

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**November 21, 2025
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.

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TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
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	7		1	

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Reso 25-212 "EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE NATALIE 'TASHA' KAMA"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:18 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	9:18 a.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	9:57 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CR 25-79 Recommending the following: 1. FIRST READING of Bill 136, CD1 (2025), to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, by: 1) increasing Estimated Revenues for Bond/Lapsed Bond by \$1,100,000; 2) adding a new Capital Improvement Project appropriation, entitled “60 South Church Street Building Renovations,” in the amount of \$1,100,000; 3) adding the project and description to Appendix C; and 4) adjusting the totals accordingly; and 2. FIRST READING of Bill 137, CD1 (2025), to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 general obligation bond authorization ordinance by adding an appropriation for the Department of Management, Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Area, Government Facilities, entitled “60 South Church Street Building Renovations,” in the amount of \$1,100,000.

CR 25-80 Recommending FIRST READING of Bill 152 (2025), to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, Appendix A, Part I, to: 1) delete the appropriation for Community Development Block Grant Program; and 2) increase the appropriation for County-owned Senior Affordable Rental Housing, Project: Nā Hale Kupuna Operations, by \$51,151.

CR 25-81 Recommending the following: 1. FIRST READING of Bill 150, CD1 (2025), to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, by: 1) increasing Estimated Revenues for Other Intergovernmental by \$64,469,830; 2) adding a new Capital Improvement Project appropriation, entitled “Countywide Wildfire Disaster Relief Projects,” in the amount of \$64,469,830; 3) adding the project and description to Appendix C; and 4) adjusting the totals accordingly; and 2. FIRST READING of Bill 151 (2025), to authorize the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for a loan from the State of Hawai‘i’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, not to exceed \$64,469,830, to finance Countywide Wildfire Disaster Relief Projects.

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:52 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	10:54 a.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT recommendations in CR 25-79, 25-80, and 25-81
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Second	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	10:57 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

RESOLUTIONS:

Reso 25-204 "APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:58 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	10:58 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	DISCHARGE from GREAT Committee
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Second	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	10:59 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:59 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	10:59 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Second	Cook

CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:00 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
				Time Motion Made	10:59 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Second	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:00 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-211 "APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM A REQUIREMENT OF SUBSECTION 3.35.070(B), MAUI COUNTY CODE, FOR THE KAIĀULU O LĀNA'I AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:00 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	11:01 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Johnson
CM Johnson	√			Second	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:02 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

ORDINANCES

Bill 172 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, MOLOKAI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS, DELETING KA HALE HOAKA LLC, AND INSERTING HUI O KUAPĀ"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:02 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	11:03 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:04 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 173 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, UPDATING THE CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR THE MAKAWAO RODEO PARADE AND MAKAWAO HALLOWEEN EVENT TO MAKAWAO RODEO PARADE AND MAKAWAO HOLIDAY 2025 LIGHT THE TOWN EVENT"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:04 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	11:04 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:05 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 174 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE, UPDATING THE CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR THE RISING FROM THE ASHES LLC FOR FILM PRODUCTION TO MANA MAOLI - LĀHAINĀ RISING FOR FILM PRODUCTION"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:05 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	11:06 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Second	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:10 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

ORDINANCES – SECOND AND FINAL READING

Bill 110, CD1, FD1 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16.25.201, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC STREET"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:10 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	11:10 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Cook
CM Johnson	√			Second	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:11 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 131, CD1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT (CONDITIONAL ZONING) FOR 14,467 SQUARE FEET AT 1448 FRONT STREET, LAHAINA, HAWAI'I, TAX MAP KEY (2) 4-5-013:012 (MOKU ROOTS)"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:12 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	11:12 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:13 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 147, CD1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.48.565, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCESS FOR ADOPTING REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES AND TIERS"

Bill 166 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, INCREASING ESTIMATED REVENUES, LICENSES/PERMITS/OTHERS, BY \$350,000, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, MAKAWAO-PUKALANI-KULA COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, APPENDIX A, PART II, GENERAL EXCISE TAX FUND, AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, MAKAWAO-PUKALANI-KULA COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, INCREASING THE APPROPRIATION FOR UPPER KULA TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENTS BY \$350,000"

Bill 167 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, DELETING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000, AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN CONCERNS, HUMAN CONCERNS PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT, NEW APPROPRIATION FOR ALOHA HOUSE DORMITORY OF \$100,000"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:13 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	11:15 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bills 147, CD1; 166 and 167 on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	U‘u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:16 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 156, CD1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.52, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ENCROACHMENTS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:16 a.m.
				Time Motion Made	11:16 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Cook
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	U‘u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez			√	Time Vote Taken	11:17 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		1	MOTION PASSED	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CR 25-72 Recommending the following: 1. ADOPTION of Resolution 25-193, CD1, to authorize the Mayor to request that the Governor designate the proposed Nāpili Enterprise Zone on Maui Island for a 20-year period; and 2. ADOPTION of Resolution 25-194, CD1, to authorize the Mayor to request that the Governor redesignate the Greater Maui Enterprise Zone on Maui Island, with proposed adjustments, for a 20-year period.

*Resolution 25-194, CD1, was adopted at the 11/7/2025 Council Meeting.

11:18 a.m.: Postponed until 12/5/2025 Council Meeting.

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:21 a.m.