

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**February 7, 2025  
9:00 AM**

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

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TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:12 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Pres.</b>	<b>Abs.</b>	<b>Exc.</b>	<b>Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)</b>
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama	√			
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			Exc. 9:46 a.m. – 9:49 a.m.
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook	√			
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	9			

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Reso 25-44** "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:40 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:40 a.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Second	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	9:43 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:40 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:40 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U'u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Second	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	9:43 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

**Reso 25-45** "APPROVING THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S NOMINATIONS TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2025-2026 TERM"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:43 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:43 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson			√	Second	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	9:47 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

**Reso 25-46** "AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CONSERVATION COUNCIL FOR HAWAI'I AND AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY V. HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. AND MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD. AND COUNTY OF MAUI, CASE NO. 1:24-CV-00494-MWJS-WRP"

9:48 a.m.: Referred to the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee.

**Reso 25-47** "AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF LEASE OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TO NA HALE KUPUNA LESSEE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:48 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:48 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconders	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:01 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

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Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:49 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconders	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:00 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:01 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	SUSPEND Rule 19
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconders	Kama

CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:01 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
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**Reso 25-48** "REFERRING TO THE LĀNA‘I, MAUI, AND MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSIONS A PROPOSED BILL ON RESTRICTIONS AND STANDARDS FOR BED AND BREAKFAST HOMES"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:23 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:24 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:28 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

**Reso 25-49** "AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION RELATED TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL ES&A, INC., A LAW CORPORATION, IN ALEXA JACOBS V. CLIFTON PERREIRA, ET AL., CIVIL 2CCV-23-0000185"

*10:29 a.m.: Referred to the Disaster Recovery, International Affairs, and Planning Committee.*

**ORDINANCES**

**Bill 10 (2025)** "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION FOR AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:30 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:30 a.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Second	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:32 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
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VC Sugimura	√			Motion	AMEND
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Second	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:31 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

**Bill 11 (2025)** "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ADDITIONAL FUNDING"

**Bill 12 (2025)** "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, PAUL COVERDELL FORENSICS SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT ACT"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:32 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:32 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bills 11 (2025) and

					12 (2025) on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:34 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

**Bill 13 (2025)** "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT; MAKAWAO-PUKALANI-KULA COMMUNITY PLAN AREA"

**Bill 14 (2025)** "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5659, BILL NO. 62, CD1 (2024), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT)"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:34 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:35 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bills 13 (2025) and 14 (2025) on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:45 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
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**Bill 15 (2025)** "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COUNTYWIDE COSTS; AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, COUNTYWIDE"  
 10:45 a.m.: Referred to the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee.

**ORDINANCES - SECOND AND FINAL READING**

**Bill 4 (2025)** "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, STATE AND FEDERAL ASSETS FORFEITURE PROGRAM"

**Bill 5 (2025)** "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, PRIVATE DONATIONS"

**Bill 6 (2025)** "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, HOUSING PROGRAM, GENERAL"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:46 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:46 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bills 4 (2025); 5 (2025); and 6 (2025) on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:47 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U`u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

**TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:47 a.m.**

## TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2025-02-07 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting

7th, 2025. Council of the county of maui regular council meeting of FEBRUARY 7th, 2025. Council of the county of maui regular council meeting of FEBRUARY 7th, 2025. [Gavel] >> will the council meeting of JANUARY 7th, 2025 please come to order. MS. Clerk, roll call. >> chair, proceeding with roll call. Just member johnson, if you could let us know when we get to you, when you are in your space alone nortpro tempore tasha kama. >> kakahiaka, chair and ni hao. >> vice-chair yuki lei sugimura >> good morning.\r\n\r\nNi hao. >> council member tamara paltin. >> ni hao. >> council member gabe johnson? >> chair, council members, community members, there's no testifiers at the lana'I district office. I'm alone on my side of the office, in beautiful lana'I city, and birds are snoring ad the dogs are chirping. Mahalo.\r\n\r\n[Laughter]. >> council member keani rawlins-fernandez. >> aloha kakahiaka kakou. There are currently no testifiers at the moloka'I district office, and ni hao. >> council member tom cook. >> aloha friday, and ni hao. >> council member nohelani uu-hodgins. >> aloha ni hao everyone.\r\n\r\n>> council member shane sinenci. >> aloha kakahiaka kakou and ni hao. >> council chair alice lee? >> ni hao everyone. >> chair, all members are between, which means you have a quorum to conduct the business of the council. For the record, I'm the county clerk moana huttey and lauren salna, dell yoshida, joyce murashige and arthur suyama. Joining from the office of council services is director david laots and legislative attorney nickata.\r\n\r\nFrom the department of corporation counsel is victoria. >> opening remarks by keani rawlins-fernandez. >> okay, boys and girls I prepared a quick lesson for today >> get your note tking instruments ready. Happy black history month and kunghy fat choi. The lion dancers will be joining us in the chambers soon. I love the lion dance. Even though I'm not chinese, I love the drums and te excitement.\r\n\r\nAnd appreciate the amount of work that goes into practicing that tradition and the willingness to share the tradition of spreading good fortune. What a beautiful way to celebrate community. Please try to restrain yourself from make ing fun of me, but not until yesterday I didn't realize the chinese new year was one day like the gregorain calendar and it's starting after winter solstice, based on the lunar solar calendar which combines the solar and lunar cycles. Other countries that celebrate the lunar solar new year is korea, I'm going to mispronounce this and maybe council member cook can help me the tet festival. And in tibetan -- in cambodia te new year is celebrated in the fifth month, APRIL of the solar calendar and hindu new year is celebrated on the first day of the hindu month, which usually falls in late MARCH and early APRIL. Persian new year is celebrated I MARCH. In north africa region, new year's eve is celebrated around the 12th or 15 of january and berbar people of north africa celebrating the new year in accordance with the julian calendar and ethiopia celebrate their new year on the first day of the month of -- according to the ethiopia calendar, which is a 13-month calendar.\r\n\r\nIt fall on SEPTEMBER 11th according to the gregorian calendar. Australian new year is celebrated in OCTOBER. Navajo celebrate -- new year aligns with the winter solstice, SEPTEMBER 22nd. For the native people of turtle island, the new year I profound celebration of nature, the spiritual world, the sun, the rain, our ancestors all about honoring the past and embracing the future. For them the new year isn't celebrated on one day, but over a course of five months, which is similar to kanaka tradition, celebrate sunset around late OCTOBER erly NOVEMBER. It lasts for about four months. Our moloka'I community celebrated with the marching of lono across the island from the east to the west, greeted at each ahupua'a and mahalo to the team and celebrate.\r\n\r\nIt's beautiful to celebrate the different cultures of this earth. There's so much richness and diversity. Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that what we believe, what we practice is what is normal. Not just to us, but to everyone. And the beliefs and practices of others are weird, or worse suspect or wrong. In the midst of what sometimes feels like chaos, we have kuleana to each other, to keep each other safe, to aloha. Solidarity is more than for the purpose of mutual survival.\r\n\r\nSolidarity is community. As MS. Mikey burke eloquently shared in her testimony, we must practice accepting the concept of wealth-building beyond the economic lens. Wealth-building is community-building. Community is the answer. Whatever the problem. >> mahalo, chair.\r\n\r\n>> that was really beautiful, bringing the whole world together, thank you. MS. Clerk. >> chair, next would be the pledge of allegiance. >> please join me. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the united states of america, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under GOD, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Before we proceed MAY he please request emp keep this microphones muted unless it's your turn to speak.\r\n\r\nAs a reminder, testimony must pertain to items on the meeting agenda. By testifying please direct your remarks to the council and not to any individual member or member of the public. Each testifier will be allowed to speak for up to three minutes on each item. For individuals wishing to testify on teams, please click the raise your hand button, to be added to the log. If you are calling in, please follow the phone prompts to be added to the log. Decorum shall be maintained at all times any person who behave anyways manner that disrupts, disturbs or impedes the orderly conduct of any council meeting can at the discretion of



the presiding officer, or a majority of present council members be ejected or banned from council meetings, or if participating remotely, muted, or dropped from the meeting. Examples of disruptive behavior include, but not limited to heckling, shouting, use of profanity, threatening our slanderous remarks made to council, staff or the member of the general public.

MS. Clerk, proceed at this time. >> thank you, chair. Proceeding with presentation of written or oral testimony. At this time, individuals MAY testify on any item on the meeting agenda. The first testifier is amy johnson, testifying on resolution 25-47 and she will be followed by leslie milner. >> aloha council chair lee and council members.

My name is amy johnson and I'm the development director for the j wal-mart cameron center for over 5 years the cameron center has been the resource hub for nonprofits and social service programs, currently we have 25 resident agencies who provide over 150 programs for maui residents. I'm testifying today in support of resolution 25-47, for approval of a tenant lease fort na hale kupuna project and the center proud to be part of this project, mahalo for your vision and support. While this is a small project, na hale kupuna has brought a sense of hope and stability to our kupuna, who have face unimaginable challenges since the AUGUST 2023 wildfires. The cameron center is the administrator and property manager for the project, which was launched in NOVEMBER 2024. I have submitted written testimony that details the process, and the data for the project and happy to answer any questions. On behalf of the jay walter cameron center mahalo nui loa for your support for the overwhelming need for affordable housing in our aging [Kph-uplt/]. These folks hold the wisdom of our culture and they need our help. We're honored to be a part of the solution that directly addresses the need for permanent housing, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the county, making meaningful impacts in our community. Mahalo.

>> thank you. Members, questions? Vice-chair sugimura. >> thank you. Thank you fr coming here to testify. All together I believe you will be managing then all of the individual units that cbdg unit. >> correct.

The one that is before you today is the 6th, council in the DECEMBER 2rd meeting, approved five. So we just have one more unit remaining. >> are they all rented out? >> there's one that is not yet rented out. It's undergoing repairs and renovations and hopefully ready by mitmarch. >> that is te 7th unit. In other words, all six.

>> there are six units that five units are occupied now. One is before you today, and will be occupied on the 21st. And then that leaves the one remaining unit. >> I guess we'll hear more about what is happening with the 7th. Okay. You will be the person, or you will be the entity that the tenants will call and not cbdg office will margin. Thank you very much, MS.

Clerk. >> next testifier is leslie milner testifying on bills 11, 12, 13 and 14, and followed by patience ka hula. >> ni hao chair and members. I will try to talk fast, but not too fast. Requesting for action on four bills today. Bill 11, which is adding additional grant funds to a grant that is already in the budget under the department of public works for usda-nrcs. These funds will be used for the kuleana ha koi stream sediment and eergency watershed protection project.

The council has already authorized the mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement related to this, but the funds were inadvertently not added to the budget at the same time. The second one is bill 12, which is again additional funds for a project that is already in the budget under department of police. The paul coverdell forensic sciences improvement act. These funds will be used to replace obsolete mass spectrometer used in drug analysis and the final would are bills 13 and 4, relating to the von tempsky acquisition. We would like to change the funding source for 9.1 million from bond fund to general fund. As you all know, we have a ceiling on our loan transfers and we're starting to get close to that. So we would like to move the \$9.1 million to general fund as to not exceed our \$100 million ceiling.

The closing date on the property is MARCH 7th, which is why we're asking for floor action today. We're not asking for floor action on bill 15 at this time that also relates to the cap, and we think the council will probably want to have further discussion on that. So I just wanted to make clear not asking for floor action on bill 15, happy to discuss that I committee. Thank you, chair. >> questions? Director milner, the term again -- I know you mentioned von tempsky's project. Is it 15 13 and 14 >> 13 and 14. >> 13 and 14. >> yes, one amends the budget ordinance and one amends the bond ordinance to reduce the amount for bond by 9.1 million.

>> I'm curious, it seems that this von tempsky transaction is one of the longest transactions I can think of. Is there any particular problem with this? >> thank you, chair. No, I'm not aware of any problems. We were aiming to close on property by the end of JANUARY, but because of the need to change the funding source they agreed to extend the deadline until MARCH. >> so we underestimated how much we had available to pay them? That is why we're changing the funding source?

>> at the time we submitted the request for bond fund, we were at approximately 74 million in our loan transfers. So we had 14 million available. But by the time everything went through, we didn't have \$14 million available under our cap any more, so we need to move \$9.1 million. >> member paltin. >> thank you for your testimony,MS. Milner. I was wondering if you could clarify if this is general fund from fiscal year -- what fiscal year?

And it was not appropriated? Like we just found money or is it -- >> thank you, chair. Thank you, council member paltin. The acfr has been completed and I submitted a chart to the county clerk, and it's also been sent to bfed, showing the carry-over savings calculation that is available at the moment. These are fy'24 funds that weren't encumbered. So they are available for use. >> and that's

including the \$1.5 that we approved in member sugimura's committee? >> thank you, chair. Thank you, council member paltin. Yes, it's still available even with the 1.5. >> so that is the email you sent, like in the last day or two? >> yes. >> okay. I didn't see it, but didn't open it. >> glad you know now. Member sugimura. >> just to everybody knows the 1.5 is maui fair; right? That is what you are talking about? >> correct. >> just want to make sure that we have the fair. >> yes. >> anyway, more discussion on bill 15. So you are not asking that we pass it today. Very important discussion. Thank you. >> if there are any questions when you get to these items today, I will be available and the deputy director of finance will be available of finance. >> deputy director marie. >> yes, marcy is on vacation. >> member paltin. >> I just opened it up. So the column that says, "actual fy'24 carry over." is that including the \$1.5 we took out or is it not including the \$1.5? >> if you scroll all the way to the bottom, you will see a list of approved and pending carry-over savings requests, and that includes the 1.5. So the number at the very bottom is what is available after all of pending requests. >> thank you. Thank you so much. Now I see it. >> anyone else? If not, thank you, director. >> thank you. Chair currently the last testifier signed up is patience ka hawl, testifying on resolution 25-47. >> do we have an authentic chinese person? >> we do and she makes authentic chinese food mahalo. My name is patience ka hula. Aloha friday. I'm here on behalf resolution 25-47 before you today. As you MAY recall, with council support, the cdbg program office acquired seven units to-date. To be offered to seniors displaced by the maui wildfires. As you heard amy johnson testify, seven of the units after today, seven of the units are pending acquisition. Six are after today will be occupied, and we're seeking council to take floor action today on resolution 25-47, which pertains to the park view square unit. Mahalo, and I will be here for any questions. >> okay. We know chinese, too. Happy mana pua. Vice-chair sugimura. >> good try. So again, what happened to the 7th unit? Since you brought it up. >> okay. Thank you. Chair, MAY I? >> es, of course. >> so the 7th unit, I didn't realize that a few windows could not be opened. So there is a delay and amy johnson might be able to provide more details, but there's a delay in getting the windows in. And so just to address potential safety hazard, we're going to replace the windows before offering the unit to a tenant. >> have we been -- >> chair, point of order? I know you have been letting it go on and on, but if we're going to move to pass this on the floor today, we're going to discuss it when the item comes up. We're in public testimony, and discussion has been going beyond public testimony, and into deliberations. >> es, we are -- I have been a little flexible with that. Just clarifying questions. >> I'm fine. >> you're done. I will just let you know ahead of time, patience, that when the item comes up, I will be asking you about since we're using your cdbg funds primarily to buy new units like condos, what are we not spending on, like, we are deferring a lot of other grants to other purposes. So I will be asking you about that. Okay? >> thank you, chair. >> member paltin. >> thank you. I wanted to clarify who is the one that makes the call? I went through the testimony from these folks, and all of the applicants. Is it cdbg that makes the final decision on who it is? Or is it na hale? >> you mean on the tenant? >> yes. mahalo, member paltin. It's actually the cameron center's property managers that have received the applications, they have determined eligibility, and they select the tenants as well. >> is it too late to ask them to be a resource when item comes up? >> you were planning to be here; right? >> yes. >> okay. Thank you. We have questions on this. >> mahalo. >> anybody else with clarifying questions? If not, thank you very much. >> thank you. One quick thing. I'm going to be transferring over to cdbg dr, disaster recovery, and so with me today, I have the newly-appointed cdbg program manager and cdbg specialist sarah. So I just wanted council and them to be introduced. >> so you have three people in your office. >> correct. >> so who is going to take the other person's place? >> so joeley jenkins will be my replacement >> yes. >> desira kaohu will be specialist one and shandy's replacement and we're seeking, I think, we have a candidate for the specialist 2 position, which would replace fukushima. >> all right. Thank you. Good to know. Hope you have office space. Thank you. Do you have a question vice-chair sugimura. >> so joeley jenkins is a treasurer, and she helped to do all of our broadband. I hope there is somebody there that replaced you. She was like a single solo machine. >> now we're going off-subject. >> she got introduced. >> aloha mai kakou, my name is joely jenkins and taking over as cdbg manager and very excited to support the community in that capacity. As council member sugimura mentioned, I was the county broadband coordinator, and the representative for the broadband equity access and deployment program. We're still trying to identify a main internal county person to take over the entire role. But for now, my roles and responsibilities have been dispersed amongst a few different departments. >> thank you. >> the consultants will be taking most of the load. >> okay. Thank you very much. >> interesting. >> thank you, patience. Next testifier. >> chair we currently do not have anyone else signed up to testify. I see MR. Lau coming down, just as a pre-warning we'll be going to last call after MR. Lau. >> aloha kakahiaka, aloha kakou. Aloha akaku. Appreciate the new 25 calendar whoever was at council services office I'm sorry I missed the meetings and just glanced at it. I tried to make it yesterday, but something happened and it was more important that I stayed up in kula, because there was a lot going on up there. Good morning, chair. >> good morning. >> (Speaking hawaiian) No

task is too big done together. This is a big -- this is going to be a big task for the kula people up, bill 13 and bill 14, the von tempsky kla property acquisition and thank leslie milner for keeping us on-track with the county budget. I had some concerns about the U.S. Dollars and how much more paper and printing they have left to keep on printing our money there. So I guess to keep it short, I just noticed that the word "property" is getting thrown around a lot and another hawaiian saying -- the land is chief and man is the servant.\r\n\r\nSo the man is the property, not the land. I would like to see that changed, where I know there's some buildings on there, on the kula community center von tempsky community center now and that is the property. Ut the land belongs to akaku and I would like to make sure we get that separated out there and use the word "aina, referring to land and property when referring to buildings. >> thank you for your time. >> thank you questions, members? No questions. Thank you.\r\n\r\n>> s MS. Clerk. >> chair, there is no one else currently signed up to testify. Last call. If you would like to testify, raise your hand in teams or make your way to the podium. Countdown is 3, 2, 1. Chair, there's no one indicating a desire to testify members any objections to closing public testimony and accepting written testimony at the beginning of the meeting no objections. >> thank you.\r\n\r\nMS. Clerk chair, moving on to resolutions and opening up public testimony for resolutions. Currently there's no one signed up to testify. So we'll do last call. If you would like to testify on any of the resolutions, this is your opportunity. And the countdown is 3, 2, 1. Chair, there's no one indicating a desire to testify on resolutions. >> okay.\r\n\r\nAny objections to closing public testimony on resolutions, and accepting written testimony? >> no objections. >> so ordered. MS. Clerk. >> chair before you is resolution 25-44 appointment of members to the cost of government commission for the county of maui. >> I'm sorry, what is the number again?\r\n\r\n>> it's resolution 25-44. >> 25-44, that would be member uu-hodgins. >> yes, it would be me. I move to adopt resolution 25-44. >> second. >> moved by member uu-hodgins, seconded by pro tem kama to adopt resolution 25-44. Discussion? Member uu-hodgins. >> thank you. I move to amend resolution 25-44 by placing michelle louise cerizo on exhibit b for approval.\r\n\r\n>> second. >> moved by member uu-hodgins and seconded by member kama to add -- I'm sorry, what is the name >> michelle cerizo. >> michelle cerizo, discussion, member uu-hodgins. >> thank you, members, you might remember MS. Cerizo, we had previously put her on the council of aging. Her application is in the reso, but for your reference, she is an educator at baldwin high. She is a life-long resident of maui.\r\n\r\n\r\nShe participates in hawaiian canoe club and the cost of government commission is one of those that she would have liked to sit on as well. And I'm happy to support her and I hope you folks do as well. Thank you, chair. >> any more discussion? Member paltin. >> so I was wondering if you could refresh my memory? She did make it on the council of age? \r\n\r\n\r\n>> you know, that is a good question. She was part of the ones we did before. So I could actually check right now. And you know, I forgot to mention the reason we're doing this today because the council's deadline to approve or disapprove the nomination is FEBRUARY 14th. Let me look. >> I'm in full support. I just was wondering if now she is on two commissions?\r\n\r\n\r\nOr if she is on this one and it's not her first choice? Because i had some other ones I wanted to put her on, but that one was her first choice. So I was just wondering. >> yeah. She when we interviewed her, she was taking care of her mother, which is what sparked her interest on the council of aging. And I'm looking at the members in the council of aging now and I do not see her name. >> okay.\r\n\r\n\r\nThat is the one we approved MS. Wantabe and the doctor, so there's no spaces left for her on that one, so she is getting her second one now yes. >> thank you. >> thank you, member paltin. >> any more questions? If not, all those in favor of the motion, raise your hand, say aye. >> >> nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries.\r\n\r\n\r\nMain motion as amended. Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor, raise your hand, say aye nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. MS. Clerk. >> chair before you is resolution 25-45 approving the -- excuse me, approving the hawai'i state association of counties executive committee's nominations to the national association of counties and western interstate region board of directors for the 2025-2026 term. >> member paltin.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> thank you, chair. I move to adopt resolution 25-45. >> moved by member paltin, seconded by vice-chair sugimura to adopt resolution 25-45. Discussion, member paltin. >> thank you. This is a standard resolution. There are a little bit of small changes. So basically, the hsac executive committee made the following nominations: kaula'i county council member kipukai kuali'i. And honolulu city council chair tommy waters have been nominated to serve as NACo directors for the 25-26 term. Maui county council member shane sinenci will stay on as wir director and kaula'i county council member arryl kaneshiro will join him for the 25-26 term.\r\n\r\n\r\nAnd as an aside, tommy waters will be stepping down from NACo to give more opportunities. So matt weir will be taking his place as the alternate. And bernard crvalho will stay on, and felicia cowden will serve as the alternate. We stay the same, and big island will stay the same. >> any more discussion? Yes, member rawlins-fernandez. >> mahalo, chair.\r\n\r\n\r\nI see kaula'i twice and o'ahu, and maui dd -- did hawai'i county not want involvement in any of these positions? >> I believe they did. MR. Onishi, who just came on, I don't think he spoke to the right people in time. >> got it. Okay. For hsac officers are they the same, or did hsac have elections and have different offices?\r\n\r\n\r\n>> as of this point, they are the same. I mean, with matt weir filling in for tommy. >> got it. >> mahalo, member paltin. >>

member sinenci. >> thank you, chair. I just wanted to update the council.\r\n\r\nExcuse me, as you know, the wir conference will be plans to coming to maui county next year in 2026. So I did want to shout-out to our ocs staff who has helped to get some of the rooms down in ka'anapali, so it's more affordable for our participants. And also, happy belated birthday to uncle madonna, who is always a good advocate for maui county at the wir conferences and reaches out to a lot of different counties. So we wanted to appreciate his work as well on the wir council. Thank you, chair. >> aloha. >> happy birthday, happy 38th birthday. I know you are one year older than me.\r\n\r\nOkay. Anybody else? All right. All those in favor of the motion -- by the way, member sinenci, is that why we have our four analysts in the back. >> they are waiting for good fortune. >> all those in favor of the motion, raise your hand, say aye. Where is MR.\r\n\r\n-- . I'm sorry, chair, gabe johnson had to step away for a moment. >> eight ayes, one excused. Member johnson, motion carries. Now where were we? >> bottom of page 4 to refer to the government relations, ethics, and transparency committee authorizing settlement of conservation council for hawai'i and american bird conservancy v. Hawaiian electric company and maui elect rick company ltd. And county of kaaui case no. 1-24-cv-00494-mwjs-wrp.\r\n\r\n>> any objections to referring to great committee? So ordered. >> before you is resolution 25-47 authorizing a grant of lease of county real property to na hale kupuna lessee. >> vice-chair sugimura. >> I move to adopt resolution 25-47. >> second. >> moved by vice-chair sugimura, seconded by pro tem kama to adopt resolution 25-47, vice-chair sugimura. >> thank you.\r\n\r\nI guess we had some discussion on this. You are getting an asf from my office. And it is -- you received it. The original resolution transmitted by the administration was not signed by corp. Counsel, and also required technical revisions as revised -- as referenced in my asf. I move to substitute resolution 25-47 with the proposed fd 1 version attached to my asf. >> second.\r\n\r\n>> thank you. >> moved by member -- vice-chair sugimura, second by pro tem kama to adopt the attached -- the asf that was distributed. Discussion? Vice-chair sugimura. >> so the proposed fd 1 version incorporates as I said earlier, technical revisions, but I think the most important thing is that the copy that we got was not signed by corp. Counsel. So that has been resolved so it's now signed.\r\n\r\nAnd I respectfully request for the support of members for my motion. >> member paltin. >> thank you, I just would like to ask a question of the resource. I see that. MS. Ka hula. >> na hale kupuna project.\r\n\r\n>> okay. >> it says that 37 applicants fell at our below 30% ami -- and five applicants were between 51-80% of ami. I just for transparency and for the public's sake, I was wondering with so many applicants competing for the limited kupuna housing, ultimately, how is the decision made? thank you for your question. Yes. Part of the process was informing the public. >> could yu move closer to the microphone.\r\n\r\n>> I'm sorry. Yes. Thank you. Part of the process was informing the public of the project. So with the press release that the county put out NOVEMBER 13th, we started pretty much the ad campaign and promotion of the project. In consultation with cdbg, determined that the most equitable way to look at applications was by time stamp. So we had a website, or web page created on our website that allowed people to sign up for application appointments.\r\n\r\nAnd that is how the -- that is how they were in the wait-list, if you will, or the number of applications. >> it was first-come, first-served? >> correct. >> okay. >> correct. >> thank you. >> any more questions?\r\n\r\nIf not, I have a question for vice-chair -- council member rawlins-fernandez. >> mahalo, chair. Mahalo for being with us. Sorry I forget your last name. >> johnson. >> mahalo, MS. Johnson, for being with us.\r\n\r\nI know the answer to member paltin's question was that it's decided -- decisions on who is awarded a lease is based on first-come, first-served. How do you ensure that those closest to the program their circles aren't necessarily the ones that are getting in first? I guess, how do you ensure that there isn't that level of insider information? And then to follow-up with that, when there's a vacancy, how will you let folks know that one of the units is available to be leased to someone new? >> thank you. Thank you for your question. To ensure that there is no insider information, that was why we went really full-on with the promotion of the project.\r\n\r\nAfter the press release on NOVEMBER 13th, w promoted both social media and media outlets. It was picked up by county and state outlets. And the calendar to make appointments opened on DECEMBER 3rd. So we gave people a couple of weeks' leeway to get the word out and make sure that everybody was informed. As far as how we maintain the eligibility is that everyone all of the applications were reviewed for eligibility. Those would were eligible were either placed in a unit or with wit-list and those not eligible were given that information and told why they did not meet the eligibility requirements. When we have units that we still have one vacant unit; what that becomes available, or when there's a vacancy in one of the current units, we do maintain that wait-list, and that is based on what the applicants say their area, their geographic area is.\r\n\r\nWhere they would like to live. And we just then go through the list, and find out what their situation is. >> mahalo, MS. Johnson. Mahalo, chair. >> pro tem kama. >> thank you, chair.\r\n\r\nThank you for being here, MS. Johnson. So your wait-list, you have a wait-list now. how long do people stay on that wait-list? How long is your wait-list always going to be there? Thank you. Thank you for your question.\r\n\r\nThat wait-list will remain as long as people need housing. And our plan is to periodically, probably every six months or so, to check back in with those folks and find out where they stand. We have had people take their names off of the waiting

list, because they have found other housing, and yeah, we're hoping to just keep that maintained indefinitely. >> and your lease is for how long? >> the lease is for 12 months and can automatically renew with the tenants as long as they continue to meet all of the eligibility requirements. >> oh, it's an automatic renewal? >> yes, as long as if they want to remain, we want them to remain.

It's about permanent housing. >> thank you. >> thank you. >> member paltin. >> thank you. Are any of the units considered ada? >> thank you.

There is one unit that is an ada unit. It is populated by a tenant, who does have a disability. And that's current -- that is the only one unit that has that ada specification. >> okay. And was that in your advertising materials, that only one unit was an ada? >> it was not specific as to the units. It was just the total number of units, and the eligibility requirements.

>> I'm having a little issue with fema not providing ada for people that need ada, and like then, fema and the state are, like, because they are eligible for fema, but fema is not giving them an ada. So it's difficult. So if we do acquire more units, it might be helpful, if they are ada. I have seven-year-old carrying his 93-year-old mother-in-law up-and-down stairs after she broke her hip because she was in an unfamiliar environment, because fema stopped paying rental assistance. So people are going down and falling through the cracks, so more ada would be nice. >> thank you. I agree.

I could just say one thing about the unit that is not yet populated? That we're waiting on repairs. This was something that we discovered as we were starting the project, and the cameron center actually was successful in acquiring funding from hawai'i community foundation to make those renovations, because there was a funding cap that there was no money to make those renovations. So that's -- those things are being taken care of by the community foundation, and their generosity. >> we have corporation counsel deputy, mimi desjardins. >> thank you, chair. I want to clarify the term of the lease from FEBRUARY 21st, 2025 to JANUARY 20th, 2026, eleven months.

Thank you. >> so it automatically renews after eleven months. >> if the tenant so desires. >> any more questions? Before we take the vote? Yes, vice-chair sugimura. >> so that came up when my staff were talking about this. Eleven months is kind of unusual.

Is it because of closing? What made it eleven and not twelve or is this always going to be an unusual renewal. >> thank you for the question. It should be a 12-month lease. And that was perhaps a typo or an inadvertent error. We can work with eleven months, but it would typically be 12 months. >> okay.

>> member johnson. >> thank you, chair. Thank you, MS. Johnson, for all your hard work. You know, what council member paltin brought up about the importance of having ada -- americans with disabilities act, like making it available for folks with disabilities. How about that 7th unit that you guys are still repairing? Could you get more funding from hhfdc to make that last one ada-compliant, is that something you considered?

>> thank you for the question. The configuration of the unit, while it's a 6th floor unit and does have elevator access, the configuration of the unit would not allow for strict ada compliance, because the bathroom is so small. >> okay. Worth a shout to ask. Thank you, chair. >> any more questions. I have questions for patience, but I will do it offline, because we have guests waiting.

Thank you. So we have to take the vote. Quick, all those in favor of the motion, this is the asf, the amendment. Rise your hand, say aye. >> aye. >> nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Then you have another motion, vice-chair sugimura?

>> so this is funny, because this is I wanted to make sure our house rules have, which is rule 19. Rules of the council to allow final action at the same meeting as an amendment is proposed. And so I therefore move to suspend rule 19. >> second. >> okay. Move to suspend rule 19 to allow final action. Moved by vice-chair sugimura, seconded by pro tem kama. More discussion. >> this rule suspension is needed to take final action today.

>> any more discussion? All those in favor of the motion, raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Main motion as amended. Any more discussion? All those in favor of the motion, raise your hand, say aye. Hurry up, I hear the drums.

I hear the drums. Is member johnson frozen? Nine ayes, zero nos. Motion carries. >> thank you, members. >> members, we're going to call a short recess, probably until 10:15. Up. [Gavel] >> will the council meeting of FEBRUARY 7th, 2025 please reconvene.

MS. Clerk. >> chair, before you is resolution 25-48 referring to the lana'i, maui, and moloka'i planning commissions a proposed bill on restrictions and standards for bed & breakfast homes. >> well, I just mentioned if we have anything on moloka'i -- oh, here -- okay. Member paltin. >> thank you, chair. I move to adopt resolution 25-48 and if I get a second, I will explain my reasonings.

>> moved by member paltin and seconded by member cook to adopt the resolution, and discussion, member paltin. >> thank you, chair. During our tenure, me and you, we had discussed about people moving to the county to start bed & breakfasts, or building houses for the purpose of bed & breakfast, and so we didn't necessarily want that to happen. We wanted folks established in the community before they start a bed & breakfast. But we neglected a circumstance where the entire town burned down. So this is my attempt at carving that out. If an owner/proprietor apply while their single-family dwelling is being constructed or repaired, following by disaster, as described, like in subsection n, they do not have to reside on a full-time basis on the same lot being used until the dwelling has been reconstructed or repaired.

Also it waives the five-year that the home was made, because it's assuming in this case that it was destroyed through a disaster. So it's just trying to clean it up in light of the fires that we had in lahaina. So we had that non-conforming issue

with the bed & breakfast owner, but if somebody had a permit bed & breakfast and it burned down, this would fix that for those folks. >> okay. Any more discussion? Member sugimura. >> so I understand what member paltin is saying. I will say that in previous situations, where a bill was going from us to the planning commissions, the commissions asked for us to have a committee discussion. So they could understand what we wanted. And so I'm going to vote no, just because I want to be consistent with other actions we have taken in the past regardless of the wildfire, but we do know what the planning commissions have asked us to do as a body. So that I would like it to be referred to committee. >> ordinarily, I would agree with you, but in this case, I am not. Because only because time is of the essence with this particular item, and this is kind of almost self-explanatory. So, yes in the future, members, we have to be careful how we refer things to the commissions. A lot of times we refer things without even having discussion. The commissions don't like that. They want direction from the council. But in this particular case, I think this is an exception to the rule. >> I have a question. >> yes, vice-chair sugimura. >> so we're having discussion and, in fact we have a recessed meeting on bill 105 and how does this impact 105, corp. Counsel? >> corp. Counsel. >> you know, I'm going to defer to member paltin, because I'm jumping in to help with the tuesday meeting, but I'm not completely up to speed on that yet. Thank you. >> member paltin. >> thank you. This bill doesn't affect 105 per se, because it's for folks that had bed & breakfast home permits, and 105 is for non-conforming bed & breakfasts, or tvrs and things like that. So you know, if for whatever reason the individual that came and testified did not get the non-conforming through, this would be another avenue for her to pursue, but the financing probably wouldn't work out because of the situation we heard explained. But for anyone that had a bed & breakfast home permit, they would be able to rebuild their house, and apply for the permit without waiting five years. >> it's really helping people. All right. But vote how you want. Roll call. >> council member pro tempore tasha kama. >> yes. >> vice-chair sugimura. >> with that explanation, I suppose it's yes. >> council member paltin? >> aye. >> council member johnson? >> aye. >> council member rawlins-fernandez? >> aye. >> council member cook? >> aye. >> council member uu-hodgins? >> aye. >> council member sinenci? >> aye. >> and chair lee? >> aye. >> chair, the motion carries unanimously. >> next item. >> chair, for referral to the disaster, resilience, international affairs, and planning committee is resolution 25-49 authorizing the acquisition approximately 14,018 square feet identified as tax map key no. 2-4-0-o078:028 situated at lahaina, maui, hawaii for an amount not-to-exceed \$1.8 million. >> any objection to referring to drip committee. >> no objection. >> so ordered. >> we're on ordinances and we have no one signed up to testify. Last call, anyone wishes to testify on ordinances this is your opportunity. The countdown is 3, 2, 1. Chair, there's no one indicating a desire to testify. >> any objections to accepting written testimony and closing public testimony on ordinances? So ordered. MS. Clerk. >> chair, before you is bill 10 (2025) A bill for an ordinance authorizing the mayor of the county of maui to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with state of hawaii, department of health behavioral health administration for an emergency response grant. >> member paltin. >> thank you, chair. I move 30 pass bill 10 on first reading >> second. >> moved by member [Pa -pt/]In, seconded by vice-chair sugimura to pass bill 10 on first reading. Discussion, member paltin. >> thank you, chair. I move to amend bill 10 as proposed in my amendment summary form that has been distributed by the clerk. I move to amend bill 10 as follows: one, by replacing united states army corps of engineers with behavioral health and would, with training initiatives to build capacity within maui to deliver mental health services as stated in recital b of the memorandum of agreement. >> second. >> moved and seconded to amend bill 10 with the asf as read. Discussion, member paltin. >> thank you, chair. The proposed amendments are needed to align the bill with the memorandum of agreement. >> any more discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion of the amendment, raise your hand say aye. >> aye. >> nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. Any more discussion on the main motion? As amended? If not, all those in favor of the main motion as amended raise your hand, say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. MS. Clerk. >> chair, before you is little 11 (2025) A bill for an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2025 budget for the county of maui appendix a, part 1 department of public works, united states department of agriculture, natural resources conservation service additional funding. >> vice-chair sugimura. >> chair, if there's no objections MAY I please ask the clerk to also call up bill 12 (2025). >> any objections to calling up bill 12 (2025)? So ordered. MS. Clerk. >> chair, before you is bill 12 (2025) A bill for an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2025 budget for the county of maui appendix a, part 1 department of police, paul coverdell forensics science improvement act vice-chair sugimura. >> I move to pass bill 11 (2025) And bill 12 (2025) On first reading second. >> moved by vice-chair sugimura and seconded to pass bills 11 and 12 on first reading. Discussion, vice-chair second-degree mauer bill 11 (2025) -- . Closer to your mike -- amends 25 budget by increasing the department of public works grant appropriation entitled "united states department of agriculture natural resources conservation services." by 2,574,250. The grant funds are from an iga agreement with usda for technical financial assistance for the stream sediment removal emergency watershed project close to member cook's heart. And I respectfully ask for the members' support for my motion >> and

the other one sorry, bill 12 amends fiscal year 25 budget by increasing department of police, the grant appropriation entitled "paul coverdell forensics science improvement act oyst by \$112,478 for these additional funds will be used to replace an obsolete gas chromatographic meter for the use of forensic drug analysis. I respectfully ask for the members' support of my motion. Thank you. >> any more discussion? If not, all those in favor of the mos, please raise your hand, say aye.\r\n\r\nNine ayes, zero nos, motion carries, MS. Clerk. >> compare, before you is bill 13 (2025) A bill for an ordinance amending the cuomer cuom budget and capital improvement projects department of management makawao-pukalani-kula community plan area. >> bill 14 [#1250 -789/] A bill for an ordinance amending ordinance no. 5659 bill no. 61 cd 1 (2024) Loyaltying to the issueancing of general obligation bonds of county of maui issuance, sale and delivery of said bonds, department of management. >> I move to pass bill 13 (2025) And bill 14 [#1250 -789/] On first reading.\r\n\r\n>> second. >> moved and seconded to pass bills 13 (2025) And 14 (2025) O first discussion. Vice-chair sugimura and member paltin. >> so MS. Milner explained this but bill 13 oaklands the fiscal year budget for changing funding for the von tempsky and total acquisition as you remember is \$14.1 million, 5 million in bond funds is covering the additional escrow deposit and the remaining will come from carry-over savings. Also, bill 14 amends bond authorization ordinance to account for the change in bond funds for the acquisition. To remain under thing reimbursed transfers and loans ceiling of \$100 million.\r\n\r\nThe administration is requests this transfer funds from bond fundses to general funds fr previous acquisition for von tempsky property and they know their closing is moved from JANUARY 31st to MARCH 7th, the date that budget director gave this morning. This movement of funds will allow it to close at the designated time. >> member paltin. >> I believe MS. Milner said there was a resource available? I just had a couple of questions. >> I think MS.\r\n\r\nMilner. >> the budget director is online. >> we see her. Are you ready for the questions, MS. Milner? >> yes, chair. >> >> >> member paltin.\r\n\r\n>> thank you, chair. Thank you, MS. Milner. My last recollection, we were holding off on floating a bond, because the interest rates weren't super favorable at the time that we had that discussion. And I don't see them possibly getting more favorable in light of the tragedies going on in L.A., and I was wondering if you could fill us in on the plans to float a bond, if the interest rates are getting worse? And we got a lot of work to be doing on our own recovery; you know before we deplete all of our carry-over savings, can w just know what the plan is to float a new bond? >> director.\r\n\r\n>> thank you, chair. Thank you, council member paltin. I believe deputy director zielinski is on as well. Our current plan is to float a bond in AUGUST. We were hoping to do it earlier this year, but given the uncertainty around some of our situation, waiting to hear about cdbg dr and other things in consultation with the managing director and bond counsel, it was determined that delaying until AUGUST would put us in a more favorable position. I will defer to deputy director zielinski to provide further details. >> deputy zielinski.\r\n\r\n>> she is on. >> hello? >> do you hear me? >> yes. >> okay. Very good. Just to add, at the time w were actually initially thinking about JANUARY of 2025. This was back several months ago.\r\n\r\nBut because of the issue of the lawsuit, which wasn't really kind of resolved, or whether there was going to be a settlement? The dr funding was still uncertain. Those were other pieces or other considerations that we had to make in addition to, as budget director milner has indicated, and you indicated, council member paltin, the interest rate, which of course, continues to be relatively high and with all the uncertainty in washington, who knows what it will be? But we're getting to the point that we know we do have to, and we're actually have been working with our bond counsel and our municipal advisor, and we have actually got a calendar scheduled. So that will be isuing the bonds in AUGUST. Those are the other reasons why we can hold off. It wasn't just the interest rate.\r\n\r\nIt was all of that uncertainty, because that uncertainty will translate to a higher interest rate potentially if there was that uncertainty. So that was part of it. We wanted to protect and save some money and that is the good news. Things are somewhat better than what they were six months ago, as far as uncertainty. >> if I could follow-up? What is the reason for choosing AUGUST? And if the interest rate continues to climb from where we're at now, what kind of debt service are we looking at?\r\n\r\n>> MS. Zielinski. >> thank you, chair. AUGUST was chosen because typically, when we talked to the municipal advisor and at this point, I think I was going to say rule of thumb, but all rules of thumb seem to be thrown out of the window with everything going on in washington. Having said that, JANUARY and AUGUST tend to be months where there's less bond issuances from other municipalities. So when you have less government entities putting out for bond issuances, there's more -- there's more interest from the investors. So that really the reason we choose AUGUST.\r\n\r\nAlso AUGUST is the time, because there's so much work that has to be done from now until AUGUST, this is a time tat finance in particular are not -- I mean they are always busy, but not as busy as working on the a cfr and doing the adjusting entriess and wrking with the auditors. From now until AUGUST, we'll get a lot of that work done. There's a lot of work. So it's a little bit of both, availability of funds. There's less -- for more availability in AUGUST and also the fact that from a standpoint of workload for finance. >> and then the other part was if like say if the interest rate remains at what it is now, what kind of debt service ae we looking at? >> well, we're looking -- right now they are still talking about 4.5 percentage, you know, as far as debt.\r\n\r\nAgain, I don't know

what that will be. Now we're still, budget is still working on the numbers as far as what cip needs will be. So in addition to that \$100 million that we know we have got to cover in bonds, because of the cash that we have already spent and we have to cover that cip, we're also -- we would have to add whatever the budget director is ultimately with the administration is saying that they need in cip. So that hasn't been finalized yet. So I wouldn't be able to give you a number at this point in time, until after budget is finalized. >> okay. But the interest rate is at 4.5 right now? <br><br>> it's approximately. That is kind of the number they are giving us. They are saying give or take 4.5 percent. It could be a little less, it could be a little more. That is assuming tax-exempt, okay? If it's taxable, it would be a little more. But again, we don't know.<br><br>Right now there's a lot of push by the republicans to eliminate tax-exempt bonds. From what we hear from our advisors they don't think it will go through. They are looking everywhere and closing shop everywhere as we know and seeing what the current events are. So who knows what they will do to save some money? I don't know. Our advisors seem to think it probably won't happen, because so much governmental entities and other organizations will probably do a lot of lobbying, hard to say. >> and this is the new advisors not the ones that we had before the munchin something something folks?<br><br>> oh, you mean -- yes. The bond advisor now is different. It's a new bond advisor and our municipal advisor is also different, but he has been here before. Columbia advisors. Columbia capital. >> so the advice we're getting now is from our new bond counsel and advisor. >> yes.<br><br>> thank you. I didn't mean to hog. I will yield to my colleagues. >> any more questions? Vice-chair sugimura. >> great discussion. And bill 15 when it comes to my committee, we can talk about all of this.<br><br>It's very involved. Thank you. >> thank you. And one of the questions I will have, deputy finance director, is with this, like you said \$100 million to cover, and all the other projects that we don't know all of the projects that have been or are going to be deferred, or not done as a result -- which lends itself to all of this carry-over savings. Carry-over savings is coming from someplace, so we need to know which projects are not going forward as a result. And when we do take up bill 15, maria, okay? >> yes.<br><br>Yes. >> okay. Thank you. Any other comments or questions? If not, all those in favor of the motion to pass bills 13 and 14 on first reading please raise your hand and say aye. Nine ayes, zero nos, motion carrying MS. Clerk.<br><br>> chair for referral to the government relations, ethics, and transparency committee is bill 15 (2025) A bill for an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2025 budget for the county of maui estimated revenues, department of finance, countywide costs and capital improvement projects, department of management countywide. >> members, any objections to referring this matter to the budget committee? No. No objections, so ordered. MS. Clerk. >> chair, under ordinances for second and final reading bill 14 [#1250 -789/] A bill for an ordinance amending the fy'20 that budget for the county of maui appendix a, part 1 department of police, state and federal assets forfeiture program.<br><br>> vice-chair sugimura. >> chair, if there's no objections MAY he please request the clerk call up bill 5 and bill 6 (2025). >> no objections, so ordered. Many clerk. >> chair, before you is bill 4, (2025) A bill for an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2025 budget for the county of maui appendix a, part one department of management private donations and -- a bill for an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2025 budget for the county of maui department of housing housing program general. >> vice-chair sugimura. >> I move to pass on second and final read. >> motion moved by vice-chair sugimura and seconded by pro tem yama to pass bills 4, 5 and on second and final reading.<br><br>Discussion, vice-chair sugimura. >> no further discussion. >> all those in favor of motion, raise your hand, say aye. >> aye. >> nine ayes, zero nos, motion carries. >> thank you, members. A. Men.<br><br>> have a great weekend. Aloha! Meeting adjourned