 41 for discussion.)

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Members, are there any objections to the referrals as read by the Clerk?

Okay, we'll start with Ms. Crivello.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION RELATING TO
COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-165**

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to reference back to County Communication 18-165.

I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ATTACHED TO THAT COUNTY COMMUNICATION 18-165, BE ADOPTED, AND THAT THE COMMUNICATION BE FILED.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Ms. Crivello, and a second from Mr. Carroll.

Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: May I also ask our Mr. Clerk to read the resolution in its entirety, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Certainly.

Mr. Clerk.

(The resolution was read in its entirety.)

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. Loko i`a, Hawaiian fishponds, represent unique aquaculture systems that are vital components of the ahupu`aa that contributed to a healthy and robust food system. Loko i`a were developed to optimize the relationships of watersheds, nutrient cycles, and fish biology.

Over the past three decades, Hawaii has experienced a culture renaissance spawning a renewed interest and effort in fishpond restoration, especially on Molokai.

Restored fishponds will be used to raise fish to restock and replenish our extensive reef systems, while increasing our fish supply, promoting local sustainable economic development opportunities for our rural communities, and staying into the light of `aina momona, and subsistence and sustainable aqua crops for us, yea.

So, I respectfully ask the Council's support. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Crivello.

Any further discussion?

Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Crivello, for putting forward the resolution, which I believe works hand in hand with the next item that I'm looking to discuss further in the IEM Committee. And, because it reflects on the already section in our Charter, in reference to the Department of Environmental Management to guide efforts to optimize opportunities for environmental, natural resource protection, sustainability, conservation and restoration. So, I think this all goes hand in hand. So, I appreciate the efforts, and kind of the two-prong approach here, to guide the Administration and the Department to move forward towards our sustainability future goals. So, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Cochran.

Any further discussion?

Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, this is the first time I've seen both of these items, but they do seem to be related directly. And, one of my issues, I support the resolution, but I think it should be vetted with item 18-66, 166. One of the, I mean, some of these figures in here, I heard Mr. Ritte's, I was taking notes when he spoke, and he said there were 66 fishponds in, on Molokai and this one says 74. So, which, you know, I'm not sure which one is the right number.

But, I think it couldn't hurt to put this into Committee, and just vet out all the information, so we make sure it jives with what the folks on, folks who are proponents of this are saying with their figures. And, whether we want to make the statement about the remains of many of those fishponds are unrepairable. So, yea, I'd like to see this go to Committee, along with the other item. That's a, it would be a smart thing to do. Make sure all the information jives and make sure the, whatever comes out of Committee, if it's an ordinance that it works hand in hand with this resolution.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you.

Any further discussion?

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, I am in support of the motion on the floor. I can appreciate Ms. King's concern. For me, Chairman, what I'm looking at is that this is a countywide effort, cause we do have fishponds on Lanai. We have community members, members of our Native Hawaiian community who have tried tirelessly to try and clean up the ponds and make it back into a productive condition.

You know, but one thing about fishponds, we don't put fences around them. They are still elements in every community that somehow for whatever reason, provides a negative impact on those that are trying to do something positive. And, I'll just state it that way. I think all of us know what I'm talking about.

But, I think it's a movement in the right direction. I think it's one way to also help heal certain areas of our land, especially with better efforts regarding sheet floor and drainage, regarding siltation on our reefs. I think that's another big issue that we don't talk about. But, on Lanai, it is a big factor on the northshore of our major reefs. So, I'm appreciate of these efforts.

I look forward to the Administration moving forward. But, I think we also need to recognize those local entities and organizations that have already put in a lot of hours, Chair, a lot of donations and volunteer materials to try and do the best they can on their own to restore a practice that is beneficial to everyone. So, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

I'll just, Mr. Atay.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Chair, I would fully support the movement towards food production, increasing our food production efforts, especially from the fishponds. Looking at the report, it looks like there's 122 fishponds that covers the entire County of Maui. And, I know on every island, if we can at least restore one or two of the fishponds on each island full production of raising fish that will be able to feed the people.

It's a, it's, I also look at it not from just a cultural part, but more from an economic development opportunity part. And with that, I would look forward to the departments advanced planning. It may involve, involving engineers as to some of these fishponds are covered in sand and silt. We may have to create the opportunity of vacuuming the sand out of some of these fishponds before the guys can get in and rebuilding the walls of the fishponds.

If the County is going to commit to the food production and increasing the fish production, we also can look at what we are currently importing with fish. So, here is a future opportunity for the County to assist.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Atay.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: I fully support.

CHAIR WHITE: I remem, one of my most memorable meetings, when I was in the State Legislature, was with the Clean Water Branch, regarding restoration of fishponds on Molokai. And, I believe Mr. Ritte was in the meeting with me. And, we were trying to get past the Clean Water Act prohibition against putting equipment into the water to clean up the silt. And, I recall that they would only allow work to be done on a ten by ten square, and you had to provide silt fencing around that square.

So, obviously, a large, potentially productive fishpond, you had to work very slowly, and it could only be done by hand. So, I don't, I hope that we've gotten beyond the kinds of things that we were restricted from doing back then. But, one of the comments that I will never forget was that we were basically there pleading for some, you know, some flexibility in their practices. And, the meeting was getting a little bit . . . as you can imagine from Mr. Ritte. And, and although I'm generally calm, I was getting a little . . . too and I said, you know, you guys are forgetting the fact that when we have a large rainfall on any of our islands, the runoff far exceeds what's going to be disturbed by any activity in an effort to restore fishponds. And so, we were talking about how we can get around what their concerns were.

And, the comment from the Clean Water Branch person was, Representative White, you might make the laws, but we write the rules. And, I thought, you know, that's the problem. We're not looking for solutions. We're looking for rule, you know, focusing on following the rule even if the rules don't make a whole lot of sense. So, I support this wholeheartedly. And, quite honestly, I'm a little bit shocked that we're not further along in the process than, than we are.

Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I, I just wanted to add, when we talk about the, the silt that piles up in the fishponds and what we have to do to get it. So, I think we've come a long way, especially this County. When you look at taking care of mauka, so that makai, it all falls in place. So, if you talked about all the runoffs, I think our watershed projects, you know, helps to take care of that too. So, you know, we're trying to find the right balance as we take care of things for generations and generations to come.

So, people, if you were to compare all of what we put out for the taking care of mauka to makai, this is just a small part of us to remind us of that importance. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Any further discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Yes, Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I, I, yea, no I, I think that's an excellent point. I wish it was in this resolution because, you know, if we take, if we restore the fishponds and we don't restore mauka, what's happening, we're going to continue to get that, that destruction. But, I don't have the language on me right now. Hopefully that's something that we can explore in the IEM Committee.

But, I also, my, one of my questions is when Mr. Ritte said that most of these fishponds are on private, are considered private property and they have TMK's, is that something that we can, that the County Administration can effectuate? Or are we talking about, like financial support to the private entities that are to restore these fishponds? And, that's kind of the question that kind of comes to mind after thinking about this idea of them being private. And, I don't know if anybody here has the answer as to, you know, as a proposal to remain private, or is it a proposal to, or are we urging the County to take them over? Or are we urging the County just to give financial support to those who have none?

CHAIR WHITE: I'm quite, quite sure that it's not suggested that we take over the fishponds, but rather be supportive of the actions of the various organizations that have been trying to restore them.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, cause I do know that there are--

CHAIR WHITE: That's--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --there are, you know, local people that are trying to restore their own fishponds. I've visited some of them on Molokai. So, when, yea, the idea of them having TMK's is kind of interesting, being in the ocean.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Chair, I, I think for our part, too, for the, this particular, the restoration and revitalization of the fishpond, is also to, what you talked about earlier during your many years back, and the State Legislature, is the permitting process that needs to be allowed.

He`eia on Oahu, in the windward side is a wonderful example of the work that was truly done, and how it's continually used. And it's in full production, including the Ogo Gorilla, how that's transformed to fertilizer. I mean, there's many things, but what it is, is yes, it probably will need funding. But, included in all this is the support, how we can have the process and go through with permits and what have you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

Okay. All those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Mr. Hokama.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION RELATING TO
COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-163**

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you.

I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO FILE COUNTY
COMMUNICATION 18-163.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Mr. Hokama, and a second from Ms. Sugimura.

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, the Director of Finance did send a communication regarding certification of net taxable RPT, real property valuations. We have already received a formal presentation in Committee. We have utilized the certified numbers as the basis of our real property tax financing for the upcoming budget year, and therefore, filing of this communication is appropriate at this time.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

Any discussion, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Seeing none, all those--

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Sorry, sorry, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, I'm sorry. Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So, Chair, I think this is a question for Mr. Hokama, though. So, by filing this, is it stating that the current budget exhibit in real property tax is as its, as it is? Cause, we're having a hearing, so people that want to chime in and do recommendations, suggestions, are not able to at this point where it's pretty much like a done deal? Is that what we're stating here?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, I appreciate the, the question from Ms. Cochran and for our community's benefit and information. What the certification is on the property values, Chairman. We are certifying the valuation as presented by RPT Administration. The hearing is on the rates that the Council is proposing to provide the revenues to fund portions of the County departments and the services that we provide, as well as grants.

So, the Committee still has a lot of opportunity to say what they think about the rates that will provide the actual revenue generation. This, again, is just about the value that we use per category, and then apply the rate to seek through the revenues. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

Does that take care of your question, Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yea. Thank you very much, Mr. Hokama. So, yea, the assessed value, valuations is what we're dealing with. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Yea, and it's, and the filing is appropriate because we've already received it into the Committee, because it was a direct referral as well.

So, any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Mr. Guzman.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION RELATING TO
COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 18-168**

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair.

IN REFERENCE TO 18-168, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO
WAIVE THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL, AND DISCHARGE THE
REFERRAL TO THE PRL COMMITTEE.

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: I don't believe we need a waiver on this.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair, I believe so, because--

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, we do. I'm sorry. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --it triggers under Chapter 3.56, yea.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

Okay. Do we have a second?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I second it. I seconded it.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Mr. Guzman, and a second from Ms. King to waive the rules.

Mr. Guzman, any further discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. Just to clarify that this, this resolution does require the waiver of the rule to discharge the PRL Committee, because under Chapter 3.56, if the donation is over \$750, it requires Council approval. So, therefore, it is substantive, it's a substantive resolution.

CHAIR WHITE: Any further discussion on the waiver? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair.

I MOVE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION UNDER 18-168, AS
ENTITLED IN THE AGENDA.

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Mr. Guzman--

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN:

AND FILE COMMUNICATIONS.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

I'LL SECOND THAT TOO.

CHAIR WHITE: I'm assuming you'll second that as well?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. We have a motion from Mr. Guzman, and a second from
Ms. King.

Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. As we were discussing in the Budget
Committee, this is the donation from the Philippine Heritage Foundation, the Bahay
Kubo Heritage Foundation. And, it is the, attached to the resolution is a letter to the
Parks, as well as the cost and estimation. The donation is approximately 14,000; 4,000
of that will be for labor, and 10,000 for material.

They anticipated to start the project of the re-roofing on March 29, and estimated to
complete it on April 15. But, they were delayed due to the fact that it does have to go
through this acceptance process, through, because of the donation amount. So, Chair,
at this time, to expedite this first reading, I would like to at least have this body, this
Council, vote on it, and then it will be heard on the next Council for the second reading.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much.

Any further discussion, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Yes, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I don't know if I'm remembering it correct, but wasn't it 20,000?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That was separate.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh okay. No, in the budget, existing budget.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: The existing budget, the 20,000 was a, was our share.

CHAIR WHITE: County's portion.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: The County's portion. And, this 14,000 is the Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation's portion of the re-roofing.

CHAIR WHITE: Donation.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yes. So, it was a cost-share.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Guzman.

Any further discussion, Members?

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, Chair, I want to support this. I think Member Guzman probably heard from Tante, you know from Tante's Restaurant. And he was anxiously trying to get this passed, because truly they were there waiting to start working, only to find out that we were in budget deliberations. So, they were stalled until we could do this, exactly. So, I support what Member Guzman is doing so that the community can start working and do the things that they really do best, which is community at its best. So, thanks.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

Any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

And so, unless there's an objection, we will refer all other matters as read by the Clerk.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, relative to County Communication 18-165, RESOLUTION 18-81. And, relative to County Communication 18-168, RESOLUTION NO. 18-82.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, proceeding with ordinances for second and final reading.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. _____
BILL NO. 45 (2018)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3554 (2008),
ESTABLISHING KIHEI-MAKENA PROJECT DISTRICT 9 (WAILEA 670) ZONING
(CONDITIONAL ZONING) FOR APPROXIMATELY 670 ACRES SITUATED AT
PAEAHU, PALAUEA, KEAUHOU, MAUI, HAWAII, BY AMENDING CONDITION 5,
RELATING TO WORKFORCE HOUSING UNITS

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Carroll. Mr. Carroll, your item.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you, Chair.

I MOVE TO PASS BILL 45 (2018) ON SECOND AND FINAL
READING.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Mr. Carroll, and a second from Mr. Hokama.

Mr. Carroll.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. Condition 5 of Ordinance 3554 previously required 250 of the required workhouse housing units to be constructed in the Kaonoulu Light Industrial Subdivision in North Kihei. Bill 45 will amend the Condition to allow some of those units to be located in the 670-acre project area. I ask for the Members support of my motion. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Carroll.

Any further discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea, thank you, Mr. Carroll. I just wanted to just confirm that actually this, this change in the Condition allows them to do some or all of the affordable housing in that 670. So, because I believe we heard from the developer that that was the intention, was to put them all over there.

CHAIR WHITE: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Alright. Okay. I support.

CHAIR WHITE: Any further discussion?

Mr. Atay.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Chair, yes. As in, as is expressed in Committee, I do support this with reservations, because my initial understanding was that the developer could build the affordable units in the industrial area, and then now it says that it could be built there or it could be in the 670-property or not. And so, I'd prefer to see most of the units be on the 670-property and not be built in the industrial area. But, in the essence of supporting moving forward and getting construction for workforce housing and affordable housing, I'll support this. But, I do want to express my concerned reservations recommending having it all built in the 670-property.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Atay.

Any further discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just to follow up on that, because I appreciate Mr. Atay's comments, I feel the same way, and most of the Kihei community feels the same way as well. So, you know, we're going to, we're hoping to see that.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, Chair, really short; I want to support this. I think it's long overdue and I commend Charlie Jencks for hanging in there and sticking through this. And, I support this.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Sugimura.

Any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, GUZMAN, HOKAMA, KING,
SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with nine "ayes".

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, relative to Bill No. 45, we are in receipt of the unilateral agreement.

Mr. Chair, there is no further business before this Council.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Thank you all for being here this morning. And, we are adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of May 4, 2018 was adjourned by the Chair at 10:34 p.m.



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County Communication 18-165
URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION AND
REVITALIZATION OF MAUI COUNTY FISHPONDS
County Communication 18-166
IMPLEMENTING CHARTER SECTION 8-15.3(4), AS IT RELATES TO THE RESTORATION OF
TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS
Maui County Council

May 4, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Council Chamber

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** County Communications 18-165 and 18-166, as they relate to the restoration of loko i'a within Maui nui.

Traditional fishponds, or loko i'a, were and continue to be important cultural resources to Native Hawaiians, and have great potential to once again contribute to the economic security, food self-sufficiency, and social fabric of Maui County as well as the state. Demonstrating advanced engineering and aquaculture technologies found nowhere else in the Pacific, loko i'a once provided a substantial and sustainable source of protein for our islands' inhabitants, who worked collectively to build and maintain hundreds of fishponds throughout Hawai'i. Notwithstanding the drastic changes that post-contact Westernization brought to land use and ownership, economic concepts, and traditional lifestyles in Hawai'i, dozens of loko i'a continued to be operated well into the twentieth century. While the vast majority of loko i'a have fallen into disrepair, those that have been restored today once again serve as a source of sustenance for communities, and further provide a wide range of educational opportunities for Native Hawaiians and others seeking to bring our once-flourishing fishponds back to life. Notably, the broader rejuvenation of loko i'a throughout our islands may have the potential to bolster our local economy, through their production of high-value seafood products and the associated creation of jobs; moreover, the widespread reestablishment of our traditional aquaculture infrastructure may enhance our food self-sufficiency and reduce our over-reliance on imported goods.

Given the range of benefits that loko i'a revitalization may provide to our islands' cultural integrity, food self-sufficiency, public health, community cohesion, and economic well-being, OHA has consistently advocated for and invested in loko i'a restoration and stewardship efforts, including through grants and other support to the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo, Ka Honua Momona, and other critical organizations and community groups.

Accordingly, OHA appreciates and supports these county communications as they pertain to the restoration of Maui County's loko i'a. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this matter.