

MINUTES

of the

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

JUNE 7, 2019

THE SPECIAL 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, JUNE 7, 2019, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M., WITH CHAIR KELLY KING PRESIDING.

CHAIR KING: Aloha. Good Morning, Members. And good morning, chamber, to folks in the chamber. We, this morning, for the, the County Council regular meeting will be just a few minutes late. We're going to, I'm gaveling in for the, the Maui County Council special Council meeting. And basically this is, hopefully going to be real quick. It's some business we have to take care of for the Hawaii State Association of Counties to approve their, the budget for this next year and that had gotten deferred a couple of times at HSAC. So, the meeting is called to order at 9:00 for the Maui County Council special Council meeting.

And, I'm just going to ask the Clerk to do a quick roll call for the special Council meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS G. RIKI HOKAMA, NATALIE A. KAMA, ALICE L. LEE, TAMARA A.M. PALTIN, SHANE M. SINENCI, YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ AND CHAIR KELLY T. KING.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL J. MOLINA.

(Councilmember Molina was not present when the roll was called; however, he arrived at 9:09 a.m.)

CHAIR KING: Okay, so we have, the roll call is quorum?

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK MARGARET C. CLARK: Yes, eight Members present, one Member excused. A quorum is present to conduct the business of the Council.

CHAIR KING: Alright. Can I ask you to read the agenda, see if we have any testifiers for the special Council meeting?

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Yes. Madam 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 the District Offices, should sign up now with 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.

When testifying, please state your name and the name of any organization you represent. Please also identify to the Council if you are a paid lobbyist.

And Madam Chair, there are no individuals signed up to testify in the Council chamber or District Offices at this time for the special Council meeting.

CHAIR KING: Okay. And do you know, Madam Clerk, if we have any written testimony for this one?

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: We have not received any written testimony.

CHAIR KING: Okay, so if there's no objections, we'll close testimony on the special Council meeting.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Madam Chair, proceeding with county communications.

COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

NO. 19-253 - KELLY T. KING, COUNCIL CHAIR,
(dated May 31, 2019)

Transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES".

CHAIR KING: Okay, Councilmember Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair.

I MOVE TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT OF COMMITTEE REFERRAL AND REPORTS PURSUANT TO SECTION, RULE 7(G), RULES OF THE COUNCIL.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA:

SECOND.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Moved by Member Hokama, seconded by Member Sugimura.

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, this would allow the Council to take action on the proposal that is attached to the communication.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Any questions or discussion?

Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I just, I have a couple questions. Item 25, a decrease from 6,6295, is that a, I think there might be a extra number there, or maybe it's missing a decimal.

CHAIR KING: Are you talking about the item on the actual--

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The, yea, item 25 on the operating budget.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yea. Chair.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is there, there's too many numbers.

CHAIR KING: Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: There's not enough decimals.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: We can take that up if the body chooses to waive the--

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Committee report.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --requirements for rules.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, sorry. Yea, mahalo for that reminder,
Member Hokama.

CHAIR KING: Alright, all those in favor say "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS HOKAMA, KAMA, LEE,
PALTIN, SINENCI, SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR
RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, AND CHAIR KING.

CHAIR KING: Any opposed?

NOES: NONE.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA.

CHAIR KING: Measure passes eight to zero, one "excused"; Councilmember Molina.
Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA:

OKAY, AT THIS TIME, CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE
MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION THAT IS
ATTACHED TO COUNTY COMMUNICATION 19-253, AND THE
FILING OF SAID COMMUNICATION.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA:

SECOND.

CHAIR KING: Okay, moved by Councilmember Hokama, seconded by Councilmember Sugimura.

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, as indicated, there is an attachment to the communication by HSAC Officer Joey Manahan of the City and County of Honolulu, addressed to Ms. Poindexter, President of the Association, Hawaii County. And in it, he has the various points; 31. The general amounts have remained the same throughout the current year. There are some additions, some adjustments.

And I believe Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez had a concern about one of the, number 25, from, yup, I see that. Yea, we're going to need to make that adjustment, Chair. It's a typo.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Where's the typo? Is it 57?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In the number 66295. I think, or unless the comma is in the wrong place. Oh, sorry, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Was Member Hokama pau?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, Chair, again, yea, it was brought out, it's a typographical non-substantive adjustment, because HSAC Bylaws is required to have a balanced budget. So, we'll make the, I believe we can make the appropriate adjustments. But we appreciate that notification.

CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you. That, yes, in the, in the, it's a, it's a mistake from the, the actual narrative to the, to the spreadsheet. So, the narrative had an extra 6 in there. Is that what you're referring to?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CHAIR KING: So, that was a mistake on "Exhibit A", the, the second page. Item number 25, Members, says, it shows 6,6295; so that's a typo. And that should be 6295, as it is in the spreadsheet. So, we'll make that change. It's a--

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Non-substantive.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: An extra 6.

CHAIR KING: Non-substantive change. But thank you for bringing it to our attention.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: It doesn't matter, it's still zero.

CHAIR KING: Any other discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I have a question.

CHAIR KING: Councilmember Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Item number "11. Executive Committee Miscellaneous will increase from 2,000 to 28,695". What is the reason for the increase?

CHAIR KING: Oh, for Miscellaneous?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Number 11.

(Councilmember Molina arrived to the meeting 9:09 a.m.)

CHAIR KING: Okay, so what happened was in the discussion at the HSAC board meeting, there were items, there were a lot of items, if you look at 25 through 30, that have traditionally, when we went back and looked at previous years, the, the actuals had never been spent, so those have been zero, zero, zero for many years. So, we took all those monies out that we, because every year they put money in there and every year none of it's spent. So, they just took that money out and put it into "Miscellaneous".

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Is the same reason for number "19. NACo Miscellaneous will increase from 1,000 to 2,000"?

CHAIR KING: Right. Right.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, they're just making it actual?

CHAIR KING: So, the idea was it would be easier to expend on other items if it was in "Miscellaneous" instead of having to go through, some of these, these line items will probably eventually just be taken out completely because they, they don't exist anymore.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Any more questions?

Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I was wondering if you would be able to speak to item "6. The NACo Prescription Drug Marketing Fee revenue"? I, I was just wondering what it, what it is. And then on the next page, there's a decrease in the "Prescription Drug Scholarship Program" and a "Prescription Drug Promotion".

CHAIR KING: Let me see if I can get--

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And those are items 27 and 29.

CHAIR KING: Okay, can you give me those numbers again.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Number 27, 29 on the second page of it. And then on the first page, item 6.

CHAIR KING: Okay, 27 and 29 were items that have not been expended, so they, they went down to zero. In the narrative, it says "The Prescription Drug Promotion will decrease from 6,400 to zero". And then that amount is added to "Miscellaneous". And then the same thing for number 27, or 27 and 29 say the same thing because those are items that, those are line items that have never been expended in the last couple of years. So, they, those, those programs don't, aren't getting funded anymore. I mean, there's not a reason to have that money there.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, on item 6 of the narrative, I was hoping maybe you, Chair, or Member Hokama would be able to speak to what, what it is; the "Prescription Drug Marketing".

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Fee.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That, if I may, Chair?

CHAIR KING: Sure. Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: This is part of our nation, by being a member of our National Association, which all the Counties of Hawaii are, and our State being all counties participating, NACo has a program with States like us where all the counties participate. This is a national program that our big counties go out as our advocate, I guess, and go for proposals; so, it would be LA County in California, we might use Cook County in Illinois, we might go to Virginia.

We, we use those and then what this is about a program, nationally, that for any county resident you can sign up with our County as well for a free discount card at participating pharmacies. The big thing about this NACo one and why we've pushed it is it also allows certain veterinary care benefits as well. So, this is a free program. There is no requirements on the resident. There is no requirement on the County.

But if all county residents participate, like in this State, then the county gets a residual back for promoting the program. And that is part of the expenses and the revenue purpose. So it continue to help promote this program for those that may not have regular insurance but would qualify for this program. And again, it's a non-requirement for participation and I believe we've worked it out where I think those under 50 percent of moderate income can qualify.

CHAIR KING: And then this is a revenue line, so this is money coming to HSAC.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yes, yes, yes. It's plus for us.

CHAIR KING: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR KING: Mahalo.

Member Paltin, did you have a question? No?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, sorry, no.

CHAIR KING: That's okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, Chair.

CHAIR KING: Okay, any other discussion?

Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, if, so who can, who can utilize this program, the Prescription Drug.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: The NACo Drug Prescription? Any resident of our County.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, how do we tell them that this is available?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: We will get you those, that information for you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, sir. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR KING: Thank you, Member Kama.

Okay, any other, if there are no other discussion, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of adopting the budget, say "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS HOKAMA, KAMA, LEE,
MOLINA, PALTIN, SINENCI, SUGIMURA,
VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, AND
CHAIR KING.

CHAIR KING: Any opposed?

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR KING: Measure passes eight "ayes", oh I'm sorry; Mr. Molina is here. Thank you for joining us, Councilmember Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. My apologies for being late.

CHAIR KING: Thank you. No, that's okay. Measure passes nine to zero; unanimous.

And, let's see.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: For the record, RESOLUTION 19-108.

And Madam Chair, there's no further business before the Council for this special Council meeting.

CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you very much, Madam Clerk. So, if there are no objections, we will adjourn the special Council meeting. Objections? Okay, adjourned at 9:13.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Council Meeting of June 7, 2019, was adjourned by the Chair at 9:13 a.m.



JOSIAH K. NISHITA, COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII