

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

March 14, 2019

Council Chamber

CONVENE: 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member (in 9:24 a.m.)
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member (out 11:52 a.m.)
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member (in 9:13 a.m.)

STAFF: Leslee Matthews, Legislative Analyst
Christy Chung, Legislative Analyst (trainee)
Alison Stewart, Legislative Analyst (trainee)
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

Zhantell Lindo, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Michele M. Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor (EDB-157(4), EDB-25, EDB-2(1))
Ruth Griffith, Senior Services Division Administrator, Department of Housing and Human Concerns (EDB-157(4))
Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works (EDB-25)
Nolly Yagin, Civil Engineer VI, Department of Public Works (EDB-25)
Joseph Pontanilla, Community Development Block Grant Program Manager, Office of the Mayor (EDB-2(1), EDB-24(3))
Maria Zielinski, Director, Office of Council Services (EDB-24(1))
Nicole Kahinu, Council Services Clerk, Office of Council Services (EDB-24(1))
Deidre Tegarden, Administrative Assistant II, Office of the Mayor (EDB-24(7))
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Cesar Gaxiola, Executive Director, J. Walter Cameron Center (EDB-2(1))

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Monique Yamashita, Executive Director, Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resources Centers (EDB-2(1))
Mark Souza, Director of Maintenance and Engineering, Hale Makua (EDB-2(1))
Others (10)

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . (*gavel*) . . . Aloha kakahiaka kakou!

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 'Elua minuke i ka hala o ka hola 'eiwa, ma ka umikumaha o Malaki, i ka makahiki 'elua kaukani umikamaeiwa. E 'olu'olu mai, e ho'omalu ke Komike Ho'omohala Waiwai me Mo'ohelu Kālā. 'O wau ka Iku Ha'i o keia komike, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I keia la, me ko kakou, eia Committee Vice-Chair Kelly King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Committee Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Committee Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha kakahiaka, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Committee Member Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Committee Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. And Committee Member Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. I received calls from both Member Riki Hokama and Yuki Lei Sugimura that they will be about 15 to 20 minutes late today. So, they'll be joining us later. Oh, I'll translate. So, it's 9:02 when I called this meeting to order on March 14th, and we have quorum so I will ask everyone to silence

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their devices and with us we have representatives from the Administration for our pre-budget session presentations. We have Budget Director Michele Yoshimura. Aloha. Jeff Ueoka from Deputy...our Deputy Corp. Counsel, Corporation Counsel.

MR. UEOKA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Our Committee Staff, Leslee Matthews --

MS. MATTHEWS: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and Yvette Bouthillier, and with us our two new Legislative Analysts, Alison Stewart and Christy Chung. Aloha. Okay. And on the phone, we have our District Offices. Okay, so we do have quite a hefty agenda today, but don't worry, I won't keep you past 12:00, promise. We have 12 items on today's agenda. The first three are, should be relatively quick. They're grants, EDB-157(4) relating to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns Home Delivered Meal Program; EDB-25, Amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget: Department of Public Works (Countywide Federal Aid Program); EDB-2(1) Community Development Block Grant Program; EDB-1 relating to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui, and if Members have no objection I would like to move that to the end of today's agenda.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And then we have pre-budget session presentations from the Community Development Block Grant Program, from the Office of Counsel Services, from the Office of the Mayor, the Office of Economic Development, the Office of the County Clerk, the Office of the County Auditor, Department of Management, and the Department of Finance. I'm thinking we'll likely get to maybe Office of Counsel Services or Office of the Mayor today. Okay, so let's begin with public testimony on all items.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Testimony will be limited to the items on the agenda. To testify, please sign up with Staff. Testimony is limited to three minutes and upon request up to one minute to conclude. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name and who you are representing. Please, also indicate if you are a paid lobbyist. So, let's first check in with our District Offices. Ms. Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros with the Hana Office, could you please call your first testifier?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka.

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MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: This is Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros from the Hana Office, and there is no one here waiting to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Ms. Denise Fernandez with the Lanai Office, could you please call your first testifier?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MS. FERNANDEZ: This is Denise Fernandez on Lanai and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Ms. Zhantell Lindo with the Molokai Office, would you please call your first testifier?

MS. LINDO: Aloha, Chair. This is Zhan at the Molokai District Office. There is no one here to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Ms. Matthews, will you please call our first testifier here in the Chamber?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our first testifier signed up to testify is Cesar Gaxiola testifying on behalf of the Cameron Center on EDB-2(1).

MR. GAXIOLA: Chair --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MR. GAXIOLA: --aloha. Councilmembers, good morning. My name is Cesar Gaxiola and I'm the Executive Director of the J. Walter Cameron Center. I represent a 12-member board of directors that is comprised of a diverse group of community-minded Maui residents who volunteer their time and expertise to help guide the management of the center and ensure that it continues to benefit the overall community by providing low-cost office and program space for non-profits and flexible meeting space for many public service programs, workshops, and special events. Currently, there are 17 agencies located at the center and each year over 30,000 people benefit from the services provided and the meetings conducted at this unique one-stop community service facility. Over the past several years, the center's board of directors and staff have faced challenge of securing the resources necessary to accomplish major improvement projects in order to ensure the continued viability of the center's facility and complex. We are proud to report that over the last eight years the center has been able to secure over \$7 million in grant funds to support facility improvements. Some of the funding sources are \$2.85 million from the State GIA, \$1.5 million from the Weinberg Foundation, the USDA Rural Development, and many more grants from the State and local private foundations. We are also proud to acknowledge that the County has been a key funding source with the allocation of funds from the CDBG program and annual line-items to help fill funding gaps. Every year the Center

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actively pursues and has been very successful in securing funding resources from non-County sources to support our improvement program, but we also continue to rely on the County as our principal partner in ensuring that the center continues to benefit the community we serve. When the County invest in the center, you are helping us maintain low monthly assessments that enable 17 agencies to operate more efficiently and provide critical services to thousands of Maui residents each year. The grant we are requesting this year represents an investment in the future by helping to ensure the continued viability of this important community service facility. Thank you for your support.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members...Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha. Thank you for being here today. I just had a quick question. You guys can, do you have the...what is the max capacity if...and do you allow community evening meetings at your facility?

MR. GAXIOLA: Max capacity for meetings?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: A community meeting if you allow it.

MR. GAXIOLA: We do. We do. We have a lot of canoe clubs and baseball clubs, and you know, that kind of thing. They come and join us. Over the year we have between 800 to 1,000 meetings, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What is the capacity for one meeting?

MR. GAXIOLA: Oh, I see. The room. It goes from 20 up to 120.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And what do you charge?

MR. GAXIOLA: It depends. We have non-profit groups, and then from time to time, we may have a private entity and then the fee for them is much higher.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Would you let the County hold one there?

MR. GAXIOLA: The County?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Right.

MR. GAXIOLA: Yes. Yeah, the County usually comes and host meetings in there.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And what is the fee if the County holds a meeting there?

MR. GAXIOLA: It would depend on the size, but I believe, it can go from like \$50 if I remember, but I can get back on the exact rates.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thanks.

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MR. GAXIOLA: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member, mahalo, Member Paltin. Mr. Molina and then Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning, Mr. Gaxiola, and always good to see you. Again, just to clarify which item were you testifying on this morning? Is it that the community...

MR. GAXIOLA: Community Development Block Grant.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Right.

MR. GAXIOLA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And then you folks are, got approved?

MR. GAXIOLA: We got recommended, yes, by the Mayor for \$150,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: A hundred fifty thousand. Okay.

MR. GAXIOLA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. GAXIOLA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's all. Thank you, Chair. I was just going to confirm that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: The figure in here 150,252.

MR. GAXIOLA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, that's adequate for...is that what you asked for or did you ask for more?

MR. GAXIOLA: We asked for \$198,000, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Do you feel like you can get the balance of that from another source?

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MR. GAXIOLA: We'll I guess apply it to some of the foundations and see if we can get the rest. It's for fire alarm system, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so there's a list of things in here and you'll be able to do up to 150,000 worth of...it's not like it's a project that has to have the full funding?

MR. GAXIOLA: Well, it is actually, it is the, it is a specific project and the estimates that we got was for that amount.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I just wanted to ascertain if you were going to still be able to move forward with the project if you are short on the funding.

MR. GAXIOLA: I believe so.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. GAXIOLA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You'll find it somewhere else?

MR. GAXIOLA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. GAXIOLA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. Thank you for being here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hi, this is not for the speaker, it's for you, a question for you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm going to first acknowledge Member Yuki Lei --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Sugimura Member joining us.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Yes, Ms. Lee? Oh, or question for the testifier or for me?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, for you, but you can stay there and listen if you want to. I would ask that for future testifiers that they let us know specifically what they're asking for in dollars even though it's not final, yeah --

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MR. GAXIOLA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --with the Administration and what it is for.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Because sometimes when they give a lot of background and they don't get to that part right away, you sort of lose them. So, if they said that at the beginning that would be real helpful. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee.

MR. GAXIOLA: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, I just wanted to share that there was the \$150,252, and then under the alternatives, I believe, they had the extra 47,748.

MR. GAXIOLA: Yes. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

MR. GAXIOLA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Members, any...Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes. Thank you, Chair. So, what percent of your overall budget is covered by the County?

MR. GAXIOLA: Yeah, just this grant or any grants that we might receive by the County. So, we have our operations budget and then anything that we apply for grants it goes strictly into implementation projects that will be for capital improvements in the facility.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, what percentage of your budget is being funded by the County of that particular funding?

MR. GAXIOLA: Boy, if I would take this 150,000 and compare it to my current budget, I would say this is probably about 10 percent.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

MR. GAXIOLA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Members, any other questions? Alright. Mahalo, Mr. Gaxiola.

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MR. GAXIOLA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews, will you please call our next testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our next testifier signed up to testify is Monique Yamashita testifying on EDB-2(1) on behalf of Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers.

MS. YAMASHITA: Good morning, Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MS. YAMASHITA: --and Councilmembers. My name is Monique Yamashita and I'm the Executive Director for Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers and Hale Makana O Waiale on the island of Maui. I'm here today to let you know that I am so grateful for our agency, that we have received County CDB [sic] funding in the past, and we actually applied again and we have been recommended by the CDBG program for further funding. What we've asked for is--so I'm going to follow Councilmember Lee's recommendation--we asked for \$615,783 to do a repair and renovation of one of our buildings at our homeless shelter in Central on Waiale Road. This building has 16 units of studios that are being used for our families who are or were homeless. Our homeless shelter has been operating on Maui for over 20 years and we've been able to assist hundreds of men, women, families and children over the years to offer them shelter, to get them out of homelessness, and to offer them a roof over their heads with the goal of assisting them to get into permanent housing. You can imagine with that many families coming in and out of our buildings, the wear and tear is much more than normal, than any other facility might face. And so, this is why we apply for CDBG funding and we've had it in the past so we're just extremely thankful and grateful for this program. Without it, it's likely that we wouldn't be able to do these types of repairs and really what our goal is and I know what the County cares about as much as we do, is offering a place that's safe and viable for our families. That give them dignity and give them just pride in the place that they get to live and so we're very grateful for the CDBG funding that comes in. I'm also thankful to the CDBG staff, to program manager Joe Pontanilla, Dawn Lincoln Viela and Dayna Baz for how they operate the CDBG program. They are extremely professional. Their care for the clients and compliance is upmost. So, I just want to give a shout out to them and thank that Department because they're amazing and what I also know is they also care about our community members as much as our agency does and as much as the County Council does. So, again, just thank you so much. That's what I'm here for today, to ask you to please approve the resolution to pass this recommendation onto the full Council. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Chair King?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I just wanted to see if we could, if folks coming and testifying on their grant because there's multiple funding under here, if we could just ask them to be resources for later, so that we don't have to get too much into the weeds, and we can move through this very ambitious agenda as quick as possible.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yamashita? Okay, and then Mr. Gaxiola, would you be able to stay to be a resource person? Okay, great. Okay and then, Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, I have a quick weed question. Ms. Yamashita, with Hale Makana, do people actually want to move up to the next step or they're just content to stay where they are?

MS. YAMASHITA: No, some people do. So, some would rather move out, maybe their families have become smaller and they don't need a three-bedroom unit any longer so they might want to move out or the opposite. We have seen some individuals with a HUD voucher who may not want to stay at Hale Makana and they might be able to get a single-family rental Upcountry. So, there are families that want to move up and out of Hale Makana.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, you would welcome and appreciate if the County were to provide more rental housing for the next step as a part of a continuum of services?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes, ma'am, absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

MS. YAMASHITA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Members, any further questions? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So, thank you for being here, and thank you for all that you really contribute to our community.

MS. YAMASHITA: Oh, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Is it 12 units or 16 units that you're...

MS. YAMASHITA: Sixteen. Did I get that wrong?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, on the write-up it says 12 unless if I'm looking at the wrong place. Okay, more the better. Sixteen.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And we can get further clarification during the presentation.

MS. YAMASHITA: I'm sorry. No, I have them. I'm sorry I was so nervous.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Pontanilla is here, and he will be presenting on these as well. It's okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any other questions? Mahalo, Ms. Yamashita.

MS. YAMASHITA: Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews, will you please call our next testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. The next testifier signed up to testify is Mark Souza testifying on behalf of Hale Makua.

MR. SOUZA: Good morning, Chair --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MR. SOUZA: --Council. Thank you for having me. I'm here to testify for your support for actually two projects for the CDBG. One is a boiler project for our Kahului facility. As you may be aware, Hale Makua is a long-term nursing care facility. We have 245 long-term beds plus other programs. We had two boilers originally set up. One of them has failed. Due to the age and availability of parts we haven't been able to get it up and working properly. It's time to replace it so that's what this funding is for. The request is for \$250,000 and that should be sufficient to complete the project. If there are any shortcomings, that would come out of our operating budget. The second one is to extend the life of our roof at the Wailuku facility. The cost on that is 204,500. Again, we feel that is adequate to complete the project. The existing roofing system that's on the building is 14 years old. It is beyond its life expectancy, and to maintain the safety and preserve the building as much as we can, that is why we need to do that at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Souza, and will you be able to stay with us to act as a resource person?

MR. SOUZA: I could.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Okay, Members, do you have any questions for Mr. Souza? Okay, seeing none, mahalo for your testimony.

MR. SOUZA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews, will you please call our next testifier?

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MS. MATTHEWS: Madam Chair, there is no one else signed up in the Chamber to testify, and I have not received a notification from our District Offices about any additional testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, seeing no others wishing to testify this morning, if there are no objections I will now close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

ITEM 157(4): AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX A, GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES - SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES BY DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 (DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS (HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM)) (CC 18-247)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, the first item on today's agenda is to amend Appendix A Part I, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for Department of Housing and Human Concerns by...do we have Miss...sorry, and we'll call up our representative from Department of Housing and Human Concerns. So yeah. So, it's amending the Fiscal Year Budget, 2019 Budget by increasing the appropriation entitled, Home Delivered Meals Program by \$42,207. The Home Delivered Meals Program receives voluntary contributions from program participants and the funds are used for personnel costs. Let's see.

MS. GRIFFITH: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Councilmembers. Ruth Griffith, I'm the Senior Services Administrator for Kaunoa Senior Services. So, the proposed bill to amend Appendix A, Part I is to increase the appropriation amount of \$55,793 by an additional \$42,207 for a total appropriation of \$98,000 as we are expecting an increase in voluntary contributions this year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Griffith. Budget Director Yoshimura, do you have anything that you would like to add at this time?

MS. YOSHIMURA: No, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. And I'd like to acknowledge Member Riki Hokama. Mahalo for joining us. Okay, Members, at this time I will now open the floor for questions. Okay. Vice-Chair King?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. Thank you. Just to clarify, so this is not Carryover/Savings or anything, it's just you're expecting donations of this amount?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Griffith?

MS. GRIFFITH: That is correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Do you already have, is it one source because that's a pretty specific amount?

MS. GRIFFITH: The 98,000?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, the 42...2,000...\$42,207.

MS. GRIFFITH: Chair? We are expecting a little under 98,000. So --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

MS. GRIFFITH: --but it's just a balancing figure to make that up to \$98,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay the 98 is the total that you're expecting?

MS. GRIFFITH: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

MS. GRIFFITH: That's correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And you have sources identified already that are, have promised those amounts?

MS. GRIFFITH: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Griffith?

MS. GRIFFITH: This is, we're tracking the amount that, of voluntary contributions throughout the year. So, we're on track at this point to collect the \$98,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay. So, if you don't get it, what would happen? Is that a commitment of the County to fill in?

MS. GRIFFITH: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Griffith?

MS. GRIFFITH: No. Not at all.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. GRIFFITH: That's just the expected. We are budgeted by the County to cover all costs. It's just an additional amount that we are expecting to collect this year which we are fortunate enough to be expected to collect this year.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Members, any other questions? Okay. Members, the Chair will entertain a motion to recommend passage of the proposed bill entitled A Bill for an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the County of Maui as it Pertains to Appendix A, Part I, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs, Department of Housing and Human Concerns (Home Delivered Meal Program) on first reading; incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions; and any adjustments required by prior amendments to the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Committee Vice-Chair King and seconded by Member Lee. Discussion on the motion? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed? Motion passes with nine "ayes," and zero "noes," and zero excused.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: FIRST READING of bill by C.R.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for being with us this morning, Ms. Griffith. I will now call the representatives for the Department of Public Works up please. Thank you.

**ITEM 25: AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (COUNTYWIDE
FEDERAL AID PROGRAM) (CC 19-83)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The next item on today's agenda is a housekeeping matter to amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Appendix C by revising the various projects listed in the project description under Federal Highways Administration, Federal Aid and other transportation grants to add "Old Haleakala Highway traffic signal upgrade at Pukalani Street," which is funded in Federal Fiscal Year 2019; and delete "Papalaua Street traffic and Wainee Street traffic signal upgrades" which has been deferred to Federal Fiscal Year 2020. Deputy Director Dagdag-Andaya of Public Works, will you please provide the Committee information about this item?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay. Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Again for the record, Rowena Dagdag-Andaya . . .*(speaks in Hawaiian)*. . . Nolly Yagin from the Department of Public Works Engineering Division.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Aloha. So, this morning's item on, for this next item on the agenda, we are proposing to add the Old Haleakala Highway traffic signal upgrade at Pukalani Street into Federal fiscal, or Fiscal Year '19 Budget, and then replacing it, actually deleting an existing project listed under Fiscal Year '19 entitled Papalaua Traffic and Wainee Street Traffic Signal Upgrades. This is, it's basically just switching the two and, from one Federal fiscal year to another. These are for construction funds, and Nolly this morning can answer some technical questions that you might have regarding this item.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Budget Director Yoshimura, anything to add?

MS. YOSHIMURA: No, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Members, any questions? Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Chair. I guess a question for Mr. Yagin, and, you know, I have a lot of...although Pukalani is not my district it's more of Ms. Sugimura's, but we get a lot of Makawao people that go through Pukalani. So, I'm sure they'd like to know, get some information about what exactly is this

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upgrade, and is this the signal that's by closer to Pukalani Superette or is that the one further one down by more towards the Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Administration?

MR. YAGIN: Thanks for the question. So, yeah it is the intersection near the community center and Pukalani Terrace Shopping Center. So, the upgrade actually takes the existing controller's mass arm, all the hardware and basically just bring it up to standard. Maybe the most major change here is the existing controllers are basically considered collector items, and so parts are not available at all, and we'd like to bring it up so that we can actually communicate with these signals.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, we got to get us into the 21st Century or 22nd Century whatever okay. So, any anticipation on the date, well as soon as the parts come in then...

MR. YAGIN: So, we do have an approval deadline of May 31st, and so once we get the project obligated, we do have another deadline of 180 days to start construction. So, we're looking at possibly November to start.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: November. Okay. Alright. I'm sure we'll have a community meeting or two prior to that. So, it's just something I'd like to pass on to the community in case they ask yeah, FYI. Thank you.

MR. YAGIN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: If I could?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, continuing on with the conversation. Appreciate that, as yes, it is a very kind of a busy street, that Old Haleakala Highway with improvements to come. So, will the community see any changes or any...would we notice, would they notice the upgrade once it happens?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Yagin?

MR. YAGIN: Yes. So, some of the upgrades that they might, that they should notice is one we'll relook the timing. So, another capability of this is that we will fit it with detectors that will have the ability to detect motorcycles, bicycles. Typically, we have in-ground loops so those don't pick up the lighter vehicles, these will. Another one is we, the new controller should be able to communicate with our baseyard. So, if there are updates to the timing that we need, we could do it remotely instead of sending people

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up there to go play around with the timing. Some other upgrades are if you notice we have, maybe, three intersections that have that flashing yellow, and so that's something we'll institute in this signal as well.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, just a general question. This is all good. So, are you planning on upgrading more traffic lights as the years go on or do you have a schedule to do that?

MR. YAGIN: Yeah, so we're...our...a while ago our goal was to always upgrade one intersection per year. We have, I think, about three more intersections that have these outdated controllers and so we need to get rid of those first and then within the next year or two, we hope to upgrade the controllers at our remaining 20-something intersections, 20 to 30 intersections. So, there are changes coming up.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. YAGIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Committee Vice-Chair King and then Member Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. So, if you do find one of those collectors, I hope you get good money for our old parts, but I just have a question about why we're moving the Papalaua Street project to the next year. Is it not ready or are there traffic studies to be done, or, you know, what is the reasoning? So, Ms. Councilmember Paltin can tell her community why we're switching projects.

MR. YAGIN: Yeah, so the main reason is that the Papalaua and Wainee intersection, the elevation, we're practically at sea level, and so to put in foundations that are about 13 feet deep, there is some water issues that we got to deal with. There is protection of, we've never dug down that deep so we do need to protect the area a little better. We are on the border of the Historic District so we kind of need to be a little more careful of that area as well. So, as far as permitting, we found that it might be a little problematic in the area, so we wanted to give it a little more time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, and I'm glad you're factoring the sea level issues into that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Hokama, and then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. We take notice that this is according to the Federal year, fiscal year? Is there a reason why?

MR. YAGIN: Yeah, I know they're a little offset like the...it's just that's the way we've been always programming it. So, we try to match it up with our CIP year. I hope that answers.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, I just want to know, what is the advantage for you to start one within October 1st fiscal year under the Feds versus the County's July 1st fiscal year?

MR. YAGIN: Yeah, I don't know.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Yagin?

MR. YAGIN: I actually don't know any of it, any advantage for us. It actually becomes a coordination issue for trying to match up County funding and Federal funding, but it's no advantage. It's something that we just work with.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: It's just how we've done it.

MR. YAGIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, because there's this Federal component, does the MPO play any role in this project?

MR. YAGIN: Yeah, so the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy...

MR. YAGIN: So, the projects actually are, do need to go through the MPO process. The switch has been proposed to the MPO, and they have submitted it to the State for inclusion in the Statewide transportation plan. So, it has gone through the MPO.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, it's already on the STIP or it's not on the STIP?

MR. YAGIN: It's about to. It still needs to go through an approval process, but because it's basically a, not a change in, it's just an administrative change.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, so, and again, you know, I appreciate the good work you do yeah, Mr. Yagin. So, just so we understand with this new MPO component, the MPO approves this STIP project or does the State Department of Transportation have to approve the STIP project?

MR. YAGIN: So, the MPO actually vets and approves the project, and what I understand is that the State has to accept what the MPO approves for inclusion into their STIP. So, they basically just take what was approved by the MPO and puts it into their plan.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And that's because they have a Senator and a Rep sitting on our MPO?

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MR. YAGIN: I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Do you know the answer, Director?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, my understanding, actually for other MPOs typically you have input from State legislators. So, I know Oahu has, some other jurisdictions have that the same. When the MPO first started, I think, they just wanted to keep it small and ensure that the representation was there so that we wouldn't have any quorum issues, but as we have more projects dealing with, you know, State type of projects, I think, the MPO had decided, the policy board decided to, you know, add the other two positions on the policy board. One being from, one from the State House, and another from State Senate. As far as the, you know, advantages of Federal fiscal year, I think this is more just the timing issue because the two Federal fiscal year, Federal fiscal year and our fiscal year they somewhat they coincide at different times. So, in order for us to proceed with the project for this for the Old Haleakala Highway and still be able to utilize those Federal year funds, you know, we that's why we we're requesting to put these monies in our existing FY '19 Budget and then...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member...oh, sorry. Go ahead.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: And then defer Papalaua to FY 2020 or a later year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, as our representative on the MPO, was there something that you would like to add?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so I just wanted to comment that the MPO process, basically, is a way of us, well, it's a way of vetting, I would say, in the community. The Federal funds that we get along with State, and then looking at the County, looking at our whole transportation. So, what happens with MPO, is they take the suggestions from the department, the community, and vets it out in the community with these workshops that go on and of course, what the Department says is, with you know, Mr. Goode's as being on the board and we have DOT, Public Works, Planning directors that are on the board, policy board as well as three Members, myself, Shane Sinenci, and Tamara Paltin, and the policy board makes the approval, they basically approve what's on the STIP and then it goes to the DOT. Jade Butay from DOT, director, the DOT Director also sits with us and takes the information from what the policy board from Maui County comes up with or Maui comes up with, and then sends it to DOT which then goes on to the Legislature if appropriate, you know, their budget for appropriation. So, that's kind of the way that it happens, and Ms. Dagdag-Andaya is correct. The House and the Senate is a new addition to our policy board and I think our last meeting that we had was the first time that they were included, but I value their input because of what they're doing right now is budget at the Legislature and they were able to provide us valuable information at our first meeting, at their first meeting with us. I look forward to that. You know, closer ties, I think, will help us in the long run.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I think Deputy Director wanted to add something really quickly, and then back to...

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, I can defer to -

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --Member Hokama for his question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I'm just wondering. So, the State, advantage for us with the Senator and Representative on policy, they were talking about what, State monies available for us, for our projects?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: If there's State monies yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Their portion, right?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, because...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And then the match, right? You always know that there is a match.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, the President has unique attitudes about matching funds. So, but the key is we authorizing surface transportation okay. We going into what we call surface II, as we push through surface trans I in 2015 for six years authorization. We already working on reauthorization because normally it takes, it'll take more than two years more than likely. So, my thing, is the President has talked to up to a trillion dollars for infrastructure for the country. Okay, sometimes it goes down to the B's but, you know, he started off at the trillion-dollar level. Are you going after some of those monies to take care of these Federal project funded needs of this County?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair? Just to clarify the question, you're asking if we're --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Already --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --already...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --going for those pots of money that the President, the Secretary of Transportation has mentioned publicly many times? So, my thing is, you know, whether it's an opportunity zone through tax credits, US DOT grants or project

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funding, what are we doing to get that dollars to minimize the County's need to ante up additional dollars?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So, for this project, it's funding that has already been appropriated or allocated, I guess, to us. We've already...the MPO in working with State Department of Transportation has already, you know, created that formula for Federal Fiscal Year '19 and so this project is basically just, we're just taking Papalaua, or Old Haleakala Highway from a future year and inserting it into the existing year and taking Papalaua out of this year and putting it into a future year. So, there's no additional funding. It's already existing funding that's there. I hope that answers your question, otherwise...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: My thing is let's not miss the boat on this big fragile pot because state DOTs are going to go after it guarantee, but the counties have a great opportunity because we're at the table writing the reauthorization language, and my thing is you guys got to help us make us aware of the projects we need to be looking at to fund so we can give our proper input to ensure our position is secure at D.C.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes, absolutely, Councilmember, and that's where the MPO --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chair?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --is...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Sorry, I apologize for interrupting, but can we get back to the...you know, I think we're spending a lot of time straying off --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --you know, on the long-term, yeah, and I just await your recommendation. No disrespect to anybody. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, no. I appreciate that, Mr. Molina, because my last thing is, you know, the State's looking at making intersections with stop lights be able to tag drivers again, right, on red lights. So, this is going to be able to handle all that requirements with this new technology?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Yagin?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Because I support that, this proposed law.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Yagin?

MR. YAGIN: Yeah, so these new signals are actually identical to what the State has been installing on their intersections. So, it is kind of the top-of-the-line controllers.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Great. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Hokama. Member Paltin, Committee Vice-Chair King, and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I didn't want to stray off topic, but I was looking at the Granicus 1983 and I just was wondering, are we allowed to ask question on 1A and if that is the Kahananui drainage basin, and if it's not appropriate at this time, if you can like transmit to me the update?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No. No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Is that...I don't...it's not...I don't know if that's an agenda item for today so I'm not sure if that...

VICE-CHAIR KING: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I think that...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, it was on the Granicus that's why.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's not an agenda item.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it's just, it's the Old Haleakala Highway traffic signal to Papalaua signal. Deputy Director?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, but it's not...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it's not on the agenda, so.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: The agenda item is for Papalaua and Old Haleakala Highway. So, I don't know if that would be a...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll discuss that at another meeting or we can, I can ask...

VICE-CHAIR KING: You know, Chair, you know, just as a point of order, it might be on this list along with the other ones, but it's not the directive for this object, and if we start getting in to all these things on this list --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: --we will get to nothing else on your agenda. So, I'd ask that we would maybe if it's a concern to put it on as a County communication, bring it up as a separate item later.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or just get back to me at a later time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, if the Committee would like to prepare a letter that we can answer, we would be more than happy to do that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You got it. Okay, we'll do that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you, Chair. Just to follow up on the previous, I think, you know, I just wanted to clarify that, I believe, the State Legislature has to still approve the way the monies are spent even if they come in through the Federal government, correct? And that was one of the original, the impetus behind bringing them onto the MPO committee. So, I just wanted to make sure that we can go ahead with this switch and these projects and we don't have to get any additional approval besides today. Do we still need State approval to change out these projects or not?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: That's something that Nolly and I had discussed this morning and we don't anticipate having to come back again for...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, not to us, but do you have to go to the State?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I think it just gets transmitted and it becomes part of the --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --or accepted as part of the State's STIP.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay, I just wanted to make sure about the process here. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any other questions? Okay. The Chair will entertain a motion to recommend passage of the proposed bill entitled A Bill for an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget for the County of Maui as it

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Pertains to Appendix C - Capital Improvement Projects, Department of Public Works, Countywide, Countywide Federal Aid Program on first reading; incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions; and any adjustments required by prior amendments to the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget; and filing of County Communication 19-83.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So moved. Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Committee Chair King and seconded by Member Kama. Any discussion?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Vice-Chair King.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did I call you Chair? Seeing no discussion, all those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed? The motion passes with nine "ayes," zero "noes," and zero excused.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: FIRST READING of bill and **FILING** of communication by C.R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Yagin and Ms. Dagdag-Andaya, for being here.

ITEM 2(1): COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") PROGRAM (PROGRAM YEAR 2019/FISCAL YEAR 2020: JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020) (CC 19-84)

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll now call Mr. Joe Pontanilla up to the front for our next agenda item. Our third agenda item is the consideration of a resolution to authorize the filing of an application with HUD indicating the recommended projects and amounts for the CDBG funding for program year 2019 which is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. CDBG Program Manager Joseph Pontanilla, will you please provide the Committee information about this item? Okay, I'm going to call a quick recess for technical issues. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

RECESS: 9:49 a.m.
RECONVENE: 9:54 a.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(gavel)* . . . I will call, I will now call our Economic Development and Budget meeting back to order. It is 9:54 on March 14, 2019. We are on EDB-2(1), and if there are no objections by the Members, I would also like to call up EDB-24(3) which is the CDBG pre-budget presentation for discussion purposes.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

ITEM 24(3): PRE-BUDGET SESSION PRESENTATION (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Okay, Mr. Pontanilla...oh and also we have the resolution from Mr. Pontanilla and on Page 2 you'll find the list of recommended projects with the amounts that are recommended. Okay, Mr. Pontanilla. Oh, one last thing and just as a recommendation, just as a reminder these this is Federal funding so this is not funding that's coming out from the County's General Fund. Okay. Mr. Pontanilla?

MR. PONTANILLA: Thank you and good morning, Chairman Rawlins-Fernandez and Members of the County Council. I'm Joe Pontanilla, the CDBG Program Manager. The CDBG Program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The CDBG Program is one of the longest continuously run programs at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Maui County has participated in the program since its inception in 1974. The purpose of the program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons. HUD CDBG regulations require recipients to carry out the activities in a timely manner, thus ensuring low- and moderate-income persons are assisted. The standard requires grantees to be at 1.5 timeliness ratio 60 days prior to the end of our program year. On the test day of May 2, 2018, we achieved a timeliness ratio for program year '21...2017 and the ratio was 1.32. The annual test will be conducted on May 2, 2019 for our program here 2018 --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Pontanilla?

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MR. PONTANILLA: --which is your Fiscal Year 2019.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Pontanilla?

MR. PONTANILLA: Yes?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry for interrupting, but if you keep your mouth about a hand length away from the mic, when you make the "p" sound it won't be so loud. Mahalo.

MR. PONTANILLA: Thank you. It's been a while. Well, anyway, the next annual test day will be conducted on May 2, 2019 again, for our program year 2018, which is your Fiscal Year 2019. This year, HUD noted that the completion of several CDBG funded projects which includes Ka Hale A Ke Ola staircase safety initiative, Mental Health Kokua Iao House rehabilitation, Molokai expanded rural bus service A and B, Lahaina Surf Preservation, and the Maui Farm rehabilitation. In all, during program year 2017, the CDBG Program expended approximately \$1.5 million on 15 projects. Prior to the preparation for program year 2019, a series of public hearings were held to solicit input on community needs. In our effort to encourage comments and views from low- and moderate-income persons the County held public hearings in low- and moderate-income communities including Hana, Molokai, and Lanai. Public hearings were held in Haiku, Wailuku, Lahaina, Kihei, and Upcountry. Prior to the public hearings, a public notice was published in *The Maui News* and a mass e-mail notifying to the non-profit organizations in our County. We believe that this effort made a positive impact on the number and quality application received for program year 2019. Also, I've met with majority of the Councilmembers and discussed the projects that were selected for funding as well as the alternate projects that potentially could be funded should funds becomes available. Consistent with the evaluation and selection procedures maintained by the CDBG Office the recommended projects were selected via an open, competitive application process and panel evaluation followed by the approval of the Mayor. The five members and one alternate evaluation selection panel utilized for the RFP process include a diverse group of individuals with various backgrounds and expertise that represents the County well. They include Pat Matsumoto from Central Pacific Bank, Angie Haramoto she's a retired accountant, Rudy Balinbin he's a retired First Hawaiian Bank Vice-President. Maui County Council Members also sit on the committee, Michael Molina, thank you very much, and Gay Sibonga of Maui Economic Opportunity. Linda Munsell of Housing and Human Services serve as the alternate. The open application process, the structured rating methodology utilizing pre-evaluation success factors and scoring parameters for each application questions combined with the independent evaluation by the panel established an equitable objective and credible approach for selection of projects. Given our stringent and comprehensive evaluation and selection system, we cannot, and are not able to arbitrarily select a type of project over the other. The funding proposal presented in this CDBG resolution for consideration and approval is based on an objective and fair process. The following projects were considered for funding in 2019 program, your Fiscal Year 2020, Hale Mahaolu, Lahaina Surf Preservation, Hale

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Makua Kahului boiler upgrade, Hale Makua Wailuku roof resurfacing and recoating, Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center project Phase II building six, Cameron Center rehabilitation and improvement project, CDBG Program administration. The alternates are J. Walter Cameron Center on their rehabilitation and improvements project, Maui Family Support Services, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hawaii, Hana Health, Women in Need, Boy and Girls Club of Maui Inc., Kaupo Community Association. With your approval we hope to file the County's application for program year 2019, your Fiscal Year 2020 to the Housing and Urban Development by May 15, 2019. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Pontanilla. Will you also please send a copy of that to the EDB Committee?

MR. PONTANILLA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura, would you like to add anything?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, thank you. No, nothing to add to that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members, I will now open the floor for questions. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Mr. Pontanilla, and we only see you about once a year in this capacity --

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --so forgive me if I ask you something I've asked you before, but on the item number six on the administration, that \$380,000 is that a formula? Is that arrived at by formula?

MR. PONTANILLA: Yes. For administration and planning for CDBG Office the recommendation by HUD is 20 percent of the total grant that is allotted to Maui County.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, and is that what we expend?

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We expend less or more? Okay.

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just wanted to bring it up because it's the second highest amount of all of these grants so, but I did recall that, I think, there's a formula for that. I just wanted to make sure that it wasn't a necessary formula that we need that to run this program.

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MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah, on the second item that, on CDBG project, you know, I've noted down the various expenditures of that \$380,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. PONTANILLA: And majority of them are salary and wages, as well as fringe as well and overhead.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so the fringe comes out of that too?

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah quite a lot.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Yeah. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hi, Joe.

MR. PONTANILLA: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Does the grant amount vary every year?

MR. PONTANILLA: It does. When I first started in CDBG the grant amount was 1.5, and we're up to 1.9. So, we've gotten \$100,000 more each program year.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What if you get 5 million?

MR. PONTANILLA: I wish was 5 million, 1.5.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just interesting. I think this is with Mike Molina being on the review panel, of course we all have to approve this, but and this probably never happens, what happens if the Council decides not to approve it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Pontanilla?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Just curious.

MR. PONTANILLA: Well, if the Council doesn't approve it, we had that issue back in 2015.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Really?

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MR. PONTANILLA: Then the program still continues, but, and the reason why I'm here because of the Charter indicating that any revenues that is received through grants need to be in the budget. So, you know, it identifies the \$1.9 million within your budget for the year. I know I didn't answer your question, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. You didn't.

MR. PONTANILLA: HUD has a different philosophy in, you know, back in 2015 when we had this issue, it was who overrides, you know, on this particular funding. I know the 1.9 or the 1.5 at that time needed to be in the County Charter because based on the Charter we had to come to the County and HUD, you know, indicated that we don't and, you know, we still have that battle, but for me, you know, coming to the County Council for approval because I look at the Charter as a bible.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, your answer is?

MR. PONTANILLA: The program still goes on.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, well we're going to probably approve all these wonderful suggestions, but if we didn't, it would still proceed.

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah, and the thing is too that whatever project is selected by the panel I cannot change it, Council cannot change it, the Mayor cannot change it because, you know, it makes it really fair when you have a panel that selects projects. All of the projects are good, but we have only so much money. I wish I had \$5 million like Member Lee had, you know...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Paltin, and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I think, this is an awesome list and the panel did an excellent job. I'm super stoked on the Hale Mahaolu, Lahaina Surf Preservation that's overdue, you know, just because in my...like I do community cleanups and stuff like that and sometimes we find construction debris. I was wondering if you knew the plan for the asbestos disposal, if they had a plan so that, you know, any kind of construction on the west side they're going to have to dispose it far, far away and just not putting any blame or anything, but just want to make sure that it doesn't end up in the fallow fields.

MR. PONTANILLA: For that particular project, we did rehabilitate ten units couple years back and the contractor, he's the only licensed contractor to do that for Maui County, and he still needs to go through the permitting process in order to do the rehabilitation to the ten units at Lahaina Surf two years back. So, yeah to take proper precaution in removing and disposing of asbestos.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, there's going to be tracking of the asbestos that it's disposed of properly?

MR. PONTANILLA: Our office doesn't track it, but I'm sure through the building permitting process, the County does, you know, make sure that it's disposed properly.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, great.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Since Member Sugimura brought up my name, I thought I'd share with the Committee about my role as a member of the panel. I don't know if Member Sugimura is aware of it, but her former colleague and Molokai Councilmember Ms. Crivello participated in the previous year's CDBG panel. So, this is based on past practice and I was asked by Mr. Pontanilla if I wanted to participate, and basically what it is, you have five panel members they just score and then the averages of the highest, I guess, scoring entities that are requesting funding, that's how it's determined. So, it's not like, at least what my role is, I like this project or whatever, it's not that. It's just you have a scoring sheet, a criteria and you go from there, and then the averages of all of the five panelists are added up, and then it's determined that, you know, who scored the highest. So, maybe to help answer Ms. Sugimura's question, if there's any uneasiness, but if there is uneasiness because I participated then I certainly will abstain if that's, you know --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --if that is something that the Committee feels. So, I just wanted to throw that out there, and then my other question, just the Women in Need Program, can we have a little bit more information on that from Mr. Pontanilla?

MR. PONTANILLA: On the what?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Women in Need Program, I guess, with their request.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Pontanilla?

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah. That's a new program that submitted an application, and it's supporting low/mod women in their daily activities, their lives, and I think, one of the things that they were supposed to do when they come to Maui to provide integrated case management, you know, and crisis management, also domestic violence advocacy for the homeless and low/mod income persons.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Molina. Would the Members like for Corp. Counsel to weigh in on whether Mr. Molina should recuse himself?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I was really trying to compliment him. So, I wasn't trying to infer that his opinion was not valid. My goodness.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It seems that if it was...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: But if he feels uncomfortable with my statement, go ahead, but I was just thinking more credit to the Council to have one of our Members, yeah, esteemed, especially a former teacher and you know, somebody who works from his heart. So, excuse me if I insulted you, Mr. Molina, but I was just trying to compliment you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, it was just full disclosure. Make sure everybody is aware as to my role, but thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Committee Vice-Chair King and then Member Lee.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, I have an issue with a conflict in this, but I was just kind of looking through some of the documentation. I don't really see, unless I'm looking at it and I don't understand what it is, but I don't see a copy of what that scoring sheet looks like. Do we have that?

MR. PONTANILLA: I don't have it with me. We try to keep it confidential.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It might be interesting too...yeah, but I mean just the blank scoring sheet. Can we see that or is that something that shouldn't be?

MR. PONTANILLA: Oh, yeah. Off the sample...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah. No, not anybody's particular.

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah, okay. Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: But it would be interesting to see just so that we know the objectivity. I don't have an issue. I don't think we need to hold anything up for it, but if --

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --you could send us a copy of that, that would be interesting.

MR. PONTANILLA: Okay, fine.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

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MR. PONTANILLA: I just want to make a comment. For next year, I'm going to be approaching Council Chair to submit a name to sit on the panel.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. PONTANILLA: That way, it makes it much fairer. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, you usually change the name every year?

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah, we could.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Alright.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. Member Lee and then Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, unless Member Molina lives at Hale Mahaolu or the homeless shelter, I don't see any personal gain from his participation, and therefore I don't see a need for an opinion from Corp. Counsel. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm really glad we're having a lot of time spent on this discussion, but truly it really was meant to be a compliment to Mr. Molina. So, we won't ask Corp. Counsel for an opinion because we got a heavy agenda.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you for taking me seriously, Mr. Molina.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. It's been interesting the metamorphosis of this program because Council used to pick the projects, okay. That's why it came to Council. And now here we are, we just rubber stamp somebody else's decision. I think that's the burn with the Council. Why do you need us if everything is set? I understand what the Charter says regarding the budget, but processing wise, this is a strange thing for even the Feds to ask us to do a review and approval of something. There's no decision actually to be made. So, is it because of abuse of the funds in the past? We did projects that wasn't appropriate?

MR. PONTANILLA: Well, the Federal government have criteria in regards to the program. When I first started in CDBG, the process that I'm going through right now is a process that I learned, previous to that that's something new to me. In regards to Council are the ones that select the projects, good question.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You know, I just and I understand the applicants here. That only non-profits and government qualify for CDBG funds.

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MR. PONTANILLA: Based on the criteria yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: By the Federal --

MR. PONTANILLA: By the Federal government.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --HUD Department.

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Does schools qualify?

MR. PONTANILLA: As far as I know, we haven't funded anything to the schools. We funded the County in regards to purchasing of equipment, fixing buildings if we need to, that's about the extent that I understand.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, you wouldn't present to us anything with a State connection then?

MR. PONTANILLA: State connection, I haven't seen any application come from the State government to ask for funding. Again, it's the local government that are requesting and are able to get funding from the Feds on this program.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I'm just thinking, you know, for us in the rural areas our educational component is a major factor yeah in our community's health. So, I'm just wondering if there was a possibility whether it be East Maui, Molokai, or Lanai. The State doesn't provide sufficient support for our schools. So, I'm just looking at ways of how we can reinforce additional outside support since it's not coming from the State.

MR. PONTANILLA: Yeah, I welcome that comment, and I'll go look at, you know, the possibilities if there is any.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Pontanilla.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You do a good job.

MR. PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Hokama. Ms. Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Pontanilla, I believe that the main purpose of these funds is to assist low-income and disadvantaged, disabled people. So, I don't

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believe the schools fit into that category, and as you can see from this list, it pretty much stays within those parameters yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Call for the question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. I have one question.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then I'll call for the question. Okay. Mr. Pontanilla, do you know if Ka Hale A Ke Ola sits on public land? We recently learned about opportunity zones and so I was just wondering if that would be something that they would qualify for?

MR. PONTANILLA: I think they sit on County land. I think it's County, County-owned land.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Just if I could just because I sat in a session at the recent NACo it's really not about County land. The opportunity zones is about geographic areas that are, you know, underserved or impoverished or in need, and so it's about private investment and those areas getting tax credits. So, I don't think that that ties in with the CDBG because that's Federal funding grants, and what the opportunity zones is trying to get economic development in those areas, but it doesn't have anything to do with who owns the land. It's just the geographic areas.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. I will now call for the question. Okay, the Chair will entertain a motion to recommend adoption of the proposed bill entitled Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, United States of America, for a Grant Under the Community Development Block Grant Program; incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions; and the filing of County Communication 19-84.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Committee Vice-Chair King and seconded by Member Sinenci. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed? Motion passes with nine "ayes," zero "noes," and zero excused.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: ADOPTION of resolution and **FILING** of communication by C.R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Mahalo, Mr. Pontanilla. Oh...we actually called up both EDB-2(1) and EDB-24(3). Were there...I didn't really hear any...maybe just one specific question about the budget presentation...where we can move to that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, if there's no questions or no objections I move...I guess I'll move to defer that item, the presentation.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Which...what?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Or file.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: File or defer.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Whatever is your pleasure, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think we defer.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'm not sure what we were...what are we deferring?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The CDBG Program Budget...Pre-Budget Presentation of the program and you asked about the administration's cost.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, if there's any other clarifying questions for this program? Okay, seeing none, I...without objections I will defer --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --item EDB-24(3).

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Okay, Mahalo, Mr. Pontanilla. Okay. Does OCS have a PowerPoint?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Do you wanna take a break?

MS. MATTHEWS: Madam Chair, do you want to take your morning recess right now, or would you like to take it later?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure. Okay, Members, without objections we'll take our morning break for ten minutes.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. . . . (*gavel*) . . .

RECESS: 10:22 a.m.
RECONVENE: 10:34 a.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . (*gavel*) . . . I will now call our Economic Development and Budget Committee meeting back to order. It is 10:34 on March 14, 2019.

ITEM 24(1): PRE-BUDGET SESSION PRESENTATION (OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We are on item EDB-24(1) Pre-Budget Presentation of the Office of Council Services. We have with us today OCS Director Maria Zielinski and Nicole Kahinu. I'm sorry, I forgot your title...oh, and if I could quickly correct for the record I did...thank you, Members. I did mean "ohana" zones and not opportunity

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zones earlier. Mahalo. Okay, so I will now turn, turn the mic over to you Ms. Zielinski.

MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Councilmembers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MS. ZIELINSKI: We will be presenting a little bit about OCS as well as the budget that we actually had submitted to the Administration for Fiscal Year 2020. So, thank you. So, OCS is actually, we have a total of in OCS alone 26 positions. We have 23 full-time positions, three part-time positions, and currently we have two vacancies. One is an Legislative Attorney and one is a Legislative Analyst. As you probably know from all of the interviewing and all the appointments that you have come, resolutions that have come across to you folks, we've, we're trying to very aggressively get these positions filled and so we can be fully staffed to, I guess a situation that we haven't had for quite a while. So, we're very optimistic. We've had actually more recently just as an aside, a lot of interest from the outside. We've had, I think in our last recruitment, something like 85 folks that applied. That was unprecedented based on what I saw historically from when I first came on board and very highly qualified as I believe you would all agree. So, you know, very high caliber applicants. So, we're very excited about that. So, as you can see from this, now the thing, the interesting thing about Office of Council Services is in addition to the 26 employees that we have, we also, our budget encompasses the Council and the Councilmember's EAs, the Staff, the District Offices, and that's where if you look at that little, that, the organizational chart there, you'll see that of course there's nine Councilmembers. We have 23 full-time Executive Assistants, eight hourly Executive Assistants; hourly meaning no benefits involved. We have three District Offices. So, those are Council Aides. That's one of the green boxes, and then of course, the staff itself of OCS. So, in total with all of those positions, we actually are, the budget that we're going to be covering today covers 69 positions. So, just as an FYI to you. So, now this is just an overview. We have, you know, obviously, a lot more detail, but we just wanted to kind of, you know, give you a kind of an executive summary of this, and then of course, I know you'll be drilling down further as you proceed, but you can see, if you go to the very bottom row, you see total. Look under Fiscal Year 2020 proposed, that's actually what we've actually presented or not presented, we submitted to the Administration to the Mayor's Office. So, that total is 6,272,689. Again, keep in mind that's for OCS as well as Council, you know, the 8th floor if you will. That represents a \$244,894 decrease from what was adopted in Fiscal Year '19, that was 6 million. If you look to the left of that, you'll see 6,517,583. So that's actually represents a 3.8 percent decrease from the previous year or from this year, I should say, from this current year, and just to get an idea of what's happening, if you look first at that first row, salary and wages, you'll see that we're looking at a proposed amount of salary and wages 4,206,188, and of that, that would be representing a change of 113,470; a 2.8 percent increase. In that number, just as an FYI to you, we've put in a provision for a 3 percent increase. It also reflects impact from some of the actions that have been taken earlier this calendar year I should say, and then there was a part time position, a three-quarter position that had been added earlier in Fiscal Year 2019. There's also some savings as

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a result of new hires. We had some folks with, you know, a lot more, sorry, a lot more years of in the position, and when they left, of course, they were kind of maxed out, and we got new folks in we have some savings as a result of that. And then we have some savings also in premium pay. There is a, or overtime, that sort of thing. So, as a result 2.8 percent increase. The further, the second row, operations, that's actually where, you know, a lot of the money is if you're not just looking at the salaries. So, operations you'll see fiscal year proposed a little over \$2 million; 2,006,656. That represents a decrease of 361,190 or a 15.3 percent decrease from this current fiscal year. Okay. Fiscal year that was already adopted, and just to give you an idea of what's involved in there, I mean, the primary, what we actually looked at, is we tried to determine services or functionality that perhaps we didn't need, anything that might be duplicative. So, what we did was we actually are looking at eliminating certain functionality in Granicus. Nothing...it's something that's never been used before, and we have no reason to believe we will use it. That's actually kind of a minor amount, but we actually have had, court report, not really court reporting, but transcription services, and that's really been very expensive. This is barely used, and of course we have *Akaku* and we have a full tape of everything that's being said, and we can see it as well. That's costs us over 122,000. So, we have actually removed that out of there. We made a small provision just in case there's some reason why we need to do that, and we have the, we need to have transcription services, but we have actually removed that out of there. And then of course the big piece, one of the largest pieces, and just as a, so I mentioned, 122,000, what we actually did reduce though was audits and professional services. Excuse me. . . .(someone sneezed). . . God bless you. So, in the audits and professional services, we'll actually get into that on another page. So, I'll kind of hold a little more of the detail on that to explain a little further. And then ultimately, we have equipment, just a small increase there, \$2,826. So, again, as a result a reduction of 3.8 percent from the previous, or from the current fiscal year. Turn to the next page. One of the questions that was asked by this Committee, was what represents of your cost, what represents discretionary and non-discretionary or fixed if you will, fixed costs. So, our total budget just in rounded terms is 6.3 million. Of that we're saying our non-discretionary or our fixed costs represent 4.6 million and our discretionary costs are about 1.7. Now, the bulk of the non-discretionary and as in any department in the County or any government agency would really be salaries, that sort of thing, and that's in fact what it is for us. It's 4.2 million is our salaries, you know, again rounding that off. The remaining 400,000 are items that because we are responsible for, you know, the meetings, and we are subject to Sunshine Law and we're also, you know, wish to be as open and transparent as possible, we've included in that non-discretionary or fixed cost expenses that relate to Granicus for example or *Akaku* so that those are things that will actually, you know, are in compliance, make us in compliance or actually enhance our ability to be in compliance with Sunshine Law. So, that's about 400,000 in round terms. Let's just see. Yeah. Okay. Move to the next one, thanks. Okay. So, as I mentioned, we're going to talk about audit and professional services. So, you can see that for Fiscal Year '19, you can see that our budget was, and look at the bottom line 1,197,634. It had actually been reduced from previous year as well. You can see Fiscal Year 2018 was 1,338,958, and there was a reduction of 141,324 in that from '18 to '19. We're looking at that reduction now from 1,197,634 to 850,000. So, that represents 347,634 as a reduction. Now, we here's

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the thing that we, well let me just go through this, I guess, first to explain. So, we have some, you know we have some provisions for program audits and for special counsel, and there is under professional services, you'll see that bottom, next to bottom row, professional services, and you look in the far-right column, Fiscal Year 2020 proposed 250,000. So, that's actually a provision for a consultant for community plan process review. This was in discussion with our Council Chair. So, that's the provision there. Now, the thing I should mention is that, you know, this is sort of we view a lot of these, I mean, the audit is, it really is, the need for an audit is going to be based on what occurs in a given year, and we don't really know what will happen, what issues may come up. We may have something that is an issue that's raised and then it's determined an audit or some sort of a, some kind of a fiscal audit may be required. So, we don't know what to expect. It's kind of the unknown. So, it's important. Even though we have reduced it, we need to have sufficient because, you know, kind of the unknown. A contingency if you will, just like a legal contingency. So, that's the reason why we did reduce it, but we wanted to make sure we have sufficient just in case because we simply don't know what will come up in the coming year, in the coming Fiscal Year 2020. That's it? Is that it? Oh no. One more. Okay. And I guess in hearing some of the comments from some of the Councilmembers, you know, there's always the issue about the ability or the sufficiency of what is in a Councilmember's individual account, and this schedule just shows you that, you can look under previous fiscal year allocations. So, look at the very bottom line. So that's what you have right now in your Councilmember account, Fiscal 2019, and I'm sure you're very familiar with this number because I know many of you have, you know, as you a lot of the new folks actually came in and, you know, needed to figure out what they needed in their A budget, B budget, that sort of thing. So, that was 152,768. That's the current amount in everybody's, all the Councilmember's budgets. That represented a 2½ percent increase from the previous year. So, that increase was 3,726. We're proposing for Fiscal Year 2020 so now look above the top there, annual allocation per Councilmember. So, we're actually proposing a 5 percent increase of \$7,638 which would bring each of your annual, your individual Councilmember accounts to 160,406, and that of course, when you multiply it by nine represents 1,443,654 for the nine members. I think that's it, right? Yeah. We just, as I say, we just wanted to touch upon the, you know, the significant items, and that would conclude our presentation unless there's any questions. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Zielinski, and mahalo, Members, for holding your questions until the end of the presentation. I will now open the floor for questions. Any questions? Oh, no questions? Okay. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I appreciate the starting point, Chair. So, it's helpful for this Committee at this point in time at least, for us. So, it's good to know at least what our office is proposing, and I appreciate the Chair's input. My only concern was originally to have sufficient flexibility to do performance audits. I believe it's part of our responsibility to at least do one or two per term minimum. It's more about finding out what are our good practices and commend and recognize the employees and divisions that do really good work as well as help those that need some adjustments. So, I'm okay. I don't have a problem with reducing the Council Service's budget. I hope we

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look at it in a consistent manner through all departments. One thing I find interesting is, and I asked you whether you've thought about it, Chair, because I don't have a problem with putting an E/P count for Council Services which means I don't have a problem putting an E/P count in the Office of the Mayor either if we want to talk transparency. Okay, so was that part of your consideration, Chair, if I may ask?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It wasn't something I had discussed. It was just looking at what's been vacant, what's fixed costs, what we're committed too, but if you're asking specifically for OCS, I think, we've, we haven't had a full staffing for a while, and now that we're so close to full staffing and relieving a lot of our staffers who've been working really hard, especially with overtime, to see what that looks like, and so that was kind of my thought process on that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I understand the situation of staffing levels, Chair, yeah. My concern is more about budget philosophy approach on how do we want to approach patronage, and I think maybe part of transparency should be E/P counts. We fund it. The taxpayers should know what we funding. They should know how many people getting paid by this County through their taxes. So, I don't have a problem with...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we can definitely have that discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Be equal, equal. I not asking us to do anything or asking the Administration anything that I don't think we're going to ask of ourselves. So, I'm just posing that from a transparency perspective it may be helpful for us to consider this in this upcoming budget process including our E/P counts for our offices, ourselves. That's my suggestion for consideration, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Hokama. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I think, that was a really good point. I just wanted to say, I think, we've had an E/P count since I've been on the Council. We've had a number of positions that we know we wanted. They weren't always filled. So, we're trying to get those vacancies done, but I totally agree that we haven't had that in the Mayor's Office, and it fluctuates with the different Administrations, and I do think it's, and I don't really consider our E/P count patronage, but I don't consider the Mayor's to be patronage. So, I'm glad that Mr. Hokama brought that up, and I think going forward that's something that we should take a look at especially given that we have in all of, in our E/P count for Council Services, we have job descriptions, and we have qualifications, and we haven't seen that in the EA level on the 9th floor. So, I would totally support that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam, I mean, Chair. Anyway, I'm thinking I can understand my colleagues' point of view, but I'm hoping that we can continue to be flexible with regard to E/Ps for us, as Councilmembers and for the Mayor's Office. Transparency could also be a matter of reporting, reporting at the end of the year how

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many positions there were, how much was spent on these things, but you know, from year to year, sometimes you can't always anticipate what kind of workload you have, what kind of direction you want to move in. And so therefore, I wouldn't want to tie anyone's hands and just leave it flexible, and you know, not be concerned about who the Mayor is hiring necessarily you know, because it's, I think, it's important that the Mayor has enough flexibility to accomplish his goals or her goals and believe me, once you start restricting either body, then it becomes a little harder to operate. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. As it relates to this process, the pre-budget presentations, are you going to set a limit on questions? Two questions per round or because I got a few, a little more than usual than other presentations for departments. So, stop me if I get too long. Good morning, Ms. Zielinski. Just for the Member's information, especially the new ones, at a later point can job descriptions be provided to the Council? And then my first question is are you moving forward on the audit of the Department as well? I believe you might have said that. So, okay. I see you nodding your head. This now, the next question relates to the third-party transcription of minutes. Now, I believe you're looking at eliminating that. If we eliminate that, would this put more pressure on our Committee secretarial staff for completing the minutes in a timely manner?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Zielinski?

MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you for the question, Councilmember Molina. Yes, we do have job descriptions for all of the positions. So, they are certainly available and we can provide them if you need to see them. As far as the audit, OCS audit, yeah, we're actually, the PAF was issued, and I believe actually we have our staff, I just saw they're working on the RFP right now. So, it hasn't been completed yet, you know, but they are, we're cranking that up.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MS. ZIELINSKI: So, we are getting, we're moving on that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you for that update.

MS. ZIELINSKI: And then as far as the transcription, we actually did have a conversation with the supervising secretary as well as a few of the other secretaries and our Supervising Legislative Attorney, who's very familiar with what needs to be done. There's a few minor things, I wouldn't say minor, but there's a few additional things that these secretaries would have to do, but pretty much from what I understand,

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they're doing most of those items already in preparation before they bring it over to the vendor, the third-party vendor. So, it really isn't, it's just a matter of them being aware of what they need to have. So, and I should mention the one thing that we had sort of forgot about is when the transcriptions come back, the actual documentation, the secretaries have to review everything. Now, they do spot check if they know that the person who did it is experienced and they've never had problems before, but if you have someone who's technically or historically had issues, then the secretaries have to go almost verbatim, and that's very time consuming. So, I think, we save a lot of time both, you know, from a standpoint of our secretaries as well as costs. So, it seemed like a win-win situation to us.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MS. ZIELINSKI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And then you're noting a savings of around roughly 115,000 by getting rid of the third-party transcription, yeah. Granicus, you know, the again, I'm hearing this from some staff, requiring to upload the Granicus does take a lot of time, and since the word agenda is considered the official agenda, why else is Granicus required? I mean personally I like it, I mean, it's a nice, at my fingertips now, but then, anyway if you could just give me more specifics on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Zielinski?

MS. ZIELINSKI: You know I don't know that I can answer that as well as I'd like too. I mean I know there are reasons why we have it. It probably is something that our legislative analysts and/or our secretaries might be able to respond to better. So, I don't want to just make up an answer.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MS. ZIELINSKI: But I know that it is something that is needed. I don't know if you wanted to defer it to someone else to answer.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure. Recommendation?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair, I can get that if the Department would like to provide a little bit more, a detailed, having it memorialized in writing. That's fine for me. We can get that later.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll get that to you, Mr. Molina.

MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And then, you know, because the intent was to go paperless with Granicus, but we're still getting...making hard...nine hard copies of our agenda to distribute. So, you know, I guess there is some need for paper, but I just thought I'd

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bring this issue of Granicus up because I'm trying to weigh the cost and benefit of having Granicus. If, you know, on one hand we're trying to save paper, but then how does the cost translate now if we got to load this stuff that requires probably more time on our secretarial staff. So, which maybe translate to overtime and so forth. So, anyway, just looking at the cost analysis. Last two questions, then you know, we had this discussion before about addressing staff that is at the top of the pay scale. So, have you addressed that already? Can you update that, update the Council on that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Zielinski?

MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you, Chair. Yes, actually we have and I actually will be, I have actually provided a new range, a range that we have a couple of folks in particular where we need to look at where there is kind of a disparate, you know, comparison. For example, our Supervising Legislative Secretary is one example of that where we need to make some changes, whatever. We have some others as well. Some that are...so we are making, we are looking at the ranges. I have actually not had an opportunity to meet with Chair, Council Chair or Budget Chair, but we will be reviewing that. The good news is that, from a standpoint of, you know, budget overall budget, it's de minimis. It's not going to have a lot of impact. So, it was not something that necessarily we needed to have for today, but we do understand and we agree, we need to have, you know, again, parity, and make sure that we are having everything kind of comparable in where it needs to be, and also to address those folks that have been here for a while that we, that they have a growth, they have an opportunity for growth.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. And Madam Chair, my last question. Thank you for being patient with me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And the audits and investigations you have reduced, why?

MS. ZIELINSKI: Well, it's really just based on what are...and I think I do have that, just bear with me for a second --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Sure.

MS. ZIELINSKI: --Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And, Ms. Zielinski, while you're looking at that --

MS. ZIELINSKI: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --I'll just throw one more. What's the cost of using Granicus, going back to that question if...

MS. ZIELINSKI: Do you know offhand? I'm going to have...

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Sorry, I'm hitting you with...

MS. ZIELINSKI: Yeah. No, we have that information. She's got it at her fingertips.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Kahinu?

MS. KAHINU: Thank you, Chair. Currently, annually our Granicus contract is about 30,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thirty thousand? Okay. Thank you. Thank you. Per year yeah? Okay.

MS. ZIELINSKI: And thank you, Councilmember. I just wanted to respond, so you were asking about why to reduce it, so I was looking at, let's see, Fiscal Year '19, now of course it's not finished yet, but we did include what we spent thus far. So, keep in mind, oh you don't have it on overhead, but our budget is 1,197,634. We've spent thus far, year to date, or fiscal year to date 91,000. Okay, we have a misc audit that's about 25,000 and we have the OCS audit which we don't even know what that's going to be, but we put in, I put in 75,000 just as a guess. That's 191,000. The budget is 1,197,000. So, and the same thing was it with Fiscal Year '18. The budget was 1,338,958 and we spent 504. Now, that one we had a little more expense, 547,000 that was the fire audit. It looks like there was something with, I can't even make it, I think, it looks like affordable housing, but in any case, 547 as compared to 1,338,000. So, you see where we're going with that. We still want, realize we need to have, if you will, cushion or you know, a provision or contingency so that we just don't know what will come up, but we felt after looking at just historical and actually Nicole had gone back many, many years. I mean she went back quite a few years, and we've always, it looks like we've always had more than we needed. So, we wanted to just scale it back slightly.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Alright. Okay. Thank you. And I appreciate --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And mahalo, Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --your patience, Madam Chair and Committee Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura and then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, I remember, I think, when January 2nd, I was just wondering about your position. Have you, have we found a replacement for your position, and is it all included in here? Are you leaving March 31st?

MS. ZIELINSKI: I am. Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You're going on vacation.

MS. ZIELINSKI: Yes, I've put in my retirement papers.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. ZIELINSKI: So, I'm pau as of May 1st.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, May 1st?

MS. ZIELINSKI: Yeah, well April 30th is my last day.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: April 30th is your last day so --

MS. ZIELINSKI: Yeah, and that was the way the resolution was written.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --we're busy looking for a director.

MS. ZIELINSKI: Yeah, and right now we are in the process, I mean, it's, you know, obviously I've gotten, I've received some, you know, some paperwork on that from some folks on that, and you know, I'll be working with Council Chair on that and as far as pursuing that. So, I'm working with her, and I don't know if Council Chair might want to address that more than myself.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah thank you, Chair. So, you know, we've known since the beginning of the year that Ms. Zielinski was going to be leaving, and she's made some really astute recommendations for the next person to take that position which is, one of which is that person should be an attorney because there's a lot of legal documentation that comes through that office. So, we are looking. We haven't been actively interviewing, we're trying to fill those other positions first. We have one more Legislative Analyst and one more attorney to, position to fill. So, but we are, you know, we did start on that because we know that deadline is approaching for her position. So, she's been extremely helpful in making sure that we get a qualified person before she leaves. Although I think that deadline is pretty firm because you have a long vacation coming up, but I appreciate the diligence and the fact that you have made recommendations that you know, you feel are important due to your experience of, you know, not having that legal background. So, there may be, you know, there may be fluctuations in that particular salary, but the salary that we're putting in and I'm assuming it's the same that you have right now, so.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: If I could?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Sugimura?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, that's nice to know that we are searching for and on schedule then. And then Mr. Molina asked one of the questions that I was going to ask in terms of being sure that we have accommodated the compression situation. So, we have several positions that are top, at the top of the pay scale and that we need to address. So, you've taken that into consideration with the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Zielinski?

MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you, Chair. Yes, Councilmember. We actually have and in fact, as I mentioned, I have not spoken...I'm meeting with Council Chair today and then I'll be meeting with the Budget Chair just to kind of show, but I've actually shown what I'm going to actually be presenting to them to the individuals that are impacted by it, and they're, you know, they were very happy with what I showed them. So, you know, I think we're good, but of course I need to get buy-in from Councilmembers as well.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, on existing staff that we have, we have some pretty talented staff people that are attorneys. So, is there a thought of increasing them to like the attorney level in terms of the steps or are you going to not make a move with the analysts and just leave them at analyst, and not consider them for the Legislative Attorney position?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Zielinski?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Or analyst attorney position. I'm not too sure of the exact wording.

MS. ZIELINSKI: Yes. Thank you for the question and we are actually, I'm just, I'm about to start to schedule the, scheduling the, for the Legislative Attorneys and those analysts, and we have an analyst who's an attorney I suspect has who has actually applied will be tested just like everyone else. We'll go through a process. We have some other names. So, we will test all of the folks that are applying for attorney and then you know, have a panel, you know, do the standard procedure that we would do for any kind of a recruitment, but yeah, it's really up to the, you know, the applicant, but in this particular case, that particular applicant has expressed interest and has put her paperwork in.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Paltin, and then Member Hokama. I'll check in with Member Kama and Member Sinenci, and then if there are any further questions, I'll take them in writing, and get responses from OCS. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just was wondering on the organizational chart, the three part-time positions. Are any of those contract hires?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Zielinski?

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MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for the question, Councilmember Paltin. No, those are, none of them are contract. They are part-time positions and they are at-will as well as I recall. Yes. Yes. They are all at-will so there's no contract or anything like that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The newest part-time hire wasn't a contract service?

MS. ZIELINSKI: I'm sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The newest part-time hire?

MS. ZIELINSKI: It was not a contract either. No.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, and then do you request if it's like a part-time position, another part-time position to fill, do you ask the existing part-time folks if they just want more hours or...

MS. ZIELINSKI: I think and I may actually defer to Nicole on this if she knows, and I don't mean to put you on the spot, but I think we have to do it that it's not a full-time position. Well, I'm going to actually pass it on to Nicole. Do you know offhand the answer to that? I actually would have to talk to our personnel folk person, but I don't believe there's, I think we just had them as part-time because we weren't certain that we were going to need them full-time. I mean, I think, now in looking at it, we probably could use them full-time, but the budget was prepared previously such that it would've, you know, we just wanted to be conservative and just hire them at part-time.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering because like if you're filling another part-time position, if like the existing part-time positions were offered extra hours to, if you're already paying the fringe benefits then...

MS. ZIELINSKI: Right, and you're right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just wondering.

MS. ZIELINSKI: We are paying the fringe benefits, but I know that of the folks that we have, at least, well we just have a new person and I'm not really sure with her if she would've been willing to go full-time or not, but I know the two that we had before really were, that was what they wanted. They didn't want to work a full-time position, but it is, I'm glad you're mentioning it because I don't know. I don't have the answer for you. We would, I'll need to find that out.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thanks.

MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Hokama?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Is part of that adjustment for our attorneys as well? Is part of your compensation adjustments for the Council attorneys as well?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Zielinski?

MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. What we're trying to do with...right now the way we did it, just because we wanted to get a budget in, we did everything at a straight 3 percent. However, having said that, we want our, the attorneys to be consistent with Corp. Counsel as far as when, well Deputy Corp. Counsel, as far as how that works is salaries and I understand they just had an increase from the Salary Commission --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Right.

MS. ZIELINSKI: --but I don't believe they've made the determination yet on the deputies. So, that number would change based on that, or at least that would be our recommendation --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay.

MS. ZIELINSKI: --but that hasn't been done, but just to have a placeholder if you will, we put 3 percent in it, and then...yeah. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. I'll be open to that provided they follow what Corp. Counsel does with their deputies. They get no overtime okay. So, I don't expect then our attorneys to get overtime if they want the same compensation package that Corporation County's deputies have.

MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you, Councilmember Hokama. We actually, none of the attorneys do get overtime. They had gotten CTO and quite frankly, nobody has put anything in for CTO since, for months.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, that's something that I'm going to be proposing because I don't like to have that cashed out 20 years after it --

MS. ZIELINSKI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --was earned.

MS. ZIELINSKI: No, and we understand. We, I think, that's where we want to go is to have it consistent with Corp. Counsel that seems, that's again, something I just haven't had an opportunity to discuss, but that was actually on today's meeting too, but just...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I'm glad that you and the Chair are talking about it because --

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MS. ZIELINSKI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --it adds up.

MS. ZIELINSKI: Oh yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: It all adds up. So, I appreciate that discussion. The one thing that I've, want to ask because I've always been a proponent for audits. I find it to be a useful management tool for the Councilors. Is, can you give us a status on the IT audit at this time if possible, please?

MS. ZIELINSKI: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Is it part already ongoing? Is it almost going to be sent to Chair for a draft review? Can you give us some status?

MS. ZIELINSKI: I actually will be deferring to Budget Chair or Council Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Yeah, I can answer that. So, we met with the IT Director Jacob Verkerke, and we made a decision to defer that audit until after the program has actually been, the Work Day program has actually been instituted. So, it's still out there, but we haven't engaged it yet.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Well, for me, yeah, it's already two years and millions, over seven digits in overruns that, I think, Council needs to have a review of its current expenses because I'm one unhappy camper okay. They never met their deadlines. They don't give Council statuses on what is the issues. Like I said, this is going to be my fourth payroll vendor in my tenure on Council. That's pretty ridiculous.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, for me the audit would help us make appropriate adjustments, Chair, and I think it is still critical for us to move forward because like I said, we're two years behind schedule and over seven digits overruns. I want to know what is going on and why is our money that they have forecasted with great confidence not even meeting close to some of our, half our expectations including getting rid of the old payroll vendor who now we have to recontract again to provide services although we have a new vendor. Something is wrong, Chair, and we need to have our professionals come and tell us what is going on because I'm having loss of confidence in this area and we used to be one of the better ones, but I think that audit is a useful

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tool, and I would hope you guys would move it forward because it was enough for a Council to take a decision, make a decision. So, I would just ask that we consider those factors.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Zielinski?

MS. ZIELINSKI: Yes. Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to add, Councilmember Hokama, I believe that there was some consideration about, and I believe Council Chair sent some sort of correspondence out to the Councilmembers about having, at least having the IT, the CIO whatever his position is, make a presentation relative to the status of everything and why it was, you know, why, you know, why certain things might have been delayed or where they were. So, I think that was kind of, what I understood to be where that would be a reason why you would make a decision to proceed with it, an audit or not.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right and one of the things I would add, Councilmember Hokama, is that in our discussions and it was a discussion with myself and Budget Chair Rawlins-Fernandez with Mr. Verkerke it was explained why we needed this duplicate, the payroll for a period of time that's going to end in about six months because we wanted to make sure that nothing was dropped while we were instituting this new program. So, there were a lot of explanations that we felt comfortable with and that's why we thought what we need is for him first before we do an audit, is for him to come forward and answer all the questions that Councilmembers might have on that program and why that's taken a little bit longer, what changes were made in our request as a County that we didn't know until we got into the program. So, we will be, hopefully, Chair Rawlins-Fernandez will be scheduling a presentation by Mr. Verkerke so that we can answer those questions, but I feel more comfortable getting those questions answered first at this level, and so everybody understands why we're at, why we, where we are and why, I mean, there was actually a budgeted item that's stretched out over a period of years. So, that the money that's been spent, most of the money that's been spent as we were explained to was budgeted at some point, but it wasn't spent in the first year. It was spent out of over the period of three or four years. So those are the kinds of the things that, I think, we need to bring forward to the Council, the full Council, at least this Committee and, you know, get a comfort level with, and if there's still not a comfort level then we can talk about moving forward with an audit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, I definitely see, we've definitely listened to bad consultants because they the only guys that making money out of this. It ain't helping the tax base. It ain't helping our departments that it should be, but you know, I appreciate the status of this what I consider a very important thing because now comes the questions of a competency within the division of knowing what should we or should not have been doing. So, I appreciate you folks following up for us the office. The last one is, again, we all have different perspectives, Chair. I have no appreciation for our program. What do, I don't know, what do we call this?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Granicus.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Granicus. Thank you. Okay. From the day we started we had issues, and that is why I'm one Member that believes in paper. I'm always ready to do the Council's or committee's work. I've been in too many meetings where we had to either recess or think of other procedural matters because it won't work on the screens and the only guy that had paper was me and I was ready to work. That is not how we should be doing things, Chair. If it means to go get a new software that's even better that we can ensure that the Committee and the Members get what they need off their device, I'm open to that, but Granicus to me, is a flaming F in grade. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. I'm actually going to go Member Kama, and then Member Sinenci, and then any additional questions I'll collect and I'll get from the office. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I just have one curious question. I probably am going to address this to you, but does the County have a policy of hiring within the County first before they go outside of the County?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can I defer to Corp. Counsel?

MR. UEOKA: Chair...thank you, Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MR. UEOKA: For civil, I think, what you guys do for this presentation, it's a lot different because I don't think you guys have any civil servants. Typically for the rest of the County, we are subject to the civil service requirements which are set forth in State statute. I don't know if there's like a requirement that you hire within the County first but there are different types of postings that can take place. I'll throw this to Director Underwood. He can give you a much better briefing on all the ins and outs of the civil service law.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Member Sinenci, do you have any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just had one clarification. So, Ms. Zielinski, for 2020 proposed budget, the 250,000 for community plan process review is that just towards personnel?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Zielinski?

MS. ZIELINSKI: Thank you, Chair. I'm actually, I hate to say to defer it to our Council Chair, but she actually I believe is looking at a consultant so that it would ensure that community plans didn't have this huge lag in number of years that they're getting done, but I know she can say it more eloquently than I can.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I can answer that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. Thank you for bringing that up. In the previous year, I don't know if it was the previous year or 2017, but we had an item in Council Services, it was under the County Council for 250,000 to, and it was supposed to be for someone to create an affordable housing plan, and I think it came out of frustration of a lot of community groups that came to the Councilmembers and said, you know, nothing is happening fast enough. We need a plan, we need implementation. So, that was put into our purview so that we could hire outside of the Department and try to get a jump start on that particular issue. This 250,000 is sort of the same, in the same vein of trying to get, you know, my vision is to get a consultant in who could write us, help us write a plan to get through the community plans within the next four to five years and not wait. If we, if it's taken us this long to get through the first three and we have six more to go with just the nine communities, plus we have Kahoolawe, we're going to be way behind if we do this in a linear fashion that the Department has insisted on doing it. And I've been trying to work with the Department of Planning in order to get some outside-the-box thinking to do simultaneous to come up with a plan, not just to farm out one at a time, but how are we going to address these six, next six communities to get through these community plans more quickly in a meaningful way. It doesn't necessarily have to take, in my belief, after talking to people who were involved in consulting on the General Plan, it doesn't have to take two years of community stakeholder meetings to get that, consolidate comprehensive community input, and then on top of that another six months for CPAC, six months for Planning Commission, another year for the Council. So, we need a new way of thinking. We need a new plan, and my thought was, we need to go outside the Planning Department and get a consultant to come in here and hopefully work with the plan, I mean I'm assuming that the Planning Department is going to cooperate and work with whoever we end up hiring with just, you know, as we assume that the Housing Department was going to work with our previous consultant, but what we ended up doing with the previous money was actually a study.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That was a SMS study.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Sinenci. Okay mahalo, Members. For any additional questions, please send it to the EDB Committee, and I'll make sure that those questions are responded too. So, for now, Members, if there are no objections, I will defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, can I just make one comment though. I just really appreciate you bringing this up because we never got to look at this in the last two years, the Council budget until the actual budget came before us. So, it's really good to be...I think, we're the only budget that is going, is actually bringing to the Council the 2020 proposal. All the rest, I think, we're looking at the current ones. So, I appreciate all the questions that Councilmembers have, and feel free to reach out to me, too, if you have more questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: At this time, I'll invite representatives from the Mayor's Office, Ms. Tegarden up. Mahalo, Ms. Kahinu and Ms. Zielinski.

ITEM 24(7): PRE-BUDGET SESSION PRESENTATION (OFFICE OF THE MAYOR)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the next item on our agenda is a pre-budget session presentation from the Office of the Mayor EDB-24(7) and we have our presentation set up, and we have with us doing the presentation Ms. Deidre Tegarden who is the Mayor's Chief of Staff. Mahalo for joining us, Ms. Tegarden.

MS. TEGARDEN: Mahalo and aloha auinala.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha auinala.

MS. TEGARDEN: And aloha auinala kakou to all of our Councilmembers. It is indeed a pleasure to be here this late morning to share a little bit more about what we do up at the Mayor's Office. So, the other day, a mother called, a single mother called the Office of the Mayor seeking help. She explained that she works two jobs. She wanted to find help in making sure that her ex-husband would help pay child support. She didn't need to have us tell her that the Office of the Mayor doesn't help with child support. She was overworked, she had no time and she needed someone to listen and someone to help her. You know, these kinds of issues arrive at the doorstep and the phone lines of the Mayor's Office nearly every day which I know is not dissimilar to the

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phone calls that you get. There are potholes that need to be filled, there is documentation that needs to be completed and there's a dizzying array of concerns that need to be addressed. The easy thing of course is to pass the buck and say well we don't do that or that's not a County road, we can put you in touch with and so on and so one, but that's not what we do at up at the Office of the Mayor. It's all about customer service or constituent service, whatever word you wish to use. It's all about helping. We are tasked with listening, researching, and resolving people's concerns. In the case of the single mother, our staff was able to connect with someone in the State government who was then able to really walk her through the process and help resolve her issue, and that's what we like to do. You know, we believe that people don't really care what we know, but they want to know that we care, and caring means working to solve people's issues and it's about making the government work for the community. Another example is with the recent fires that happened in Wailea at the onset of the Mayor's term. Assistant Communications Director Chris Sugidono was a County employee for, I think, just a little over a week. He was called in for some long hours to help out at the Kihei Community Center and also to take some photographs and make sure things were documented correctly. After he was done with that, he came back to the Kihei Community Center, I think Chair King was there, Representative Wildberger was also there, kind of a team effort, he helped put out cots. He was there until two o'clock in the morning, and then he came back the next day to help put those cots away, and it's just, it was nice to see the entire team coming out and that is truly public service, and I think that's what we are all here to do. So, we are so lucky to live in a state that has at its core the spirit of aloha. It is written into our constitution. This is a guiding piece for us upstairs in our office to ensure that we are truly doing all that we can to embody the spirit of aloha, and I will not read it all, but there is one line that says, aloha is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for the collective existence. So, keeping that in mind, these are our strategic goals for the Mayor's Office. We aim to provide excellent service to all residents and visitors; achieve outstanding transparency by providing timely, accurate, and complete information both internally and externally; keep the benefit of the entire community our top criteria when making decisions; recruit and attract qualified and dedicated individuals to serve at all levels of County government, including all boards and commissions; and fostering relationships with County, State, Federal, and international governmental agencies. We had submitted this earlier, and I won't read all of these to you. I know you also have a, probably want a break for lunch at some point, but I do want to highlight a few of the strategic goals. Number one, Mayor has made it a priority that we respond to texts, phone calls, e-mails, and letters within a 24-hour period except weekends and holidays, and that is indeed an aggressive goal, but one that we find important, and one that we continue to strive toward. I would also like to call attention to 2C which is increase the outreach between the Administration and the Council. I think we could be doing a better job with this. I think Councilmember Kama had said earlier, we need to have fun between the two floors, and if there's things that we can do to be helpful, if it's making sure that we copy you on the press releases before we, you know, at the same time that we send them out to the press, we need to do those things, and I've enjoyed meeting with many of you before today just to see how we can collaborate a little bit more. You know, also one of the things we want to do is make

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sure that it's, we have easier for the public. So, recently we installed a new video conferencing app upstairs called BlueJeans which the County already has and we were just able to install it. We were able to put in a camera so that people from East Maui or the neighbor islands who aren't able to come to a meeting, perhaps they are on a board or commission, you know, we can teleconference them in because that's very, very important to us, and Bill Snipes upstairs in our Office is now the master of the BlueJeans app so if anybody has any questions, please reach out to him. He can definitely help you. In fact, he is probably up there right now doing it. These are objectives continued. I'd like to talk about 3A. You know make sure that our liaisons, our community liaisons which we will get to a little bit later. We make sure that they attend community meetings to gather citizen input on matters, report back to the Mayor, but something we've also started doing with our liaisons is, you know, the Office of Economic Development has so many grants that go out to so many amazing individual organizations throughout the County, many more than when I was there back in the Tavares days, that it's really difficult to go out and be able to really monitor what's happening. So, we have our community liaisons going out to monitor as well and bring back information because you know, when we're using taxpayer's dollars we feel very, it's very important for us to remain accountable, and I did hear what you said about the job descriptions. We do have, you know, we...what was one of the first things I did when I came on board was to look at the job descriptions that had been there in the past, and ended up calling the Personnel Department. A lot of the job descriptions were written back in 1981 so they are a bit outdated. There's not a lot of conformity and continuity. So, that is one of the projects that we're working on now is to ensure that we have updated relevant job descriptions. Also, strategic goal number four under B, under four, you know, we appreciate that a great foundation has been laid by those who have come before us, and you know, that is important to honor, but we also don't want to maintain the status quo. I think it was Chair King who brought up the fact that status quo is not a way to get to greatness. So, one of the things that we really tried to do is provide an inclusive, a very proactive, nurturing environment for new ideas and fresh perspectives. You know, in our staff meetings that we have, there is no idea that's a bad idea. Every idea is considered because you never know where that new fresh innovation is going to come from. I'm really excited, I know you probably heard it in the Mayor's State of the County about our new internship program and it's being started by Kara Nakahashi of Baldwin High School Laney Hisashima, Xaden Nishimitsu of King Kekaulike, and Erin Tanaka of Seabury Hall. They're really working with us to craft that internship that is going to work for all of us. So, we're hoping, it is our intent that not only will that internship be up in the Mayor's Office and in the departments, but we would love for it also to be down here with the Council. So, we will keep you posted on that and let you know the next time we have a meeting, but again, different ways to collaborate that maybe we haven't done before. So, we have an amazing front office and operations team. I know many of you know Caryan, and Michelle, Sherilyn, Tiffany, Dar who is Mayor's Executive Assistant. These women are dedicated, hardworking, and incredibly positive individuals who go above and beyond. This is just a small selection of the things that they do every day to keep us all on track, but we just want to give them a shout out and thank them. So, community liaisons, we're really ambassadors to the public, and as I said earlier, we have a mantra of listening, researching, and resolving. Listen to

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the constituent or the customer issue, research on how we can possibly fix it, and resolve it where we can. Sometimes there's not always a resolution or the resolution isn't something that the people, somebody wants to hear, but we do our best. We have the liaisons are broken down into districts, departments, and topics, and I think you all should have received an updated call list with numbers to the Mayor's Office, the staff contact information, and as I said earlier, the community liaisons also have the added duties of attending OED grant-funded events in their districts. Again, I think this speaks to not just doing what the status quo was, what the status quo is, and to not working in silos. I think so many times, you know, government has that tendency to work in silos, and even within our own departments and offices. So, we want to make sure that we are breaking down those silos as much as possible. So, I have a list of our community liaisons, and a little bit of information about what they all do. Mayor Victorino has focused on community and customer constituent service. So he, we changed the names from executive assistants to community liaisons. It seems a little bit easier to relate too. And we'll continue, and you all have the printout in front of you. So, these are just some pictures from our Office. You can see Caryan there at the front answering the phone. Councilmember Paltin, it was nice to have you up there when the Hankyu the people from Hankyu came by. There's Tokie from OED. Some, one of our boards and commissions meetings with Darlene and Trina and Pili is there, and also Gladys Baisa. We do a lot of proclamations. It was nice to have Councilmember Sinenci stop by the other day for the Disability's Alliance proclamation, and again, you know, this is something where we could be partnering a little bit more when we know something is happening, it would be nice to let you know and vice versa and the kids were so happy when the Councilman came by. They, that was really very special for them. So, our communications team, we have two of our team members in the audience this afternoon, Brian Perry and Chris Sugidono. You know, unlike the State where, you know, each department has their own public information officer, and you know, when we were at the Governor's Office we had a team of, you know, communication, a communications team, but they just worked in our office because every other department had their own public information officer. That is not the case here at the County. So, our communications team doubles as the communications team for the other departments as well with the exception of Fire and Police, but they also work very closely with them. So, just wanted to, you know, they do press releases, they do the speeches, the columns, messages, they staff the Emergency Operations Center as does the entire team, but they do their, they're constantly working, and we thank them for all that they do. There's some more pictures. And that was from the Fire and Department visit. So, our Budget Office, you all are very aware of our great budget team. These are some of their guidelines for Fiscal Year 2020, public involvement, long-range planning, efficient and effective operations, partnerships and capital investments. These are their guidelines and there four...five core principles for putting the budget together which will be coming out quite soon, and this is just their budget process calendar. We just wanted to share it so that you all have it. It's a lot easier to read on your handout than it is on the screen. This is a slide just talking about how we all work together. We view it as, really a circle, you know, with the community in the center, we have Mayor, the Council, our departments, our boards and commissions, our community associations, State partners, Federal partners, international partners, our community grant-funded

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events, like through OED, the Hawaii Conference of Mayors, and the media. It all works together for the betterment of the community. So, again, customer service. There is the question pops up all the time what is customer service? How do you define customer service? And we think the bottom line is, customer service is about caring, reacting, and doing what we can to help whatever phone call that comes into our office. During the confirmation hearings Councilman Hokama said he was looking for seven values when he looked at the directors. You talked about discernment, judgment, integrity, morals, credibility, honesty, accountability. I think, Councilwoman Sugimura, you added loyalty, and, Councilwoman Kama, you added aloha. Councilwoman Lee, you added memory, you know, to not forget what was told, spoken about that night and you know, not to forget what has come before. Councilwoman Paltin, you talked about making Maui County a better place, and you know, we agree. These are important to us as well. These are values that should be reflected throughout everything we do. So, we like to listen and again, we act as ambassadors and as I say that, there's an expression in Japanese called ichigo ichie and it's really revolves around tea ceremony where, you know, this moment is going to come but once. Even if you have another tea ceremony tomorrow with the exact same people in the same room, it will never be what it just was, and I feel as though that is what we all have. You know, you can say this is once in a lifetime, this will never come again, but however you translate it, I think, the spiritual essence is the same, and it's we have this one moment, we have this ichigo ichie time to really do something together for the community, and so I give you my pledge that I look forward to being a bridge between all of us, and working together, and seeing how we can make things better for the community. So, I thank you very much and I look forward to your questions. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Tegarden. Okay, Members, because of the time constraint, I'm going to give everyone an opportunity to ask one question, and one follow-up starting with Councilmember Kama, and then we'll continue on that way until everyone's questions are done or until it's lunchtime.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair, --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: --for starting at this end of the Chamber. So, on your community liaisons, so you have different people I saw here responsible for different segments of the community as well the community, and so you have Ms. Crivello handling all your items relating to Hawaiian affairs. So, do you know what she's currently incorporating or currently doing or what are her ideas about some Hawaiian-related affairs that she would be working on?

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you for that. Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

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MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you for that. Thank you, Chair. Thank you for that question. It's normally when calls come in that have to do with a specific item or issue whether it's homeland, but as I was saying earlier about incorporating that spirit of aloha, those cultural values, making sure that when we move forward with our work that we have at our essence and our core that we're doing things culturally correct. We want to be very cognizant of our host culture and make sure that we don't make mistakes. We also have in the Office of Economic Development, Ipo Mossman, who had created a program earlier utilizing the aloha and the values that go with that. So, we think that that's very, very important as we do our everyday work.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, on your list of your different staff, and next, well next year we have something very important coming up which is the Census. So, do you have anybody assigned to take care of the Census, and...you do?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you. Thank you for that question. Yes, actually at this time because I had worked on the Census last time, Mayor has asked me to be involved with the Census again this time, and I think with my ties with the State and the County so I will be working on that, and will be bringing in our team members, but I will be the lead for that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. I look forward to that because it is important data that drives a lot of the programs that'll affect the County on a large scale. I know it's going to be digital versus paper which is good, and I hope we can reach even the hard-to-get-to people, you know, through some ingenious way so that we can get our numbers correctly. So, thank you. I'll hold more for later.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for the presentation and all the information and I like the collaboration idea. Just some of my colleagues and I had attended kind of I think big community gatherings recently, the Waikapu Community Association and the Wailuku Civic Complex Hub, I didn't notice the liaison there, so I just wanted to, you know, in the spirit of collaboration, I was able to live stream the presentations and if the community liaison wanted to check those out to get a flavor of what was going on.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Because not every time you can go to everything, but I thought those were kind of significant community events, and just to be kept up to speed on what's going on in Wailuku and Waikapu and like that.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you. It was my understanding that we did have somebody go, but I would, you know, we would love to look back and watch the live stream as well. So, thank you. Yes, and when we aren't able to attend or if there is something that perhaps you're interested in that we're doing, it would be nice if we could share our information.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Yeah. The live stream is kind of like one game changer because now guys can watch from home.

MS. TEGARDEN: Nothing better than that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No questions at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I didn't see any dollar amounts. I was hoping to have some of your budget, your current budget so that we could relate that to what we might see in the future. I also didn't see anything about OED, and that's in the Office of the Mayor, and what, where is the Ag Specialist, and the Environmental Coordinator, and the Energy Commissioner, and all the other people that serve in that department, their budgets. I do want to share with you, I wanted to share with you public something that I talked to you in private about and that is the community liaison list, which I'm still hoping to get, you know, job descriptions for, but I understand the need for, you know, part-time liaisons for geographic areas. What I don't understand, and I've never understood is the need for a liaison to do the same thing that the departments are doing, and I will keep saying that until I see this go away because if the department's not doing its job, that's the job of the Managing Director and the Mayor to oversee that department, but what I see is people who are there in case the department doesn't do its job, is not answering the phone or is not responding to the public so that they can call this other person, they respond to the public, and then if they don't give a good answer there then they come to the Councilmember. So, you know, my idea of collaboration is for us to get together, you know, the Council to get together with the Mayor's Office and understand what our roles are. The Mayor's Office is, I mean the Administration, not just the Mayor's Office, but the Administration is enforcement and implementation, and the Council is policy making and final budget approval and so this, I just want to, I'm going to keep saying this until, you know, I see some movement on it because it really disturbs me that we think that our departments can't do a good enough job that we need to put an extra person as an assistant to the Mayor to fill in when people aren't getting response from the departments and rather than going to the department and saying, what are

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you not doing. And I also wanted to share with you that, you know, other municipalities have what they call ombudsmen that you would call if you aren't getting support. Not like 11 different people, you know, in different, for different departments and so, I think, if you could just maybe think about what is it that these people are doing for eight hours a day if they are full-time positions because, you know, personally I'm getting reports from people on the 9th floor that say they don't know what some of these people are even doing. It doesn't seem like people are actually working eight hours a day, and this has been sort of an ongoing issue, not just with this Administration, but the idea that we need another person with the same title as the department to work directly under the Mayor. So, I would just like to put that out there and say, I haven't felt like there's been a lot of collaboration to this date, and so these are the kinds of conversations I think we should be having, you know, with the Administration, with the Mayor before budget and not, you know, the constant presentation of, you know, here's what we're doing and here's why. But I do appreciate, I appreciate your strategic goals, I appreciate the objectives and I appreciate the budget guidelines that you have. I think that those are really strong budget guidelines. It's just, I think, they should be done in coordination with our Budget Chair who I think has yet to have a meeting with the Mayor and yet we have a budget that we should be receiving on the 25th and I think that collaboration, I believe, it's happened in the past with our previous Budget Chair, you can correct me if I'm wrong. But you know, to just bring a budget to us with no, at least meetings with our Budget Chair on the 25th, to me, is problematic. I mean there should be some understanding that we, you know, we kind of agree with the general direction of it. So, I just kind of wanted to put those comments out there, Chair, and hope that we can get, you know, some kind of response on at least these positions and why they continue to be to me duplicative. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. And before you respond, I just wanted to point out that the Office of Economic Development will be presenting to us. They're next on the agenda.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay. So, we carve that out separately?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But for the EAs if you would like to respond, Ms. Tegarden.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you. Thank you very much. And thank you for your questions and as for our budget for the Office of the Mayor, that will be coming down with the, when we present the budget. Yes, about OED, and I completely hear what you are saying. I know we spoke about this earlier and about the community liaison positions, but it's not, number one, it's not that the departments aren't doing their job. A lot of times, people just call, that is their first call. You know, sometimes the first call is the Councilmember from that district. Sometimes, and you know how many phone calls you all get, you know, for your districts with, and you have two, two-and-a-half staff to

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help with your district and we have the entire County. So sometimes people just pick up the phone and call the Mayor and maybe it happens to, oh, maybe there's someone calling right now, sometimes it has to do with, they didn't want to call the department, they don't know who to call so they just call us and so the way that the community liaisons are currently set up is that if a call does come in someone needs help with a parks issue, well we would send that to Allen who would listen to the individual, go back to the Parks Department, research it a little bit, call the constituent back, see if they could, you know, fix, resolve the situation already and then, you know, the situation is resolved, end of story. Sometimes it is because they've called the department and maybe the department couldn't give them an answer. Maybe the department gave them an answer they didn't want, and so they call the Mayor's Office and you know, we again reach out to the director, see what it was, and then try to explain to the constituent why, you know, why was this. So, they do that. The EA, the liaisons do a lot more. They attend the community events. They bring back what they hear out there in the community so that we know that, what the issues are and how we can best assist them, and we also like to help the Councilmembers when you send us individuals who maybe have called you about something if there's something we can help with. My, you know, my style of management also is to make sure that we have the organizations' needs, we know what the strengths are of the people that we have, and what their passion is, you know, what their "why" is so that we're all, it's all working together for the betterment, but I understand what you're saying.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. No. Yeah. And so you've got somebody who, I'll make this really short, Chair, you got somebody who has an issue with parks in Kihei. They call your community liaison, your community liaison turns them over to the liaison in charge of parks, maybe they turn them over to the Parks Department because they haven't called the Parks Department. I mean the whole thing, there's this whole network of all these people that are taking phone calls and I just don't, I don't understand the efficiency of it. I don't understand how that person gets their needs met immediately by having three people doing the same thing. So, I just want to, I'll leave it at that because, you know, it's an ongoing frustration because yes --

MS. TEGARDEN: I understand.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --when I get a phone call from somebody in my district or even outside of my district who has been to the departments, I'm assuming that something is not happening, you know, that something's not being enforced or implemented that should be. If it's a policy thing I'm happy to take it, but if it's another issue then I try to walk them through to the department. That's what, that's the job of an ombudsmen, but you've got like seven ombudsmen people who are geographic and then you have different duties for departmental issues, and so I find it very confusing and repetitive. So, I'll just leave it at that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MS. TEGARDEN: Perhaps, we can do a better job of explaining it also. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Chair. Ms. Tegarden, thank you for being with us today. I appreciate your role and what you do for the Mayor's Office and for the County. My only concern right now is, I'm not really worried about the liaisons because I know they have multiple jobs with regard to the community and so forth, but my one concern that I hope perhaps you can discuss with the Mayor is when you call the departments, it's rare that you get a human voice. You know, that has happened to me multiple times, and so if there's something that can be done about that, and I think that's why we get all the calls, and you get, you know, the 9th floor gets all the calls because we can't reach the people in the departments most of the time. So, if you could check on that, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you, Ms. Tegarden, you have a great explanation to Council Chair King's concerns, and you know, typically, I think, I can agree with an educational outreach for the public because members of the public, they will, sometimes, they may not know, and they'll just say, I'll call the Mayor or I'll call my favorite Councilmember or two, and you know, it's incumbent upon us to provide assistance rather than just giving them a number here, call this number. And that sometimes gets the citizens frustrated. It's like, oh, I'm being, the buck is being passed around so I think if all of us can collaborate with customer service, if you will, or at least just providing assistance to our citizens so they don't feel so frustrated. So, I can agree with Council Chair's suggestion about us collaborating, doing an educational outreach. And you know, Member Lee touched upon the roles of the EAs and your goal of responding in 24 hours or less if possible and that's certainly appreciated, but you know, I have had, when I was on my previous Council service, I have had people tell me, they call the departments and employees will just say, call the Mayor or call the Council. You know, so I think this is incumbent upon from the directors themselves educating their personnel about customer service because I've heard it many times. They say, oh, I call the department and they just say, oh, call the Mayor or call you or the Council and so that's somewhat frustrating. So, I think that is really important. So, as a suggestion so we don't have our citizens getting, you know, frustrated, and like Member Lee said, they're calling a machine and sometimes it takes more than 24 hours. Maybe the Mayor's Office is doing their part to get back in 24 hours, but the departments got to do the same thing too, yeah, because I've heard many times they don't call me back or they call me back a week later and my issue was resolved. So, little things like that will help, and just one final suggestion, have you looked at changing the carpet on the 9th floor because, you know, we have dignitaries and I worked up there, and that was the one thing I was always self-conscience about. You know we get all these dignitaries visiting and, you know, the carpet is so, maybe that light color shows all the dirt. It looks real kapulu, yeah. So, anyway, if that's something you'll consider as a budget proposal, you know, I can certainly support that. So, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did you want to respond really quickly, Ms. Tegarden?

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MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you. Thank you for that. Yes, I have been on my hands and knees on occasion trying to get some of those ink stains out of there. So, I understand what you're saying. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Darker color.

MS. TEGARDEN: Darker color. Yes, do not go with, yeah, white carpets. No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Teagarden. I just had one question. Will the Mayor be making rounds throughout the County? I know past Administrations have.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes, thank you, Councilman. He will be. He has, we're gently starting that and he will be going around to the different departments and all over just sharing and listening and, you know, taking it back and absorbing it all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Members, do you have any final pressing questions? If not, if you have any other questions, please send it to the EDB Committee and we'll compile them and get responses from the Mayor. Okay. Mr. Hokama, you had a question?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, not at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Tegarden.

MS. TEGARDEN: Mahalo. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members it is exactly 12 o'clock, and we have gone through most of the agenda. We have four more items left.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How many did we go through already?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have presentations for, from the Office of Economic Development, Office of the County Clerk, Office of the County Auditor--five--Department of Management, and Department of Finance which we will hear from at our reconvened meeting next week Tuesday on March 19th. Yes, Member...

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, but Chair I..just point of information. You did move EDB-1 to the end of the agenda.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, and EDB-1, yeah, sorry. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, so Madam Chair, so maybe if I missed it, with regards to the Mayor's office were we gonna defer on the presentation?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: When we take action. Okay, just for the record. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Members, if there are no objections...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: ...*(inaudible)*...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, no, I'm just, I'm gonna defer item EDB-24(7), the Pre-Budget Session Presentation from the Office of the Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members.

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
OF MAUI (CC 19-61))**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, okay...and in reference to EDB-1 that Chair King brought up I'd like to refer you to Granicus, the memo is online and I'm hoping that if you have any questions that you will bring them to our reconvened meeting next week Tuesday. And so now I'd like to recess this meeting of the Economic Development and Budget Committee until March 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber. Are there any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, this meeting is now in recess until 9:00 a.m. on March 19th. Mahalo, Members. ... *(gavel)* ...

RECESS: 12:02 p.m.

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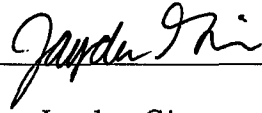
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