BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

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RECONVENE: 11:19 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Tom Cook, Member
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Member (In 12:02 p.m.; out 5:30 p.m.)
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Nohelani Uʻu-Hodgins, Member

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good morning. Welcome to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development recess meeting. And it is now 11:19. Thank you, everybody, for coming on a Sunday so we can hopefully complete this. My name is Yuki Lei Sugimura, I'm the Chair of this Committee, and I'd like to thank all of you for making an extra effort on this Sunday morning. The online meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Sunshine Law, and as a reminder, when your name is called, if you are not in the Council Chambers, please identify by name who, if anyone, is in the room, vehicle, or workspace with you today. Minors do not need to be identified. Good morning, Member Kama, the Vice Chair of this Committee.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, aloha Lāpule, and håfa adai.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good…good morning, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Håfa adai, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Håfa adai. Good morning, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka kākou. Just wanted to express my condolences to Ms. Toshikiyo and apologize on behalf of all of us that you can't be spending this time with your family the day before and after your father's celebration of life. It was very beautiful. We got to see a lot of the old-time Lāhainā families, and I'm just sorry that we're taking away…you away from your family because we can't get it together.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Good morning, Chair, Councilmembers, community members. I echo that sentiment, and hopefully we do half-a-days' worth of work today and be in and out. There's no…well, I'm alone in my off…workspace. The birds are singing and the dog is snoring, so pardon me for the background now. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow, very nice. Member…Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Not here? Maybe joining us. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aloha, good morning, all. Håfa adai. I also too hope this is half a day.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Aloha, everyone.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aloha. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha Lāpule kākou. Here at my home residence, and I'm here by myself. And I also want to extend our condolences to the Toshikiyo ‘ohana. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Member…from the Office of the Mayor, we have Budget Director

Ms. Milner, Lesley Milner. From Corporation Counsel, Kristina Toshikiyo and Kristie Wrigglesworth. Committee Staff, Pauline Martins; Kirsten Szabo, Legislative Analyst; James Krueger, Senior Legislative Analyst; Jarret Pascual, Legislative Analyst; and Clarissa MacDonald; Peter Hanano, Legislative Attorney; and our Deputy Director of Corporation Counsel [*sic*], Richelle Kawasaki; Lei Dinneen, Council Services Assistant Clerk. Please look on the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity.

ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And let's continue discussion with the one item on our agenda today, which is BFED-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the County of Maui. And…okay. We will continue to accept written testimony, though we don't have any oral testimony for today. And I wanted to just say that this is a recess meeting from Friday, and I think we decided to do this recess meeting...in years past, we've worked till 2:00 in the morning just to finish it, but we were not there so the option was a new day, and this is the new day. I'm sorry if it's, you know, imposing on your personal family time. So, besides working on this, we will also finish our real property tax dis…discussion and then propose…proceed with weight and fuel tax. After, we'll take up Bills 50, 54, and complete our final discussions on Bill 41. And so, at this time then, I wonder if Staff could go over Exhibit 1.

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: A copy of Exhibit 1 has been passed out to all the Members, and I think right before the meeting, if you look in your inbox, all of you would have gotten an email message from Staff with Exhibit 1. I apologize, I think some Members got it beforehand and some Members didn't, so they sent it all this morning right before this meeting. Go ahead.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, yes. So, we have up on the screen the current status of Exhibit 1. You know, we'll…we'll continue refining it up until it's time for…for Committee report posting. But…but generally, the…the Exhibit 1 should reflect the Committee's actions taken during…you know, during its deliberations this month. So…so, again, as always, you know, please review it. You know, please reach out to us if…if there's something that you feel that we haven't reflected properly or needs updating, and we can take a look at that and…and discuss what needs to happen, if anything. So, most of the time, it'll probably just be we can make that adjustment on our end to reflect the Exhibit 1 more accurately, but if there are other things that need to happen, you know, we can discuss that at that time. So, this…this Exhibit 1, this copy of Exhibit 1 that we have is...it's everything. It's…well, it's…it's all the operation side. So, Operations and CIP, plus Appendix A, Part 1 and Part 2. So…so, everything should…should be there as it relates to those…those items. Yeah. And…and there you go. So, it's a large document so I'm not going to scroll through all of it, but…but we've…we've provided that for all the Members. Thank you. So, the…this is the…the first part of our discussion. I guess the

second thing we'll just want to bring up as the Members launch into its discussions today, just kind of where the Committee is at. So, after balancing, based on our calculations, the…the Committee…you know, first talking about imbalance, like as the budget current status that the Committee has, the only imbalance the Committee has is in the General Fund, and the imbalance is it…it's under…it…it's appropriating over revenues $60,977,628. So, the Committee needs to make up that amount in revenue to…to balance, or…or cut that much in appropriations to balance, or a combination of the two. Talking about the Mayor's…the comparison between the Committee…the…the Mayor's proposal and the current status of the Committee's proposal going by fund, the Committee is over the Mayor's proposal by 68,609,269 in the General Fund. It's under in the Highway Fund by 143,980. It's under in the Solid Waste Management Fund by 345,000. It's over in the Environmental Protection and Sustainability Fund by $1,284,612. It's over the Mayor's proposal in the Water Fund by $5,506,457. It's over in the Bond by $17,680,000. And so, in total, the Committee's current proposal over the Mayor's, the Committee is over the Mayor $92,591,357. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Can I --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Chair, can I please request that I have that on one simple piece of paper instead of all of this? Is there a form with that Excel spreadsheet numbers?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, we can…we can provide that for the Members.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I was trying to write as you were saying but once I heard a couple 68 millions, I…I couldn't even focus anymore. If I could please just have that on one paper. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we'll get that from Staff. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Just for clarification, James, can you repeat that the net amount that…you know, the total net amount we have to come up with is, what? 92 million, what was that?

MR. KRUEGER: So, net, the Committee's proposal --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. KRUEGER: -- is over the Mayor's proposed by $92,591,357.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Now, when you say over the Mayor's budget, which budget are you talking about, the one he…he submitted to us? Because he's made changes to it, and he himself has added to his budget, correct?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, yes. The number we're using is the number that was on the Mayor's proposal March 25th . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, you know, what I'm saying is that we're not responsible for every penny that's over the original amount, so could…at some point, can you let us know how much he added to the budget, okay? Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Got that?

MR. KRUEGER: We can try and take a look at that, Chair. Admittedly, I…I'm not too sure what…it's a little unclear. The…the Committee votes on everything that's before it, so we'll…you know, we'll have to take a look and we…we might have to make some calls, and it…that might take some time. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I think Lesley would know.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Budget Director, did you hear the question?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Because --

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Excuse me, Lesley. Because you, Chair, added to the budget --

MS. MILNER: Sorry . . .*(inaudible)*. . ..

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- on behalf of the Administration. Yeah. I mean, it wasn't your personal additions.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Milner, good morning. Thank you for being with us.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee. I can go check through my notes, but off the top of my head, we added 500,000…we requested that the Council consider the addition of 500,000 in Carryover/Savings, as well as adding a condition under the Affordable Housing Fund for that 500,000 for the housing buyback. We also, during the discussion on Līpoa, offered the Council the option of an additional 13.9 million in Carryover/Savings to put toward that project that they were considering. Those are the two off the top of my head. Management had some conditions, but that was using existing funds so that did not increase the budget. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair…Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Was that 15 million or so?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 13.9 for the Līpoa project, and then half a million…I'm sorry…yeah, 500,000 Carryover/Savings for the housing buy…

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Fourteen four?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- buyback.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. In…in the neighborhood of 15 million? Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anything more, James, to that? Is that what you had? Okay. All right. So…and then you'll…you'll do a summary for the Members of what you just reported? Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes? Oh. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Can I…can I…thank you, Chair. Can I clarify that? What about the Maui Fire Department, 8 million for hazard pay? Was that included in the 92, or is that separate? Can we clarify where that is?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That was...okay...in…in the Exhibit. That hazard pay was included in Countywide, right?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Countywide?

MR. KRUEGER: In the numbers we're calculating, it does include the $8 million increase…increase for the firefighter temporary hazard pay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so it's already in.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. I don't know what page it is on the exhibit. Any other questions? Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's not really a question, it's just I don't…I don't really feel comfortable with what we're doing, the…the entirety of the whole process. I don't…I don't feel like we were given clear guidelines. I mean, it…it should have been kind of self-evident that we need to balance the budget, but I don't…I don't know that was clearly laid out how the process accomplishes that. And, you know, many of us went to DC where our Congressional representatives told us to be fiscally conservative this year, and I don't feel that this is fiscally conservative.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And…and the entirety of the process was frustrating and

confusing. It…it lacked clear direction. I did work on a proposal to cut 22.5 mil, and I emailed that to Staff and they can distribute…distribute it if you like.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But I don't…and…and I'm not saying anyone has to vote for that proposal, but I won't be voting for the budget in the current form because it's just…when you play with numbers on papers, you have to know what the reality of those numbers on papers are. And, you know, I'm all for raising rates on nonowner-occupied, I'm all for raising rates on the tourism industry, but the tourism industry of today is not the tourism industry of 2019, and when we first created the tiers, I think we made…we were able to find a lot of money because it was the first time, and then we're building on that, and it's not like every time you're going to find another 40 million, another 60 million without…without causing that negative of an effect. And, you know, we…we make broad generalizations that are mostly true, but we don't know everybody's situation, everybody's family lands that they've inherited over generations, nonowner-occupied and like that. So, I really think that we…we've wasted a lot of time and…and I'm not sure what the goal is that we're trying to get to, but I don't feel comfortable raising everybody's top tier to $18. What…what I emailed to Staff is…is not even what I feel comfortable with, but it's trying to be a compromise between our needs and our wants and what can realistically be spent by our wants based on past situations. But I don't…I don't feel comfortable with it the way it stands.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Based upon the numbers that we're hearing, I think that probably some of us may feel the same way, right? We're questioning where we are and that we have…I mean, I think all of our wants and needs were a lot of the priorities…the priorities that we submitted of what we wanted in the budget, $100 million over, you know, on top of whatever was in the Mayor's budget and how many cuts, you know, did we do is…is what we're talking about to bring it down to accommodate for our wants and needs. And there are a lot of unusual things that happened in the budget today…I mean, over the past few days I guess where we put things back in or put in new projects, which for the…the real property…that would affect real property taxes. So, yeah, I would like to see what you submitted, so can you share it? Oh. Okay. I'm going to take a short recess, and let's get this organized. It is 11:36, so is it 11:40, 11:45? 11:45? Okay. 11:45. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 11:36 a.m.
RECONVENE: 11:57 a.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. It's now 11:57. So, Members, what you will be receiving hard copy as well as online are the proposed changes to the budget from Member Paltin. Oh, as well as the request from Member U‘u-Hodgins regarding all the funds and where we are with Mayor's proposal, and then our Committee's current proposal. Oh.

MR. KRUEGER: Can we do a two-minute recess, Chair? Two-minute. Two-minute.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: *. . .(gavel). . .*

RECESS: 11:58 a.m.
RECONVENE: 12:02 p.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: *. . .(gavel). . .* Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. Oh, I'm still trying to connect. Did all of you connect in? *. . .(echoing). . .* What happened? Okay. Okay. All right. So, did all of you get the…the list of all the funds and where we are from the BFED Staff, the summaries? Member U'u-Hodgins, as you requested? Okay. And then did you…all of you get Member Paltin's suggestions for it looks like cuts, changes? You need time to look at it? All right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I am here.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez, thank you for flying back.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Good thing I did, because it looks like the internet doesn't want to be working on Sunday either.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: *. . .(laughing). . .* Okay. So, where we are is discussion regarding the budget in general. We have a proposal from Member Paltin. Member Paltin, would you like to describe this?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Not really, it's pretty self-evident. I just was looking through, and I…I cut some stuff. I thought it was 22.5, but it says 31.193 at the bottom --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- on the last page. And I guess most…some of it is what…like from the answers of what the Directors gave us, if they would even spend it, some of it was transferring to pots as conditions, and some of it was just halving it or reducing it by a bunch, and some of it was deleting. And I didn't explain each and every one of them. That's the overall explanation. And so, that's what it is, because I'm not trying to just complain and not bring an alternative to what it is, you know what I mean? Like, I'm not trying to say I don't support us increasing the Mayor's budget by 92 million and leave it at that, so this is a compromise. If I was doing what I was actually comfortable with, it would…it would probably be way more severe. *. . .(laughing). . .*

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But this is my attempt at compromise.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Appreciate that. So, this document, which all of us are in possession of and Member Paltin has submitted, it is $31,193,453…453. Members, you want to go each one and look at it so that you can have…Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Just a couple of housekeeping things. If…I think we said we…we're trying

to see if there could be…today's meeting could be half a day, and I was wondering if we could get a consensus from each other what could we all be comfortable with in terms of --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Time?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- how long we want to stay here, and then knowing that will tell us how much we want to dialogue or how much we just want to up and down things.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Kama, you want to say first? Is that what you're asking…why you're asking?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Well, I got childcare until 6 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- but it doesn't have to stay until there.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. If we're going down the list on what our goals should be for today, I'm open until whatever time. But the other thing is I think we need to decide what the goal is. Do we want to bring the number back to the original proposal of the Mayor? And if that's the case, I'm for that. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Do you have a…okay. Do you have a…we…we're talking about time, so are you okay with time?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh yeah, I said I can go as late as we can.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. My kids are big.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: *. . .(laughing). . .* Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have an appointment at 6:00 a.m., and then I need to take my kids to school, and I think that, I don't know, we…we have a deadline of 10:00 something to get the RPT posted so working back from that, I'd like at least seven hours of sleep, and I have to do something at 6:00 a.m., working back from that, then it takes me an hour to home. *. . .(echoing). . .*

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Sorry. Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, 11:00, 10:00…I am not going later than 8:00.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I…I'd like to be done by 4:00. I have to go to the farm today, but I'll…if you guys…I can not work and do this. This is my priority. I'm here for this, so…

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I would just hope that we are willing to --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Finish?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- you know, sincerely look at this, and I don't want to just argue all day, you know? Let's…let's try to find some compromise and not argue over…all day.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have a flight at 5:57, so I'm leaving the Chambers at I think 4:30 might be okay, but…and then I'll be online after that. I'm…I'm not going to change my flight again. I…my family needs me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member…Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Member Johnson already went.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm sorry. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I'm glad we're having this conversation. I would very much like us to be finished at 4:00. 4:30 would be fine. I think if we can have structure and, you know, minimum two minutes and then one minute for another round, but just really keep time and keep it going.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: And also, keep the spirit of collaboration, the give and take. I sincerely would like to keep it down to maybe, you know, $15 million over. I mean, I don't…I can accept a little bit of an increase, but we have a long ways to go. So, that's my input.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U'u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I do my math like…like Member Tamara…Member Paltin does her math, going backwards. But on Sundays, I actually

like to grill and spend time with my family for dinner. That's one of the things. Sundays are so important to me. Sunday night dinner is family dinner. So, if I can get home in time to grill some chicken and steak by like maybe 5:30, I'm okay with that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Sinenci. That sounds good.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair, I'm open to the will of this body. However, I'm having technical difficulties. So, I'm at the office, however, the…I haven't received anything from the Committee because --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. . . .*(inaudible)*. . . email?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- the…the office internet hasn't caught up yet, so it's just a matter of me trying to get enough bandwidth to…to keep up and participate in today's meeting, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So, you…you haven't received the email messages then that was sent to you? What would the alternative be? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, I have a question for Member Sinenci. Member Sinenci, you got the first BFED Exhibit 1 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Exhibit.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- that came in this morning at 10:21? You got that one?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Again, I guess…I don't know if the…the office one takes…only updates it on Monday --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, but he doesn't --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- but it looks like Kirsten just sent me a file.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Sinenci, can you look in Granicus?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. So --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can you pull up Granicus? Ms. Martins said she has it posted on Granicus.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I can check.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, for time, what is your preference?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I'm…I'm okay with time.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, 4:30, 4:00. Member Rawlins-Fernandez, you have to catch your flight at 4:30. Gabe Johnson wants to 4:00. 5:10 is Member Cook. I think U'u-Hodgins, is that…you're flexible? And 8:00 is Member Paltin. Chair Lee is whatever. So, Members, if we could finish at 4:30, that would be great, but --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah. Let's shoot for 4:30.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- it's going to be…shoot for 4:30?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 4:30.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Until we lose quorum? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, I'll…I'll…I'll be joining remotely, I just won't be here physically. That…that's all.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. At 4:30?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Until whenever.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I mean…except for when I'm in the plane. I'm supposed to keep my video off.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . We're getting used to. Okay. So, Member Paltin, this 31 thou…$31 million cut. If we go one by one, unle…you know, then the Members can say yes or no I guess, or…

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: That's what --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This is…this is my proposal in its entirety. You can take it or leave it. If you want to go yes or no, then you can make your own proposal. But this is just my proposal that I'd --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- like on the record so when the angry hoards come out, I'll point to this and say I tried.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. You have been. Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, that was what my question was going to be. This is Member Paltin's

proposal --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- and you're asking us to go through each of them one by one. My concern is if...as we go through them one by one, the...the discussion that will take place is going to be --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's going to take a long time?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- lengthy. So, if this is Members...Paltin's proposal, my sense is that we look at it and we either all say yes, we're going to...we're all going to agree to this, or there are certain ones that you're going to pick out and that's all we're going to talk about. I don't know.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: But I think we should figure out how to expedite this going forward.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, yeah, that's a good idea. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Are there other proposals by other Councilmembers?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we haven't had any in writing, but there might be in...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I thought you had one?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, mine is a CIP...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: But still yet, it...it's...it's...we're cutting or adding, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right. Right. So, let me find out from my Staff when they're going to get it ready, but I'll get it to you. Let's...let's finish this first, okay?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, if...if the requirement is to vote the whole thing up or down, I'm voting it down. There's some good things in there and some other things I can...you know, I cannot support.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: In...in Member Paltin's recommendation?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. I think...I think I speak for everybody.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Except Member Paltin, of course.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- if any of you have…we'll take it light. Any of you want to remove any of this and discuss it later, but if you look at the list and if you…if you would like to do that, let us know. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I…if I understood Chair Lee correctly, I…I think I heard her ask to take up the CIPs first before we tackle Member Paltin's reductions to, you know, some of the proposals, if that…if that's what I understood.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, because it may…could make a difference, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, please.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I got to get it from my Staff.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: How much time do you need?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I will find out. Did you…did you get it?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm asking Member Paltin about the spreadsheet that we got, if…so, there's two columns; one is the…well, the…I mean, there's more than two, but the question that my…my question comes from those two columns about…so, there's Column E in…is the original proposal, Column G is the proposed reduction, and then Column I, I…is the question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, Column G is…is not…I don't think it's the proposed reduction, it's the proposed balance.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then I think Column I is supposed to be the net with the decrease. So..

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Of the department or of that section?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Everywhere in this big, fat one that you see, the net, I subtracted what I subtracted from that net. So, like, taking the first one is one page 2.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm going to call a recess so I can get whatever from my Staff regarding the CIP.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, I'm…I'm asking Member Paltin a question that I don't think I can ask in recess, so if you wouldn't mind just holding --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- the recess while they work on it. It's fine because we don't need them at this minute. Okay. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, like, taking the first one is page 2 of 95 on the big, fat one. You see this one here?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Exhibit 1.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Exhibit 1. Page 2 of Exhibit 1, line 105. It originally said $630,000, so I..

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your proposal was to cut it in half.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Cut it in half. And then I subtracted that half from that line in Column I, which used to say 11,554,318, and then in my proposal, it says 11,239,318. Granted, it was kind of late so there could possibly be some typos in there, but this is what I was doing before bed. It's like a bedtime story.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for doing that work. Appreciate it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. I…I was going through Member Paltin's thing, and the only thing I was wondering about is the one thing I didn't vote on, was…that's the firefighter settlement, because we will be required to pay for that so I was just wondering your thoughts on that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I spoke to the Managing Director, and he was doing the math, and he said he thinks that we need 7 or 8 million, so being conservative, I…I made it 1 million less rather than 2 million less.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . ., right, Tamara? . . .*(inaudible)*. . ., right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: They can transfer money if they need to.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I was kind of in communication with the Mayor and the Managing Director regarding certain things. I can…I can try and bring it lower too, but I guess, you know, if…if we use this, if we use the CIP and we can bring it down a couple more million, I would feel much better. But I think, you know, ultimately, we're in this position because we weren't given clear guidelines as to what the process is. Like if you say you want to bring it below the Mayor's proposal or you want the Mayor's proposal to be the ceiling, then I don't know how the process laid out would ever achieve that,

you know what I'm saying? Like we…we didn't…it was…it was a frustrating and confusing process, and I just…I mean, I…I would like another Budget Chair personally.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We know that. All right. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Everybody has an opinion, but let's stick to the subject matter and see how do we get through this efficiently. And so, now we know how much time everybody has, now can we find consensus on what the goal is? Is the goal to bring the number back to the original Mayor's proposal, or is it something else? So, can we go down the line and figure out the consensus on that?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, to take us…get us to that point, we are going to have to cut a lot, right? And so, this is $31 million. We're going to have to cut more to get us to that point. Staff, how much would we have to cut in order to get us to the Mayor's 1.5?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. We alone added over that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 100. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 100 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We added 100.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- yeah?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We added 100, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, we got to take a look at ourselves as well. Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Right. And so, this is Tamara's attempt to do that. And individually, if any of you have objections, then you can take it out of her…out of her 31 million, or talk about it individually, or take her whole 31 million if you approve.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Chair, again, I'm going to ask that we hear your proposal first because your proposal --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- may not have --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- things that we've considered before and may be really good, and

then we don't have to cut this one as much.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: As much. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, then I asked for a recess because I got to get it from…together from my Staff, and then I…then you wanted to talk about this, so let me get it together. So, it's 12:22, and give me three minutes. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 12:22 p.m.
RECONVENE: 1:16 p.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Okay, Members. Welcome back. It's 1:16. And the question from Chair Lee was to look at other cuts and discuss it and then going to Member Paltin's recommendations. So, one of the recommendations is to do…did all of you get this, this sheet? It is General Fund, Countywide, department CIP across-the-board cuts for Bill 41, Section 4. And --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. You don't have it yet.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, this spreadsheet…I did. So, this propo...did you all get it? Okay. This proposal is…is to consider reducing CIP amounts by a percentage. And I think last week I mentioned when we first talked about it briefly that I did speak with the Department of Public Works, Director Molina, and listed on the handout are amounts for a 10-percent cut, a 15-percent cut, an 20-percent cut to show different options. So…okay. So, did you…you have this, right? So, the projects that are on this sheet are from Parks Countywide, Public Works Countywide, and converting Highway Fund to Bond Fund from Public Works Countywide road improvements. So, the question to you is what percentage cut would you like to suggest, if at all? And I did…when I did speak with Director Molina, he said he would be comfortable with a 10-percent cut versus the 15 or 20.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Besides this proposal, didn't you have another one --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yeah. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- which would trump this one, would cover this one? It would…it --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's…it's two separate. It's two separate. So, this is taking projects that we could do this and do a 10-percent cut, they could still do the project. You want to talk about the next one?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The…yeah, because the next one takes all projects, including these, and putting it in a list, and then putting a total amount that the…would be allocated to all projects so that the Administration can pick and choose which projects they want to go first, and if they're short on any of the projects, they'll come back for a amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, let me explain this. So --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Bill 43…oh, I don't see Budget Director. Okay. So, Bill 43, which is the proposed ordinance for budget authorization, it is…the recommendation is to take this and to possibly…if you look at Bill 43, it lists many of the projects that are in this bill, and to take out the dollar amount but just leave a cap amount. So, it…it would be like 100 million or, you know, 1 point….what…you know, whatever you decide, and it can go up to 137 million. And then the departments do not need to…without having a dollar amount for each project, the…the department can then work on whatever projects that they can and then take from this pot but not be constrained to whatever it is right now listed on Bill 43. Oh, here's Budget Director. Yes?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I consulted with the Department of Finance, and we would not recommend proceeding with this at this time. We're just getting ready to go out to the bond and by not listing specific amounts for projects, we're just concerned that it shows that we're not prioritizing things, that we're not allocating things specifically for…for projects. I did look at the Ordinance that your Staff referenced when I spoke to them, and even in that Ordinance, there were still specific amounts listed for each project. It also wouldn't work with the current way that we budget for the CBSs and in our FE system. I'm fully open to having conversations about making things more flexible for the departments, but I just feel like we need more time to come up with something that works for all parties. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I see…yes, Chair Lee. I see Ms. Toshikiyo also.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Budget Director, we're all about being flexible, you know? And so, if we can't go down that road, tell us what…which road we can go down if we were going to I believe try to…to save $37 million with this proposal if the Members agree to it. So, if you have another way to get $37 million, please let us know and then, you know, we'll be open to discuss that.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee. If the Committee's intent is to cut $37 from CIPs, I would recommend that they cut specific projects, and I also have very serious concerns with that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Good try. It sounds like, you know, there's considerations

of us not doing it. Huh? You…I can't hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I said we're trying to be flexible --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- considering…to me, considering the high budget amount that was presented to us. Because as you know, they couldn't spend all of their money last year and we had over 60 budget amendments, and always, we have Carryover/Savings. So, if we always have Carryover/Savings, that means projects are not being implemented.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And now, they have more money in this year's budget due to high assessments, which are killing our people, and so, you know, I'm saying help us. We don't want to cut things that are absolutely necessary or of high priority, but they know where there…there are things in the budget that can be cut, reduced, or deferred. Thanks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I saw --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I'll move --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Ms. Toshikiyo --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll move to cut OPEB 5 million and Firefighters 1 million.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee. So, we're going to…you said…could you repeat, please?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to cut OPEB by 5 million. I think we put 8 million more than we needed in there. And then the firefighters by 1 million. Josiah said they needed a total of, like, you know, 8, and then there was already two, and then I only cut one off of my proposal.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I think --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, that's 6 million more.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, discussion on this motion. We're not talking about Bond anymore. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I'm supportive of the motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I will…I will say that I'm not supportive of cutting the 1 million for

the firefighters because it is the amount that I got from Managing Director. It was…it was my proposal. So, he did say there's two already in the existing, and then he also said, you know, another…another eight is what they would need.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, in…in my booklet proposal, I cut one. This is a second one.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Which --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- Josiah was okay with.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, Chair, for clarity, that would be a net cut of two from the eight if...this original proposal?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If...if my booklet proposal goes through and this proposal goes through, it'll be a net cut from 2 from the 8, so leaving 6 plus the 2 that was already in there for a total of 8 net million…net 8 million.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. Thanks for the clarifications.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And OCS correctly calculated mine, and they came…or I'm not sure if correctly, but they calculated it probably better than me late at night to 23,205,000 is what they came up with. 23,205,000 decrease.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Instead of the 31?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I…I never…that was Excel that said 31 mil.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, the 31 might be correct, but that's the proposed addition. It doesn't take the Exhibit 1 calculation and deletes the 31, and then that's how you would get the 23 --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, got it. Got it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- is…is my understanding.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We were misinterpreting what that 31 meant.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, now it's 23?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, the --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It never was 31. It was always 23.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We just interpreted that 31 as being a decrease when it was an increase kind of. So, the…the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- net decrease from my booklet propos…my Exhibit 1 proposal is 23,205,000 decrease from the Exhibit 1 book that was handed out by OCS this morning.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, if we approve that one --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, wait. Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. We have a motion on the floor, right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Which is what Member Paltin made, and then we're diverting to her proposal so let's stick to this…her motion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Staff, can you read the motion so that we are clear? We're talking about two things at once.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, moved by Councilmember Paltin, seconded by Chair Lee is to decrease under Countywide costs fringe benefits by $1 million related to the temporary hazard pay for firefighters, and to also delete...or…or decrease post-employment obligations, also under Countywide costs, by $5 million.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Leave…and just to clarify, that will leave us with 3 million more than our obligation, which I think I…I wouldn't go much further than that because, you know, it…it gains us revenue in the long run.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to make clear that I'm going to continue to abstain from this vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, I am…I…roll call. I'm going to stick to what Managing Director said, that he needed the $8 million, 2 and 8, and this would decrease what they need for the hazard pay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Roll call.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. PASCUAL: Thank you, Chair. Proceeding with roll-call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U'u-Hodgins.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Excused.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Excused and recused.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Recused. Yeah.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No. Okay.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have seven "ayes," one "no," one --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: One --

MR. PASCUAL: -- excused and recused, Councilmember U‘u-Hodgins. Motion passes.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Vice-Chair Kama and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.**
	NOES:	**Chair Sugimura.**
	ABSTAIN:	**Councilmember U‘u-Hodgins.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. Next, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I think I get the feeling that everybody's ready to vote on Member Paltin's prese…presenta…proposal. Okay?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay? Can?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What…whatever. We did not talk about the bond thing again. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, no, no --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, because Lesley didn't support the bond thing and…right?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We talked about it and --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Bond Council.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- Budget Director didn't support it. So, I'm not…I'm not ma‘a to bond stuffs so I wouldn't go against advice, you know? Like, I don't know that that's a good idea because I have no knowledge about floating bonds or…I mean, I think a negotiated bond is better, but I don’t even really know what that means. So, that's just an opinion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The only reason why I suggested that Member Paltin do her proposal now is that then we can start on a running total --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- you know? That --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- that's the reason for that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Not…not to not do yours or anybody else's, okay? Thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I move to decrease the budget by 23,205,000 as . . .*(coughing)*. . . sorry…as presented in my supplemental exhibit that was received today this morning --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- in like green and purple.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin and second by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. To…it's not a friendly amendment, it's a clarification that all proposals that have not been acted on, the proposal in Member Paltin's document includes the 1 million reduction for the hazard pay, and we already took action on that so everything except for that. So, Member…Member U‘u-Hodgins should be allowed to --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It…it was an additional 1 million.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, it was additional.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, it was an additional?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- I can separate that --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- so she can vote on this if…if that makes people feel happier? Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Otherwise, she wouldn't be able to vote on this.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Can I friendly amendment separate out on the one, two, three…on line 458, I'd like to separate out for this vote line 458.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was a friendly amendment to her own.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, you don't need to --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. I don't have to second.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So..

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, . . .*(inaudible)*. . ..

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So…so, we're…we're voting actually on a decrease of at this time --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Twenty-two.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- 22,205,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. 22,205,000. All right. Members, any other comments on…on…

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson. Sorry, I didn't see you. And then Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I…I…are we in discussions right now?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Or…yeah, we're in discussions?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. I…I don't want to…I can't vote on this, yes, due…because of the cut on the Lānaʻi Affordable Housing Project. If…if we take that out, I'd…I'd consider it, but that's…I…I can't do it with just cutting the affordable housing for Lānaʻi. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Miss…Mr. Sinenci.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I…I just would say that the budget still has $17 million in it for Lānaʻi affordable housing.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What number is the Lānaʻi one on this? Six --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm not sure the number, Chair, but, you know, we were supposed to get Congressional funding. I flew to DC for this project. It's not enough to…to get the ball fully rolling, so I…I…I would only recommend maybe the proposer of the…of the proposals make…make the cuts they feel they would be comfortable with. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, the only reason I separated out that one was because somebody wanted to vote on it, and technically it would be a violation of the Code of Ethics. I'm not prepared to...you can up or down it, I'm cool with it, you know? I don't...I'm not begging for anyone's support. This is what I'm putting out there. And I think we should call for the vote after everyone talks their peace, but --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- we'll...it's already 1:30 and we still have much more work to do because we have to post by 10:00 tomorrow --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: By 10:00 tomorrow. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- so I think --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: For Real Property Tax.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- give everyone a chance to talk, two minutes, whatever the time frame is, and then, like, you know, like usual, call for the vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. So, Member Johnson, you're saying number...did you see the numbers on this sheet? Is 600 the line number? So, are...are...you want to...did you want to remove this from...no?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I think it was just discussed about voting this up or down --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- and not piecemealing it out. I believe the firefighter aspect was unique because it was part of the previous vote and it was clarified that it was separate. That was taken...that was taken out --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- because of the...but I think me, everybody, is going to be affected by this so I strongly advise a prompt review. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Member Sinenci. Did you have your hand --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair, and mahalo for...Member Paltin, for this proposal. I just had a clarifying question for Maui Grassroots Collective. It's not zeroed out, you just reduced it by 150?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's correct. And then your other one for Maui Rescue Mission I put under…as a condition under Homeless Programs. So --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, got it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- it's still in there for the full amount. I think there was 255,000 to be determined, so I conditioned that one in its full amount, and then I reduced that other one I think 150.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Got it. We can be supportive of that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anybody else? Oh, Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair. So, I was looking at Member Paltin's proposal and I think probably on the last page, the…I think it's 1186, the 4x4 truck, and Member Paltin as I understand zeroed out the 100,000. So, if the Members would allow, I'd like to keep that 100,000 in there and instead delete the 250,000 to Salvation Army.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I already deleted the 250,000 to Salvation Army as part of my --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I didn't see that here.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- proposal. Let me look at my notes. 729. Line 729.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Let me go look for that. I got it. I think I could give up one, but not both.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And I would rather give up Salvation Army but keep the 4x4 truck.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, then your overall vote would be a no --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- because it's an up-or-down kind of thing.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah. But that's my discussion. That's all.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anybody else? Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. And thank you for removing the firefighter one so I could vote and support this. We do all have to cut a little bit. I understand Member Kama's concern about the truck, but Police did have a lot of extra in their…in their salaries last year, and so hopefully they have 100,000 to kind of play around and make that make sense for them. But I do think this is a pretty good document where we all kind of give a little. And honestly, I thank Member Paltin for doing this work late at night, continuing to spend some time away from her family and her young kids. So, I'm going to be supporting this. Thank you for moving the fire, and I understand you guys are going to make that motion after we vote on this. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's correct. Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anything else? Oh, Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second and final, Chair. Thank you. You know, I…I never looked at this budget as…from a position of scarcity and I don't think we should as a body. I think that's a mistake. We're the lowest property tax in the nation. Very wealthy folks live here. I want to remind the Members, there is a State income tax cut, one of the largest in our historic…in…in our State's history, by Governor Josh Green coming down the pipe. The Federal income tax is going to be heavily weighed for the wealthy. As we all know, the Trump tax cuts always do that. I would hope we would cut…we would…while those rich folks get their Federal income tax cuts, they could certainly afford for their property taxes to go up. I, for one, has…have never agreed to be less than the Mayor's budget, and I said that last year. One…for some reason, that came up again. I don't…I don't agree with that. We…I don't know why that's a thing. Why is that a thing? It doesn't make any sense to me. When…when…when I looked at the Members'…I'm going to say this straight. When I looked at the Members' priorities, I was proud. There's a lot of good work in this budget. I…I…I was really…I mean, we've…we moved the needle on a lot of our community issues and I just…so, I…I…I was hoping we could keep it the way it is and look at the property taxes. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. Members, any other discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- I didn't cut your…your early education to MEO, your 630,000. Just…

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: But I also saw that…I also saw that you didn't…you only gave the office half from looking at that too.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Oh, yeah. I…I mean, some people I removed all the way, some people --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- I reduced. I just was fooling…fooling around. I mean, not…I just was adjusting.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? Seeing none. All right.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it sounds like roll call.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair, last --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Chair Lee. I'm sorry.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Last --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah. So, again, I know we only can vote it up and down, but I mean if we could allow the Office budget that Member Paltin had cut in half on…on her sheet to still keep the truck in there and delete that by 2…by 100,000 to make it 215 so it comes out okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. If we're negotiating --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I'm just asking.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's up or down though.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I know.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: But I'm asking.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I mean, if we're going to negotiate, it was that or the extra 60,000 to everyone's district, so that would be like 540,000 or something. So, I…if you want to cut your extra 60,000 to each district pot, but…yeah, it looked like a lot of people already conditioned that stuff, so that's --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- the reason why I didn't touch it, because it…it really feels like taking away from the community. But taking away from Councilmembers' offices is, you know, feeling…feeling that same taking away --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- is what I'm saying. But…but not all of it.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I didn't take all of it.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: You're right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ready to vote? Is it a roll-call vote? All right. Roll call.

MR. PASCUAL: Thank you, Chair. Proceeding with roll-call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice Chair Tasha Kama. Apologize, I could not hear Member

Kama's…

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I think…aye. It was hard, but thank you.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have eight "ayes," one "no." Motion passes.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**Councilmember Johnson.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. At this time, I'll…I'll move to remove an additional 1 million from the HFFA money in Countywide, and we can let Member U‘u-Hodgins not vote as a recusal.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member made by…motion made by Member Paltin and second by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I…I did have text conversation with the Managing Director. He said, you know, between that range, one and two could be cut. My initial one was just one to be conservative, but it looks like we're looking for more money so I'll be less conservative. Whatever the amount comes out to, we'll need to pay it. So, if it's not enough, then they can budget amend from other areas. But there already was 2 mil in there --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- set aside for this, so this is a total of net 8, yeah, which the Managing Director estimated at between 8 and 9. So, you know, they may need to come up with additional monies so there may need to be a budget amendment in the future, but just trying to reduce the amount because it sounds like the bond stuff isn't going work, so this might be it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussions? Okay. If that's your communication, private communication with Managing Director, that's fine. I guess we can do a roll-call vote and…or --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Chair Lee, you had your hand up? Sorry. Oh, I…yeah. Motion made by Member Paltin, and yes, I do have Chair Lee's second. Is this a roll-call vote, or are we fine? Member…all in…raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And Member U‘u-Hodgins, you still can't vote, yeah? So, that's eight…you're…you're recusing yourself. So, eight "ayes" and one recused. Motion carries.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.**
	NOES:	**None.**
	ABSTAIN:	**Councilmember U‘u-Hodgins.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anything else?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, we are at 23 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Twenty-two.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- 24 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Twenty-four.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- 29. 29. 29 million --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- 205 thousand.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Members, thank you. And we're putting away the Bill 43. And I wanted to take up this one last item which...you got this sheet? Oh. Oh, this is...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think that's what she wants to talk about now, the Bond Authorization, Bill 43. I think.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm not a mind reader though.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Chair, can you please elaborate when you say stuff like that? I don't...I'm not...so we can follow you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Wait. Wait a minute. My Staff just gave me something.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 5 million from OPEB. So --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 29 million.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair? Oh, sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Never mind. I was going to do some calculations, but that's okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Wait, you know what --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- I'll...I'll do it. I'll do it, I'll do it, I'll do it, Chair. So, for the Members, the actions that we just took resulted in a reduction of 29,205,000.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: To be transparent, there is a slight discrepancy in the Budget Director and OCS amount. Budget Director thought it was 22,755,000 in cuts in mine.

MR. KRUEGER: We…we'll touch base with the Budget Director. I will note that I already calculated the EP&S supplemental transfer decrease. That could result…that…that could be the difference.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

MR. KRUEGER: That could account for it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Okay. Yeah, and she did say go with OCS for now. So --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- it's in that ballpark figure, that we're down about…I mean, we decreased it about 29-ish million.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Thank you. So, Members, the other pa…handout that you received is a General Fund Countywide Department CIP across-the-board cuts on Bill 41, 20…and Section 4. And you all got it, right? Several options. Another option for us to consider is the handout lists several Countywide CIPs on Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and my proposal is to consider reducing these CIP amounts by a percentage. And this proposal would keep all proposed projects intact, just reduce the funding amount. Listed on the handout are amounts for a 10-percent cut, a 15-percent cut, and 20-percent cut to show different options. Also passed out for your information are the project sheets for each of these CIP and the Finance Director's most recent quarterly report related to these Countywide CIPs. You got all that? Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Did you check with the Budget Director --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- on…on this? Because it's kind of similar to what we were talking about on the Bond --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This is for CIP…CIP to cut a percentage. Director Milner, I did speak with…we…our office did speak with Director Molina and he was fine with a 10-percent cut.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee. Yes, as long as the percentage cut is to specific projects, I don't see that being an issue. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. All right, Members. Let's see…I propose reducing CBS-6067, Countywide Traffic and Safety Program, and CBS-1023, Countywide Roads Resurfacing

and Pavement Preservation, by 10 percent. Yes, I propose...yeah, you got to make the motion. Okay. Member Kama. So, this would allow us to also reduce the transfer --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- from General Fund to Highway Fund. Any questions?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. Could we confirm the second for the motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Member Kama...is there a second? Chair Lee. Yeah. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't know. I mean, I'm okay with...with raising for...for, you know, just the title of the program is Countywide Traffic and Safety Program, and I...I feel like costs are going up, not down 10 percent, and I really believe in traffic safety, traffic and safety, and I really believe in road resurfacing and pavement preservation. Because it's a Countywide pot, it means that somebody's district might not get to...might not get got to. And it's based on their discretion. You know, not necessarily they don't like East Maui or whatever, but it's their discretion on whatever is moving, and so...and then...and then tariffs and like that, we don't know. So, I...with the cuts we had just made personally, like, I mean, I'm...I'm kind of okay with raising it, not 92 million. I think...I think we can overcome that, but I'm...I feel like to me, all of these are...are services that are expected of the County. Like we have a need for playgrounds. Everybody wants a playground. We have a need for like, you know, baseyard, DPW baseyard, traffic and safety, ro...like these are...these are services to our community that I wouldn't support decreasing because of the uncertainty of costs increasing, I guess. So, we'd be...even cutting a 10 percent feels like it could possibly be a 20 percent cut with increases to expenses. And you know how many people die on our roadways every year. I just can't bring myself to cut traffic and safety.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. I also am not excited about cutting, but I'm curious about the mechanics of when...if they're short a project because of inflation, tariffs, et cetera, they would have to come in for a budget amendment or they're going to have to come in to ask for additional funds, is that accurate?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: If they need more and it goes --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: If they needed more?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, I...I want them to be able to do it. My...my question is this. If

we cut it, they have the opportunity to come in and do a budget amendment to compensate for what they do. If they get all the projects done and they needed all the money, they have the opportunity to come in and do a budget amendment. Is that correct? So, we're not stopping it from happening.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're not stopping it, yeah, right? And I guess with the number of projects that they have to do that the…the Director was fine with, you know, reducing it to 10 percent. So, he's not cutting out the project, but that these funds would then be reduced to 10 percent. And if they need to come in for more, but they have, you know, plenty money so they could…you know, they could do it. It's just…not cutting the projects, it's just the funding would be reduced by 10 percent.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And as…

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you for confirming that you did --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. So --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- talk to the Director.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: That's it, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I did.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you for my time.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, he was fine with it. So, this would then be 2,295,000. And then for the second section, it would be for 2,028,000 for this total if…if you go by a 10-percent cut. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. I was wondering if…you know, that list of bonded projects. Did…did you ask the Directors about those projects?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, those projects are projects that…what we were planning…well, we…we're not going to be able to do it, but those projects are already in the Bill 43 and was just a…the recommendation for that was to take out the dollar amount for each project and just lump it in one lump sum, and instead of 100…1.37 million is to maybe to 100 million…I mean, sorry, 100…instead of 137 million, it's to 100 million --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- so they're --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I was thinking --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That was another conversation.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I was just thinking if you reduced it by 10 percent, the same 10 percent you're reducing here, would it be…would it be…this…isn't that the same thing?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think it would be a nightmare because the money is earmarked for a certain thing and you're reducing it by 10 percent, so then depending on which one goes forward in permitting, then you'd have to make like budget amendments. Like if you have it as a total amount and you reduce it by 10 percent, the money can flow where…to where they're ready to move forward, but if you keep it all itemized and then you reduce it by 10 percent, like then you're going to have like short a bid or whatever, and then it's…I imagine it would be a logistical nightmare and we'd have to come in like all the time and be like, oh, they need money for this or whatever. Like I wouldn't be supportive.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair, didn't you have a list of --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: For…for bond?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- projects that were encumbered but not started?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And that was --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Amounted to $92 million.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No. So, that's related to Bill 43, which we're not going to do, but it basically has --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- can you put the mic closer, please?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Sorry. So, that's related to Bill 43, which we're not going to do, but it did have a bunch of projects that...about 12 of them for 90 million that the Department had reported in their…in their quarterly report to us as of February 28, 2025. And so, this was a justification was…for what we're using to possibly do a different method for Bill 43, but we can't do it so don't mix up the two together. It's separate.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, my only thought was that anybody can give you a list of projects and the…and estimated cost amounts and then don't do them, just like they didn't do the 90 million this past year. So, then they don't do $90 million worth of projects, but they're on the list, and then they come in with a whole bunch of other projects, which

is over 100 million. I mean, you know, at some point, you have to sit down and figure out something doesn't fit --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . can be done.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- right? Because if they can't do the first 12 at 90 million, how are they going to do the other 130 some-- or whatever it is, million? I…I'm just wondering how…where are all the workers going to come from?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Well, the…the designated bond bill, right, for 43 lists the 137 million.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you could up or down this bond bill, 43. But this discussion on the cut is…is a separate discussion, and these are the projects that were given to us from the Department, and, again, we just need to determine if you want to do, you know, a percentage cut or just leave it the way it is. Ready for a vote? Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair. So, you spoke to Director Molina about the Public Works project.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Did you speak to Parks about those projects too?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I did --

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: I know it's a smaller amount, but --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, I did not.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I did not speak to…

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. Is Director Milner on the line?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Budget Director?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you. And like a genie, you appear. My question is when I was working with Mr. Bo Montalvo for Holomua gates, we needed to show that we had all the funds in order to even begin pretty much, and we had to get like two separate contracts with G70, one for permitting and then all this other things. I can support some of these cuts so long as it doesn't stop the project from going through. Do they need to show that they have all the funds available, or how does that work?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember U‘u-Hodgins. I think it depends. I think if they're going out to bid for, you know, one project on the list, they need to show they have the funds for that project. If they're trying to get bids for multiple projects, they need to show they have funds for those multiple projects. I have reached out to Director McCall but I haven't heard back yet. I will try and reach him again. But yes, in order to enter into a contract, the department has to be able to show that they have funds available to pay for that contract, you are correct.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Okay. But Director Molina is okay with making these --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 10 percent.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: -- 10-percent cuts --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: -- on these four projects, yeah?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember U‘u-Hodgins. Yes, as Chair Sugimura stated, I did --

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Sorry.

MS. MILNER: -- was able to touch base with him, and he said at this time, they could absorb that and would come in for a budget amendment if needed. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair, and mahalo for the…the motion. I…however, I…I won't be able to support it, only because, you know, every year, we try to increase more of pavement resurfacing in East Maui because we're on…they have a two…two-year-per-two-mile schedule, and so, you know, some of these County roads, a ten-mile stretch as we heard from testimony in our Hāna District, is…it will take 20 years to…to pave some of these stretches. So…and…and I have had discussions with both departments, and…and hopefully, you…you know, they use these…this CIP fund to…you know, to make these repairs that…and to help with that two…two-miles-per…per-two-year schedule. So…and then, of course, Chair, you did hear from some of our younger residents at the Hāna District Office that they…they too want more for Parks. We don't…I think the County have taken out a couple of their playgrounds, so…and the Department has told us…Mr. Marvel has told us that these are the funds that you would likely use to…to help with the programs. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right. Any more discussion? Seeing none. I…so, I'm wondering if you are interested or willing to do the 10 percent, the…is the motion, and…Member

U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Chair, I would be okay to support the 10 percent for the Public Works program, but maybe not the Parks program.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I guess we're waiting to hear back from Director Milner on that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Clarification for Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Was she meaning both Public Works sections, the one Highway Fund to Bond Fund, as well as the one up above that?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Let me double check what they include. I kind of only got through the first one.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: But --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, we're only voting on that one now, right?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Only that one now?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is that --

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Which --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is that what we're voting on?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: So, Staff's understanding of the motion before the body right now is to reduce by 10 percent the appropriations for Countywide Traffic and Safety Program and Countywide Road Resurfuring…Resurfacing and Pavement Preservation. Just those --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

MR. KRUEGER: -- two projects.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, we're just looking at that. So, then…yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we haven't heard back from --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I understand what she's saying.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Any more discussion? So, we're working on the Public Works one and we're waiting to hear back from Director Milner…Milner regarding Parks. Any more...and is this is a roll call, Members? Roll-call vote? Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. So, for the last two lines, it's just…you're just proposing to move $2,028,000 from --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- from Highway Fund to Bond Fund, so it's not being cut from the budget, it's just…being moved to Bond?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's not Bond. Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. On the spreadsheet, there's a slight error. So, there shouldn't be that line about converting Highway to Bond. It…it…that…that shouldn't be there. Apologies for that. So…so, it should --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Krueger.

MR. KRUEGER: -- the proposal is a cut. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It is a…it is a cut.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it…okay. Mahalo for that clarification.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Anybody else? All right. So, we're only talking about Public Works, and it is the four projects…the four items that are listed on the bottom of that sheet, and it is for 10 percent. All right? Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I wanted to verify that you did speak to the Director Molina --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Molina, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- about these four areas because I know that a priority of his and the rest of us is the Baseyard Facilities Program because of the amount of complaints we've been getting for Makawao and Wailuku. So…but he said he's fine with the 10 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 10 percent, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: He did say that. Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, what…what is the purpose of reducing the 10 percent from the Bond Fund for the Countywide Road Resurfacing and Pavement Preservation? Is just…is that just to make it appear less?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it is…it is our effort to cut expenses.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: To appear less? Because this is Bond.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's not…it's Highway…it's the Highway Fund, it's not to Bond.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There's two lines, there's Highway Fund and Bond Fund. There's --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, the 3…

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your proposal has --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- 3 million.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- three numbers, yeah? 300,000 from Bond Fund. So, that's just for optics?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Director did say he was fine with it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That wasn't my question, it was the purpose. Just to make it look less?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Well, to cut back the expenses, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Because this is bonds.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Cut back the expenses.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, they're going to bond whatever.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Chair? Sorry. Thank you. I…I don't know if this is helpful at all, but if you look at that Section 4 on page 28 in the Operating Budget...well, actually, where it says for the CIPs, the cut...and I'm not sure if this is the same index number, but for the Countywide Resurfacing and Pavement Preservation, there's actually two appropriations; there's a $3 million from the Bond Fund, and there's a $13 million from the Highway Fund. So, that might be the two that are listed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It is. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The point is it doesn't reduce the General Fund. It makes it look like it's less than the Mayor's.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think it could --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Reduces from the Highway --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- reduce it 1.7 to 8 million of the supplemental transfer to the Highway Fund, but the 300,000 on the bottom won't necessarily do much for us.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct. The Bond Fund won't do anything.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then if we do all the cuts, this might give us like, you know, 4.6 mil or so, or a little bit less. It's not --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 4.6, along with Parks.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, total, because…total of all the 10 percent. If we did all the --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Like 4.3.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- 10 percents --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, 4.3.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I mean, it's not going to get us real close to 92. But --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It helps.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I'm…I'm kind of not supportive of this, so --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- roll call because I've been trying to get them to do my traffic and safety speed bumps for years.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we can take out the Bond cut from Jordan Molina. Is that right? Oh, okay. All right. We'll take out the Bond cut. My phone is starting to talk to me. All right. So, it will not be the Bond Fund, and the rest. Roll call, Members?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, could --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MR. KRUEGER: -- could we just confirm that the…the movant is okay with that? That would be Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, then the new cut would be 1,728,000?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 1 million --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Yeah. And then the top one is included also.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The 2.295?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, the 428.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, wait. 2.6.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The 2,028,000 now turns into 1,728,000.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's just the 428,000 and 1.3 million to make --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right. Right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- the two bottom ones.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Correct. Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee is who I was talking to.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And then the top one too, which is the Public Works also included in the motion, which is…

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: They didn't include that. We…I thought we clarified that when I asked Member U‘u-Hodgins. It wasn't included.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Remember? I asked Member U‘u-Hodgins if it was both, and then we clarified that the motion was only for the bottom one.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, for clarity, Chair, it's the four Public Works items without the

Bond?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, two.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, they're only including two.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 428,000 and 1.3 million.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you for the clarification.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Roll call.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Proceed.

MR. PASCUAL: Thank you, Chair. Proceeding with roll-call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: And Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have six "ayes," three "noes." Motion passes.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, and U'u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**Councilmembers Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, second motion, if you look...the one above with Public Works, Countywide Government Facilities and those two projects, and that would be also a recommendation. I need a motion. But 10 percent for $1,060,000 and 5...700 and...oh, this is 1.8...1...1,835,000 total for...for this section if you look --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, motion made by Chair Lee and second by Member Kama. Recommended 10 percent. Okay. Vote. Is it a roll-call vote?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I guess so.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Roll call.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, proceeding with roll-call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have seven "ayes," two "noes." Motion passes.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, and U‘u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**Councilmembers Rawlins-Fernandez and Sinenci.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Great. We're still waiting to hear back...oh, there's...Director Milner, did you hear back from Director McCall?

MS. MILNER: Aloha, Chair. Yes, I was able to touch base with Director McCall. He did say that these cuts would mean that they could not move forward with one, possibly two shovel-ready projects in the Parks program. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. I think that answers that. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I too wouldn't be able to support this motion --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- and I'm not sure if...if Ha...oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wait, we're not making that motion based upon what Director...you're talking about Parks?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is...is that what you're talking about?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we're not going to do that motion based upon what Director McCall said about this. So, you can --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- can put this sheet away.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. That might --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- include the building I'm in. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What did you say?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Yeah, it might include the building that I'm currently in.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Yeah, we got to finish that, right? Okay. So, Members, we did Member Paltin, we did the firefighters, and we did this. So, Staff, what is

the...where are we in terms of math?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I got 33,228,000 cut overall?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 32, 768?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: So --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 30…32,768,000?

MR. KRUEGER: Right. What…what we're calculating right now is now the Committee is just under $60 million over the Mayor's budget.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Give the exact number, please.

MR. KRUEGER: Yes. It's...what we're calculating…we…I haven't tweaked the Highway Fund supplemental transfer yet so that'll bring it down by another million, but right now, I have $59,823,357.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 59 million. Getting there. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Roughly 60 more to go.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: How much?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Sixty.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So good, you guys. All right. I'm going to take a break is what I'm hearing. It's…it's 2:16 now, and you want to take...come back at 2:30? . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 2:16 p.m.
RECONVENE: 3:09 p.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee. It is now 3:09 in the afternoon, and we took a pause so we could get a calculation from Staff regarding the impact of Member Kama's suggestion. Member Kama, please state.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, I had asked Staff to take a look at the expansion positions, instead of funding them for eight months, to fund them for four months. And after they did the calculations, the only thing we'd end up cutting would be a million dollars.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, wait. We'll --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: What?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- we'll…we can ask Staff to tell us --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Staff, would you please --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- the exact amount.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Would you please give us the numbers that you calculated?

MS. SZABO: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Kama. The total for General Fund and Highway Fund equals $970,000 and…excuse me, $970,000 and $21. Woah, that was…

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so just about a million dollars.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, just less than a million. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, are you interested in making a motion to look at the expansion positions for four months?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I'd like to make a motion to do that, please, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second. So, motion made by Member Kama, second by Chair Lee. You want to explain, or…discussion?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Well, I think…I think that as we all have to strive and look to see what we can do, that was one of my thoughts. And so, as we continue throughout the day, hopefully we can get the total that we need by the end of the day. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Any other discussion? Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And…and I just wanted to clarify a few things. Some of the expansion positions I defunded completely so we're not taking those into account, and some of them I previously already cut down ones *(phonetic)*, and we're not taking those into account. And also, this is just the funding in the General pot, so if they have other vacancy money and they are able to describe and post their position, potentially they could hire. It's just the money from the pot that we're decreasing…the amount for that, right?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, Staff, you did that into consideration?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. So, what…what we did with the calculation is that we compared it against the Exhibit 1 and…and determining, you know, what cuts were directly related to expansion positions, and so we accounted for those already. So, for departments where the expansion cuts would basically exceed the 50-percent cut...or have already exceeded the 50-percent cut, we did not include that in our calculation. We…we could share the spreadsheet that we have right now or share…share…share-screen it so Members could see what the department cuts would be if that's…would be of interest.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We don't want that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No need.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, I guess --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I want that. I would like the share-screen, please. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Staff? Mr. Krueger?

MR. KRUEGER: So, that's…that's what would be cut from each department.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Chair --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Could it be zoomed?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Could we…so…could we increase the font?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, the…the total of all this in the General Fund is 992,000 or something. I thought you said that after making all those cuts, all we would have left to cut was about a million, but that is opposite.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Shucks. I thought we were going to go home soon. . . .*(laughing)*. . . All right. . . .*(laughing)*. . . I was impressed.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And…and can I clarify about that amount. Does it incread…include fringe?

MR. KRUEGER: We've not calculated the fringe yet for this cut.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And it would be different amounts depending on like if they're Water, what…or Fire, Police?

MR. KRUEGER: I believe neither Police or Fire has been included in this, nor is Water or Liquor. So, it would only affect General Fund and Highway Fund. So…so, the fringe benefit rate that we'd use to calculate it will be…will be the civilian rate across the board.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. So, roughly like another --

MR. KRUEGER: 93 percent of this --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Ninety-three --

MR. KRUEGER: -- would be cut.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- percent. So, maybe about like 1.8 mil or something overall?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, ready to vote? Or Chair Lee, is your hand up?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I have another proposal after this. Oh, okay. Very good. All right. No more discussion then. Is this a roll-call vote? Okay. So, all in --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You can stop the screen-share though. Mahalo for sharing screen.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. This is Member Kama's proposal, and we had the discussion. So, Members, all in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook? Is it nine "ayes?" Okay. Nine "ayes." Motion carries.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thanks for doing the calculation, and thank you, Member Kama. Okay. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. For your consideration, reducing the Emergency Fund by $10 million. The Emergency Fund was originally 83…83 million, and the Administration put in 25. So, it's 108, and I'm talking about reducing it by 10, but we actually could afford to go even a little bit more, like 15, but I'm…I'm suggesting 10. That's my motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Reducing the…motion made…made by Chair Lee and second by Member Kama. So, reducing the Emergency Fund by 10 million. Any discussion? Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I would…I think I would ask for a roll call because I know what it's like to go to sleep and have your whole town need an emergency the next day. And this is April and my house is hot like August, which is not a good sign for not having an emergency I guess because, you know…I don't know if it's an El Niño or La Niña year, but when the water gets hotter, then things happen.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, roll-call vote then. Anybody else have any thoughts on it? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. What about a compromise of 5 million instead of 10?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: If that's not going to move the needle for Member Paltin, then I'm not going to consider it because the whole budget is like the Emergency Fund. I mean, there's so much fat in it so getting any additional funds during an emergency should not be any problem whatsoever.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Member --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. If we can go down to 5 mil, that'll move my needle.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I'll change my vote…my vote…my motion to reduce the Emergency Fund by 5 million.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: You're just amending a friendly amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, it's not friendly, it's just I have to.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Heard that. So, the reduce Emergenc -- - Emergency Fund by 5 million.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion made by Chair Lee and ready…and Member Kama made the second.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, is…is it…okay. Member Cook.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: It's a friendly amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you're voting? Okay. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That means nine "ayes." Motion carries.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**None.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have an amendment. I don't know if anyone cares.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Please.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: On page 55 of Spe…Special Purpose Revenues, I move to delete the $44,319 anticipated for Fiscal Year '26. And if I get a second, I can --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. 55 --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, wait. 55 in what fund did you say?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: S.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Okay. I see 44,000,318 [*sic*]. You're going to explain. Motion made by Member Paltin --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 44,319.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 319. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: There's a transmittal from Ka 'Oihana Kumuwaiwai 'Ōiwi dated 'umikumāhā Malaki, 2025 that says the Revolving Fund balance as of

December 31st, 2024 was $1,440,491.73. There was no revenue for Calendar Year 2024 due to the August 8th, 2023 Lāhainā wildfires. The area previously designated as the parking area is no longer in service, and therefore is not generating additional revenue to contribute to this Revolving Fund. There were no expenditures recorded in the fund for Calendar Year 2024. So, I'm not sure if I would also need to amend the total for Fiscal Year 2026 to $1,440,491.73 to be accurate with this County Communication of the quarter…the semi-annual report from Ka ʻOihana Kumuwaiwai ʻŌiwi.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, very good. Okay. That was the explanation?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That was my explanation. So, I guess I would friendly amend myself to also amend the total for Fiscal Year 2026 to…and…and the estimated balance as of 6/30/2025 to be $1,440,491.73.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And anticipated revenue is zero, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Anticipated revenue is zero.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Sec --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, it has a little bit more money in there than they expect. Unless they've so…spent something between March and…March 14th and today, it should have $1,440,491.73, zero revenue, and total for Fiscal Year 2026 would be the same. I guess minus...if they ever get around to the Mokuʻula and Mokuhinia storyboard, it's minus 250,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any…Mem…Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, to clarify, what is the reduction to the budget?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, nothing changes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I mean, it might go up because of this --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- and the amount was inaccurate --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- but…

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, just a correction?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Correction. Correction.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I mean, Ms. Milner can chime in if…if she thinks I'm wrong.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, she didn't pop up.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, we have to vote on the correction?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's…that's what's on the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Table.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- table.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I mean…yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, it's on the floor.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Voice vote. I don't see Budget Director so --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- I guess Member Paltin's not wrong.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Voice vote.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Tell that to my kids.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your mom is never wrong.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you're voting. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All in favor…Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is it nine "ayes," Member --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Member --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- Kama? Okay. Nine "ayes."

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**None.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, now we are down to about 31 million, 31 and change that we have to cut.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, this one was 5 million, right, from the Emergency Fund? Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I have a question for Staff. The fund balance sheet that we received this morning; it has the difference from the Mayor's proposal to BFED's proposal is a negative balance of 143,000 from Highway Fund and 345 from Solid Waste Fund. Where…did you folks make those adjustments to the interfund transfer to bring down the total cost of the General Fund from 68 million and…so, the 68,609,269 is inclusive of the 143 and 345 reduction?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Krueger.

MR. PASCUAL: Yes, that's…that's correct. So, as of this, that Exhibit 1…those numbers this morning, yes, was inclusive of all of our supplemental…supplemental transfers that…that we adjusted for based on…on the actions the Committee took.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other suggestions? Do I hear another proposal? Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm still thinking.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Maybe Member Nohe Hodgins.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: The only…the only proposal I have is I'd like to go home pretty soon, but that's it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thanks a lot.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: For your barbeque. Okay. Is that it, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm ready to look at RPTs.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're ready to --

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: I'm ready for RPT.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So, Staff, what is the number that we're at now with all of the amendments that we've made? The magic number is…

MR. KREUGER: Okay. Apologies, Chair. We're…we're still trying to incorporate the cuts that were taken and…and the additional fringe based on Councilmember Kama's proposal.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

MR. KREUGER:: So, we're…we're still calculating right now. But right now, what we're showing is…oh, and…and the Emergency Fund, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The 5 million.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have total cuts equal to 39,473,326, which takes us to a balance of 29,135,943.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 943?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Nine...again?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 2-9, 1-3-5, 9-4-3.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Really?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have like 52 million-ish.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, and I am taking it from the General Fund. So, the 68,609,269, minus the total cuts of 39, 473 --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I see.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- 326 equals 29,135,943.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But is that the target amount we need to raise, or is it more? Oh, that's the amount we need to raise, 22? Because there was some Carryover stuff and like that, so that's how much we need to raise?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, for example, for the Water Fund, that was...that was money that was already in the Mayor's proposal in...in the budget as anticipated revenue from the GET surcharge, but because we moved it from the GET surcharge to the Water Fund and now we're recognizing that 5.5 million in the Water Fund because of Member Cook's proposal, that's not money that we would have to generate from...for General Fund. That's money that just wasn't conditioned from the GET surcharge.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Great. Can you tell me again the amount of revenue we need to raise, 22 you said?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Twenty-nine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Twenty-nine.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 29 million?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 135,943.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's super doable.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Let's go.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And we can get out of here --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Because --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- so Member U‘u-Hodgins can grill.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, I rather come to your house and let you grill for me. I no like grill.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ready? Are you all fine with our target?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, Members.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Brah, this can be done in one thing, easy.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And then the Bond and the Lapsed Bond, that's…that's Bond so you don't have to generate the 17 million for that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay? Ready?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Ready.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ready to go. Go for it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just make the third tier 18 and call it a day.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yep.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. For nonowner-occupied, I think…oh, okay. All right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Krueger, can you bring up the RPT calculator? Okay. As best as we can see it. Oops. Okay. Members, where did you want to make the proposed amendment or change?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Third tier, no…no…nonowner-occupied, $18 like Pam said.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Nonowner, okay. Got that?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And how much would that generate?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 21 mil --

MR. KRUEGER: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- about.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies, could…could we have that rate again? Sorry about that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, third tier, nonowner-occupied, $18 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: From 14?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- in…in the Mayor's tier range. Same tier. Same tier. Same thresholds.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You got that?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, sorry. 21 million includes increasing Tier 2 to 9.5. My bad.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Tier 2 is 9.5?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was 8.5. Let's see…21 million. Let me…let me...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nonowner?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, I got to change some things because I…last night when I was doing the math, I made it more money, but you guys helped me out. Good job, gang. So, 177352793 minus . . .*(inaudible)*. . . So, that generates $15,681,014? Does everyone get that? $15,681,014.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I got 15, but mine's…rounds up.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No decimals.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hm. You can…if you raise timeshare to 15, that's another roughly mil and some. This will be easy, gang. So, you guys want to just vote on the nonowner-occupied? Is everyone okay with Pam's recommendation?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The third-tier one.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Third tier only.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: With thresholds of the Mayor's?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Mayor, same thresholds.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any others?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, let's --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The 850 stays then, is that what you --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, 850 stays. Do you want to do it just one at a time?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, the nonowner then is 587, just like the Mayor, and then the second tier is 850 or…or are you looking at 950?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 850.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 850. So, that remains. And then just the third tier jumps up to $15?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Eight…$18 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, $18.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- as recommended by Ms. Tumpap.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: $18. Oops. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Is that a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, that was a…or I move I guess. I thought I mod…moved.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: You move?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Has it been seconded for discussion yet?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yep.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. All right. You understand what we just did, right --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yep.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- for the rates? Okay. So --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Discussion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- any discussion? Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Friendly ame…I guess as a friendly amendment or…or an alternate is the 16 instead of the 18 for the top tier. And…and with the…with the understanding that some other things will also be changed.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Like what?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: And…

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We don't…you don't want to listen to Pam?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Pardon?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You…you don't want to listen to Pam?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I thought Pam was a little heavy-handed for that. I agreed with her in some degree, but also there…yeah. I didn't agree with her in total, in all?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. For discussion, what other areas are you looking to increase? I have…I have timeshare on my radar.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah. I have timeshare on my radar in all three of them changing to some degree, apartment res…apartment and commercial to some degree, hotel and resort for like $0.50.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I got…I got apartment and commercial on my radar. For…for apartment, the reason I didn't really pull the trigger on that was because I figure, you know, normally when assessments go up as high as we do, we try to adjust so that people aren't…who are living in their place don't have to pay a whole lot more. So, I wouldn't be supportive of apartment. I don't know if I would be supportive of $0.50 on hotel. I could be supportive of a quarter on hotel, but that only raises…

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah, mine was a quarter on hotels. That raises 1,157,000.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, that's what I got.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: And 817.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's what I got.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then timeshare, if we go to 16, it would raise 5.8. At 15, it would raise 1.6 ish.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: My timeshares was plus a quarter. It was 12.75, 13.75, and 16.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: There's only one.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, timeshare.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are you talking about short-term rental or timeshare?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Timeshare.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No. Yeah, TVRs.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, oh. I didn't…I don't…I don't know that we would need to touch short-term rental per se.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No, not…

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I don't think I'm cutting it; I think I'm raising it a quarter…a quarter and a buck.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I guess I…I mean, trust me, I don't have sympathy for short-term

rentals. However…I'm…and it's…the however is I still don't have sympathy for short-term rentals. I guess the however is that they would be likely to appeal, and as they all individually appeal, that reduces our revenue in the next year. As we saw, we came in 7 mil under the certification. Not that nonowner-occupied wouldn't appeal, but…and…and it's not they're…they're appealing the rates, they're appealing the assessments. And I think that, you know, ti…TVR short-term rental assessment is like a little more wonky than nonowner-occupied because when you're assessing it, the…the other things that we're doing simultaneously comes into play, and so I don't want to hurt future projected revenues by giving them grounds to appeal by raising their rates when many people have said that overall, you know, since 2019, they're getting less visitors.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But I would be okay with timeshares and hotels, small adjustments.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The highest tier of nonowner-occupied is over 3 million. I mean, in a perfect world, maybe that third tier would have been a little higher, but it's hard to think to ask them the tiers on Monday if we're not going to work on it until Friday and you have a better picture. So, in hindsight, I wish we would have asked for something a little higher so we could really stick it to folks that are…the tax-the-rich folks because this…we may catch some people, possibly generational properties and like that. So, I…I guess I can see where you're coming from on the…on the 16. How about 17 then?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: What you said, I very…what my colleague says, I very much concur with. I would not like to raise the taxes at all. I think the transient vacation rentals is extremely problematic to raise money on. Yeah, I mean --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I…I mean, I'm willing --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Seventeen's --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- to do it.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Seventeen's better than 18.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can you…you…so, you're figuring out 17?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm figuring it out right now.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, that would give us an additional 11,760,761 instead of 15 million. I mean, it's...it's doable, we'll just have to spread the pain around a little bit more, which I'm...I'm okay with if you guys are.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, that's the difference between 14 and 17 --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- only, yeah? Not the whole thing.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, 17...it was 14, and if we charge 17, we'll generate an additional 11.76 mil. And then I guess with a 17 for the highest tier of nonowner-occupied, I...I'd be comfortable with a 16 at timeshare, which would generate an additional 5.8 something. So, we're kind of back up there to like 16, 18 mil or so.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You know, if we had RPT with us, it would be helpful to...can you get them online?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For what? What do you need with them?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I think most of our appeals come from timeshares.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, but they settled the lawsuit...they settled the lawsuit --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- and we haven't raised the rates in timeshares like I guess since we got sued that first time, so...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, because we --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Although the valuation probably might have gone up.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm not too sure.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, I don't know, I...I don't think...I...I personally couldn't support that. But...but if we vote yes on the 17, that's 11 million --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- and we're looking for 29 million, right, 9, 29? So, minus 11. So, we have 18 million left. And so, where...where can we find that 18 million without a whole lot of discussion like we did on the third tier for nonowner-occupied?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I mean, what...what did you want to go up to for the third tier of short-term rental you said, Tom? What was your...

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Fifteen.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Cents?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Dollars.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm okay with that for the third tier.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: That's what it is. Wait a minute.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It is 15 mil.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I...I changed it back to what it was, so I...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I had proposed 18.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's 15.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I wish it was a lot higher.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And that's 9.7 million.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: And that's at a third tier of not more than 3 million.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, over.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I mean, over 3 million. Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Members.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I wish it was a lot higher.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Director Martin is online.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Director Martin?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Maybe she can give us some feedback.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Marcy?

MS. MARTIN: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I don't --

MS. MARTIN: I'm here --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

MS. MARTIN: -- Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. So, the Members have some questions for you regarding timeshare.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Alice does.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. Marcy, we're thinking about --

MS. MARTIN: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- increasing the third tier on timeshare from $15 to what?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sixteen.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: To $16.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's 14.60, so we're thinking of…oh. I --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: On timeshare, it was 14.60, and I was considering raising it to $16 or $15 I guess.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, any comments?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's a policy decision.

MS. MARTIN: Well, there's no tiers in timeshare --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

MS. MARTIN: -- is that right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Correct.

MS. MARTIN: Yeah. So --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But other than that, it's a policy decision, or…I think Chair Lee wanted to know about appeals in the timeshare classification, is that correct?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right. I…I…well, you know what, I started talking to her about TVRs in the third tier. And --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, we got mixed up.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. And then so, then I was going back to timeshare because we already voted on timeshare. But on TVRs --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We didn't.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I thought we did on time…on $17?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: On nonowner-occupied.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I mean, nonowner-occupied.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We never when take the vote on that either.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Third tier.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, we didn't? Oh, okay. But I guess all of us decided. Okay. Getting back to TVR --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's timeshare.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- your opinion on the --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Timeshare, right?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, no.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, TVR.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: TVR because we didn't reach consensus yet on that. What about going up to $16 on the third tier? Do you have any --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Third tier of what?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: TVRs.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: TVR.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Or was it 18? $18 on TVRs?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: That's what you . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: From 15?

MS. MARTIN: So, you're asking...Yuki --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MS. MARTIN: -- are they asking me?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: For your opinion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Quick.

MS. MARTIN: Oh. Well, you know, it should be based upon, you know, like you said, your...your policy and your need, not necessarily based upon the future action of...of appeals.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, you've been very helpful. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Diplomatic.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, my calculations show that with the 18 rate for nonowner-occupied plus the $16 rate at timeshare and 18 for Tier 3 and TVR, it calculates to 31 million.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . So, can you repeat that for me? Repeat that, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 18…so, nonowner-occupied, Tier 3, $18.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, going back to 18. Okay. And then the next one?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Timeshare, 16, because it's not tiered.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Sixteen.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And TVR at 18.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The third tier?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For the third tier only.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And all of that is 31 --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 31 million. But I would also like to reduce Tier 1 of owner-occupied by $0.10 to 1.60. And that's 1.1 million.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'd like to…for the owner-occupied, I'd like to use Member Kama's replacement tiers if possible.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think we --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The one --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- couldn't go past…couldn't go 5 million.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, so James got a replacement one --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- that goes up to 4.5.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: From three?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I like that, personally.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Mr. Krueger, you have the replacement?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes. That's correct, Chair. So…so, currently, the…the Committee did discuss the replacement tiers on Friday, so it did…in the spreadsheet right now, we do have them in the spreadsheet. We…we do have the replacement tiers included in the proposal side. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It goes up to 4.5. Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I…I really would like to try and see how much 1.80 in the Tier 2 and not change Tier 1 would help, because that's…that's the workforce group right there. It's not the first group, it's the…it's that second group.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, for owner --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Everyone's in Tier 1.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I know, but they…they have the lowest and have had the lowest, you know, all of this time. Nobody's giving help to the second tier. The second tier is…I'm sure their assessments went way up.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The missing middle.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, when you…when you help the people in the first tier, you help everybody because --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. That's --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- everybody. So, if you're helping the first tier, you are helping the second.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I know --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- the first 1.3 million, yeah, is at 1.70, and the next is at 1.90, but I believe that that's the group that really needs the help. They're the ones getting hit the hardest.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, my…my proposal is 1…1.70, and then that would help everyone in second tier too.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I can't support that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But…but it helps them, the…the ones, the…the middle you're talking about.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Not that much. Not that much.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But the Tier 2 also get the 300,000 off of their assessed values with the homeowner exemption.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The people in the first tier didn't really experience the high assessments like the second tier, believe me.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Everyone's in the first tier, so it's 1.60…my proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, think what you want. I'm…I am experiencing that, and my whole neighborhood is experiencing that so I'm not just guessing.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, you are Tier 1 too, I said.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We all are in Tier 1.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Everybody's in Tier 1.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, all homeowners. Owner-occupied.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, that's right. But 1.90 is still too high for Tier 2.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So, you're proposing to bring that down too? 1.80, so 1.60 and 1.80?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I...I'm saying 1.70 and 1.80.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. 1.70 and 1.80.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This was my...my proposal for nonowner-occupied...or sorry, owner-occupied. 0 to 1.3 at 1.65, 1.3 to 4.5 at 9, and 4.5 plus at 6. That was what I had. 6. 4.5 plus...4.5 million and more at $6 for thousand.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And what was Tier 2?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Tier 2 was 1.90. I'd...I can bring that down though if you want.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: For owner-occupied? So --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Because the way that I had it set up right now, it only increased overall 118,979, and I wasn't really trying to increase at all. I just thought that we should make the highest tier be a little bit more high because of Mr. Pung *(phonetic)* and all and then charge those guys a little bit more because over...if your house is over 4.5 million, it's actually over 4.8 million because the homeowner exemption. So, even if his house was worth 5 million, that third tier is I guess 200,000. But it came out less than the 12,000, but then like I don't know if you apply the circuit breaker and whatnot. But I can try look if the second tier is 1.80 or 1.85 what that does.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, are you proposing the first tier, 1.65?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And then the second is 1.80 or 1.90 is what you said?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The second tier, let me check. I just got on the other...at 1.8...let me see...1.80...41 . . .*(inaudible)*. . . ...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'll remind everybody, we're just trying to hit 21 million, right? So, let's not go way over.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, with Member Paltin's changes, it...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Decreases the revenue 165,132? Is that what you got?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Which I'm okay with. I mean, so that's 165 in the lowest tier --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- up to --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I thought increases by 165.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, it increases it 160 --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. It...so, the lowest tier of 0 to 1.3 is 1.65. The next tier, 1.3 to 4.5 is 1.8, and then anything over 4.5 million is at a rate of 6, and that increases...oops. That...instead of...then, we'll just have to raise $165,132 more revenue, which --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It...it raises 165,000 more.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, it does?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It create...well, that's what my math tells me. Am I doing it wrong?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, we...we're at 21...how much?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We need 21 million?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, we need --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, here's...is that what you had, 21? I thought it was 29.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Originally...originally, it was 29, yeah? And then we cut --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- we cut from the Emergency Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. Okay. Here's a proposal. Here's a...I'll...my next proposal will be like a comprehensive proposal if that helps people.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair, can I ask a question --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- for clarity? On the...on the spreadsheet on the...on the sheet, it's showing...and this is...it's relative. Showing TVRs at being 1.6 million for Tier 3. I'm wondering if what's on the screen is accurate. There has been some confusion with the estimated revenues what...we were given in our booklet. We corrected it from 4.5 to 3 million for the different categories. Just ques...is this...these --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Spreadsheet accurate?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- these tiers accurate?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies. So, what…what I do have up on the screen right now is what…it does include the things that the Committee discussed on Friday. But…but if the Committee wanted to kind of reset and on…and…and have me readjust it to match the Mayor's proposal as it --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

MR. KRUEGER: -- currently stands for those other items that it hasn't touched yet, I can do that instead…instead if that would help.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I…I got a comprehensive proposal that…

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We don't want to work off some previous change, we want to go back to the original and work off of that, right?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I…I would hope, Chair, that we would have a consensus baseline of what we're operating off of so that we would be calculating correctly.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I…if…if you guys want to hear my comprehensive proposal, it generates $21,053,156.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, that's the goal.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: That's --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. What's your compre --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you, Chair. I'm…I'll be quiet.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I'll have…I'll have James enter it in as I say it.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Shoot. Okay. For owner-occupied, 0 to 1.3 is 1.65 --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- 1.3 to 4.5 is 1.8, and third tier of 4.5 and above is $6. Then for long-term rental, I would like to use the Mayor's same tiers, everything. And the first tier would be at 2.95, the second tier would be 5, and the third tier would be 12. Then for timeshares, 16.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Then the third ti…third tier for TVR short-term rental, 17.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Oh, are we --

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies to interject. What…what tiers should I use for TVR-STRH?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: The third tier.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Shoot.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 3 million.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think the Mayor's one, if it generates $3,258,291. Shoot. I think I used that one.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: With 17 in Tier 3?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Um-hum.

MR. KRUEGER: 17 or 16? 17?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: 17.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. I got 6.5 million.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So…so, 17 in the Mayor's third tier?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Does that…that doesn't give you 3 million 258?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mm-mm.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, . . .*(expletive)*. . .. I might have used Shane's one then.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 3.2 million, you said, then might be…might have been 16. A rate of 16 generates 3.2 million with --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- with the Mayor's tiers.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 3.2?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, 3.258.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. It must have been 16. Sorry, my bad.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, the third tier is 16?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. And then the third tier of nonowner-occupied, what did we agree on, Tom? 17?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. That's my proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, 17?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, that's my comprehensive --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. That was the compromise?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, can...repeat that again one more time.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Third tier, nonowner-occupied, $17.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Third tier, short-term rental of the Mayor's one, $16 I believe. And then timeshares --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, I thought you said 17.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, but that was wrong. Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, 16?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then timeshare, $16; long-term rental using the Mayor's

tiers, 2.95, 5, and 12; owner-occupied, using Member Kama's amended tiers at 1.65, 1.8, and $6. That should be around 21 mil.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Could you repeat...Chair, could you ask to have the...Member Kama's one repeated, the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- rates as well as the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, the --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For Member Kama's amended one, it's up to 1.3 million is the first tier, and the rate for that first tier would be 1.65. And then Tier 2 would be 1.3 million and a dollar to 5...or 4.5 mil --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 4.5.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- for 1.80. And then the third tier would be 4.5 million and up at $6.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: At 6?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Um-hum.
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COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Does that --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- get us close to 21 mil, James?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. I'm calculating 21,053,155 with that proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think that's what I said. I'm not sure. Oh, yeah. That's what I said. I...I think I said 156, but it just depends on how you round.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, with that proposal, I tried to...there's a different tier range for owner-occupied and we gave breaks to both the first and second tier and then raised the third tier. For long-term rental, we gave the first tier a little bit of a break. And then for timeshare, we went up a little bit. And then for TVR short-term rental, I think the top tier is now 16, and for nonowner-occupied, the top tier is 17, so it's...it's kind of a

bit of a spread. But I…I…I feel that it accomplishes the overall goal of taxing the rich, I hope. I mean, to the best extent possible.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson. Is he there?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: On agriculture.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm here, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Are you okay with agriculture? I think you said you would go with what Member Paltin. I just wanted to verify.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, this current proposal doesn't touch agriculture, but I mean, it would…I think it generate…if I added my agriculture tiering, it only generates like 400,000, which…I mean, I guess somebody can have some money back maybe.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. You know, I just wanted to recognize the work that my team put in for this…for those tiers, but I'm fine with how it is now, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It sounds like Ms. Toshikiyo, but we can't see you.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yeah, sorry. I can't see myself. No, that's okay. That's okay. I don't need to be seen. I just wanted to make sure that we account for the Charter-required 1 percent transfer to the Open Space Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I didn't account for that. Because if you're raising the thing, then you need to…

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, it sounds like we're…we're getting to a final.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I could…I could add the agricultural thing in and raise another $105,768 for your transfer. If you make 0 to 7 million at 5.74 for ag, you…you create that tier.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And anything greater than…

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Anything greater than 7 million at 9.35. That'll raise an addition

$105,761.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Are you using your tiers, up to 7 million?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm not going to support that one, but if it's all together, then I'm going to vote no on everything.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, the tiers on that 7 million, I think there's like 7 parcels, and 5 of them are owned by people out of State and maybe 2 are owned by…one is…2 might be local. Did I do that?

MR. KRUEGER: Could I have --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, I didn't touch hotel resort.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Krueger?

MR. KRUEGER: Could…could I have the rates again for your ag?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, sure. For ag, I did 5.74 for 0 to 7 million, 7 million and 1 plus at 9.35. And that was based on Member Johnson's lowest and highest. He had a middle tier, but I guess there was a typo, and so he wanted it very specific to catch specific fish.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 105,768?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 76…105,768 was what I had.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That's what I got too.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Can I jump in here for a point --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- of information?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. This is about your…

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I don't want to…yeah, I don't want to derail the conversation, but if…remember, if they do active ag, their rates will get lower. So, I know you might look like we're raising some, but if they dedicate their land to be active ag, they do…active agriculture, they do get a tax break. So, I…I know Chair Lee is concerned about the price on farmers and I too am, but remember that they do get a big discount if they activate their lag…ag land.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And would that change…cover our Open Space transfer?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair. So, currently, we're calculating that on top of the Mayor's proposal, the Committee would need to add an additional…about $150,000 to its Open Space…to the Open Space appropriation. It might not be quite enough yet to cover your imbalance in the General Fund plus…plus that Open Space --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Transfer?

MR. KRUEGER: Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Then --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, 21 plus 150.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- I think the next one we should target is probably hotel. Let me look at…give me a sec, folks. Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the…the calculation that I have right now is there's still a remaining 7 million in --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Could you…could you talk louder?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, with the RPT changes, my calculations is showing 7.1 million more.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Than what we need?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, that we need to generate 7.1 million more.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I thought he had 21-something at the bottom of his thing.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Mr. Krueger?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes. Okay. So…so, Staff…so, Staff is…we're currently trying to

calculate...trying to firm up a number for your General Fund imbalance right now. Technically, right now, we are showing 23 million as the imbalance number, but...but we're still working on it. So...so, once the Committee kind of comes to an agreement, if...if the Committee is willing, we'd appreciate a brief recess. We'd probably only need 15 or 20 minutes to get confirmation on some things, and...and then we'd be able to have a true number to...for you to be able to reference to kind of confirm. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then to...to cover the rest of the imbalance, I would say hotel at $11.80. There's only one tier for hotel. And then we should be okay. Or did you say...you said we needed to raise 29 million. Is that what you're...why we're not doing...somebody said we needed to raise 21 million --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I got --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- at one time.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I got...so, the 68.6 million, the total number of cuts we did was 39.4, which brings us to 29 million, and then the RPT changes we made...I...I have 22 right now, so it would be 7.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, shoot. Somebody was saying we needed to get to 21, so I...that was what I was targeting. But you're saying we need to get to 29 mil?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That...that's what I have in my calculations.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Is that...we're...we're just waiting for them to firm up the numbers.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, yes. Because...because right now, admittedly, the number that we're pulling up that...that needs to be addressed as your imbalance for General Fund is...it's about 23 million.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can...can you read your numbers that you're working with for your...the...the total...so, the total General Fund overage is 68.6 million. We all agree on that. That was on the spreadsheet, right?

MR. KRUEGER: Um-hum. Um-hum.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then Member...Member Paltin's spreadsheet of cuts, 5 million from OPEB; an additional million from HFFA; 3.5 million from Public Works. I got the expansion positions plus fringe plus a reduction of 5 million from Emergency Fund is 39.4 million. And so, 34...I mean, sorry, 39.4 million subtracted from the 68.6 million is 29 million. What...what numbers are you using?

MR. KRUEGER: So, yes. Apologies. So, I...I don't have exact breakouts because we're inputting it into the big picture of our sheet, so...you know, but...but I will say that I...I think, right, the majority of the cuts that have happened today have been

to…have…have been to General Fund, but I know that there's been some like supplemental-transfer-type cuts related to things done to the Highway Fund and other things, as well as some of them. And I…I think in my sheet yet, we haven't calculated fully the fringe that we'll need based on Tash…Councilmember Kama's cuts, so I think that's…that's accounting for some of the disparity between the numbers I'm pulling and the numbers you have. But yeah, that's why…apologies, we…I think we just need a little time to kind of review what we have and…and come back with a number.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 15 minutes? Okay, I'm going to…I have to go.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 4:10 p.m.
RECONVENE: 4:45 p.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Welcome back to the Budget, Finance, Economic Dev…Committee. It is now 4:45. So, Staff, we were giving you time to do your calculations. What have you come up with? And then we'll…

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, apologies. Before I begin, I…I think Councilmember Kama might have had a motion…or might have --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh --

MR. KRUEGER: -- she's raising her hand.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- before yours? Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes. Thank you. Chair, I move to restore the salary cut included in my across-the-board expansion cut as it relates to the Board of Ethics. If I get a second --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I need a second.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- I'll explain.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Kama…okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second by Chair Lee.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. When our Staff did the calculations for the expansion cuts, they inadvertently included the Board of Ethics in which Member Paltin had already included that in her expansion, so we didn't want to have to --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Dupes.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: -- take it out twice. So, we…we took out too much so I want to put it back.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: And that's it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any questions? The discussion --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What is…what is the dollar amount that we're returning to them, do we know?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Staff?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, it's about $70,000.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Plus fringe?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, that's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other discussion? If not, I'm sure this is…all in favor, raise your hand.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Member Kama, you have to turn on your camera.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And Chair Lee --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Several times now. Three times . . .*(inaudible)*. . ….

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Who's not there? Is…Member Johnson is not there? Okay. Member Rawlins-Fernandez and Member Johnson excused, and motion carries seven to two.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**None.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**Councilmembers Johnson and Rawlins-Fernandez.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Now, you can go through. We'll see what is the real calculation here.

MR. KRUEGER: Okay. Chair, so the...the number that we're calculating right now for imbalance is 22,199,870. That's 2-2, 1-9-9, 8-7-0.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, shoot. I was going off of Keani's 29 million. Now my thing isn't as balanced as I thought. But we could give the excess back to the Emergency Fund or OPEB, your guys' choice.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I could take out ag. Yes, I could do that. Okay. So, is that...we all agree that we want to go after that number, 22,199,870? Is that a consensus?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, wait. 22 million...what...what number do you have?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You raised more, right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I raised more, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: 22 million --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Once --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- 199 thousand --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- $780 [*sic*].

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 870.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 870. 22,199...okay. That's the number.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, Keani.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're welcome. Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm at...I'm in the lobby. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, you're in the lobby?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Got to...elevators now. Okay. Can...can Staff please share how they arrived at the target amount of 22 million, please?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Krueger? Did you hear?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. So, we're calculating several things, so I can kind of just read off what the Committee has done today as...as...as we kind of see it. So, I guess the...the major...right, the major change that occurred to the budget was --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can you share screen?

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, okay. Give me one sec. So, apologies. On this one, we're working off of...it's a separate sheet, separate from Exhibit 1. Usually...or Exhibit 1 is our main one, but for today's purposes, because we're...we're mostly focusing on fund balance, we're using this other sheet, so...you...you know, so...so bear with me. I'm sorry. And...and I know that the...the font's a little small. But essentially, I guess that's why I can't really break out everything what the Committee's done today from...separate from everything else because we've been putting it into this main sheet so that we're calculating in real time what the Committee has done and making sure we're matching it against what the Com...Committee has done in...you know, last week and everything. So, you can see that I...I do have...oh, sorry. Let me find the zoom. So, this is the number I'm pulling, 2-2, 1-9-9, 8-7-0, based off of everything that the Committee's done today. Some things to share. For example, we're adding in some of the cuts that has been done today. And so, that was what we needed the...the break for, was for Councilmember Kama's expansion cut, so...so that's the main thing that we've done. But as you can see, it also includes the majority, the...the main changes, all the changes

that Councilmember Paltin included in her large cut proposal. So…so, there's that one big-ticket item. I think maybe one thing that might help kind of explain some of the disparities we're getting in numbers is because we're also calculating…we're having to do like fringe benefit-type reimbursements, other fringe adjustments. Let's see…here's some other supplemental-transfer changes that have had to go through as early to the Highway Fund. You can see there's the…the Emergency Fund cut right there. So, you…you know, I'll...also, and there's that…that separate OPEB cut that was done. So, with those kinds of changes incorporated and then with us having to, you know, do the…the transfers around, you know, kind of resulting in that 22 million number. And…and…and that's why...so, like when…when the Committee cuts from something from a special fund that has a supplemental transfer like the Highway Fund, it's almost like double count because you're able to reduce the Highway Fund, and then you're also able to reduce your General Fund by the supplemental transfer amount. So, there's…so, those other kinds of things to consider. I…I suppose that's…that's all I have to say. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Thank you very much. Any other questions? So, are we ready to vote on this --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Are --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- RPT finals? Is this considered RPT finals? Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I thought adjustments had to be made because our additions exceeded the goal, so we need to get back to the actual amount that was needed rather than --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, so we're still fussing with it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- deal with an excess of funds.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What…what --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we can restore --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- I want to clarify from the body is we can…we can raise 22,199,870. We can raise 28,048,401. We can raise whatever you want. Basically, I need to know what number you want me to hit, and then I'll hit it. Because I have a lot of stuff in my head right now that I can basically…I think I can hit any number you want.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: It's not going to be legal.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: I would --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's the question.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: I would like to hit maybe the 22 --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: One --

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: -- and we can keep it even. Then we're not overtaxing. And I know we did make a whole bunch of cuts, but…and I know that you're the one that's doing all the work, so that's just my preference. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. We can hit the 22 number. Just one second…sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, I…I have…Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Can hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm in my vehicle alone. So, my question is if we end up not adjusting the real property tax rates enough to cover…to balance the budget, we've…we've now reduced the Emergency Fund and OPEB, which is where we have generally helped to balance our budget. Like, we haven't…we haven't built in enough buffer for any calculations…calculation errors, you know? So, if…if…if come first reading and we don't…we…we didn't build in that…that margin of error, what…what's the plan?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we should…yeah, we need a buffer then.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I think she's talking about which..

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just tell me what number you want to hit, and you guys decide that and I'll do…

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, wait. I think she's saying let's not cut Emergency Fund or the other one, because that's…that's a plug account. You can always put back, whereas real property, it's…it's very complicated when you make adjustments to that. Isn't that what you're --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: First reading.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- saying, Little Leaf *(phonetic)*?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Right, Chair Lee.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, because we've now reduced Emergency Fund

by 5 million and OPEB --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: OPEB --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- by 5 million, that's usually where we would pull from if there are any errors, because once we set RPT, that's it. We…we can't change the rates at first reading.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Can we shoot for 24 million, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I'm at 23.6 right now, so that'll be no problem.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And then --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 25 mil.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- tomorrow's for corrections, right, so we can make those corrections?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. The…the Committee does have corrections scheduled for tomorrow.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we can see…we can see where we are and…

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I know, tomorrow is corrections, but you have a 10:00 deadline, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right, for RPT. We do.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, we need that buffer to remain.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. No, what…the buffer is the account…I mean, it's Emergency Fund has to…dollars has to remain, yeah?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it's 20…23.6, Tamara? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm…I'm at 25.3…$25,327,438 if you want to hear that proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Sorry, say that again?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: $25,327,438, I believe. So, let me…let me just add it one more time and…because I don't want to look stupid.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it's --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I'm at…okay. You want the proposal that will generate

25,327,438? And then if Tom Cook makes his amendment, we can add 83,778 to that. So, I'll make my proposal, you guys hear it, and then Tom has an amendment, and then we'll vote. So, James, you ready?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Wait. Can we see the real property tax . . .*(inaudible)*. . .?

MR. KRUEGER: Oh. Chair --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. That's the one, James, yeah?

MR. KRUEGER: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: Maybe I'm sharing screen. Sorry. Maybe I'm supposed to be sharing window or something. Yeah, sorry about that. Chair, apologies. Could…maybe could we just do a quick cleanup? At the beginning of the RPT discussion, there was a motion to just accept like the nonowner-occupied rates, and I don't think we ever clarified that that was withdrawn.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll withdraw it.

MR. KRUEGER: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Okay. You're fine?

MR. KRUEGER: Okay, I'm…I'm ready.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Before I…so, before I go forward, there's one of two choices we can make, and I'll…I'll defer to the group. Would you rather have the third tier of short-term rental at $17 and timeshare at 16.60, or…I mean, sorry, would you rather have the third tier of short-term rental at $17 and timeshare at $16, or timeshare at 16.60 and the third tier of short-term rental be $16?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you're saying the time…timeshare is…instead of 16, you said 16.60?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I…it's kind of similar, but it's a little bit of policy decision I guess.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Member Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I would prefer Member Paltin's second proposal, the 16.60.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: With timeshare at 16.60?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: That's my sense.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I didn't…I didn't calculate to the dot that amount, but I think it's similar.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, we're on the same.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. You guys ready then?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah. So, it's 15.50 for timeshare, and what was the other variant?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 16.60 for timeshare and $16 for the top --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Third tier.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- or 16.50 for the top tier of --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Timeshare.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- short-term rental.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, 15.50 and 16.50?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 16.60 and 16.50 --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Okay. Thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- would be…okay. Here we go.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And I just --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And what is --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I can take ag out for you, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, take them out.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And what is the amount?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, that's what we're going to do --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Get to?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- right now when…whenever James tells me go.

MR. KRUEGER: Okay. Ready, go.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. On the Mayor's tiers for nonowner-occupied, we'd raise the third tier to $17.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay? On the Mayor's tiers for short-term rental TVRH, we'd raise the third tier to 16.50.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: On the timeshare class, we'd raise it to 16.60. On the Mayor's tiers for long-term rental, first tier, 2.95; second tier, $5; third tier, $12. On Member Kama's adjusted owner-occupied, which is, first tier, 0 to 1.3 at 1.65; 1.3 and 1 to 4.5 at 1.80; and 4.5 plus at 5.75.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, 5.75, the last one?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, the special request. Then, also special request, take the ag tiering out from Chair Lee. You know, sometimes she gives me snacks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(laughing)*. . . Okay. So, no tiering for ag?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No tiering for ag and keep the Mayor's rate.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The Mayor's rate is 5.74…74?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Um-hum.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Johnson, did you hear that? You're fine, right? That was his thing?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Although, Member Johnson also does offer almonds. Hotel at $12.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Hotel at $12.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then I think now Member Cook can make whatever amendment he would like if you're ready for that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, you're ready for my amendment?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: So, my motion to amend is to change the commercial/residential rates for Tier 1 to $2; Tier 3…Tier 2 to $3; Tier 3 to $10.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: $10 --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- the last one?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: That's going to have a deficit of $452,439, and I propose nonowner-occupied Tier 2 to be raised by $0.10.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nonowner-occupied.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: That's going to generate $536,217, and that's going to leave a surplus of that…my motion will leave a surplus of 8…$83,778.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Can you…can you say, was it nonowner-occupied you're moving Tier 2?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Tier 2 would be added $0.06, so it would be --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I thought you said $0.10.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yeah, you said $0.10.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I have 8.60.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. The first one, nonowner-occupied --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Nonowner-occupied. That's what I . . .*(inaudible)*. . ..

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah, nonowner-occupied.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Nonowner.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Nonowner-occupied.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Nonowner-occupied of $0.10, making it--

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: On Tier--

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: 8.60.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: --on Tier 2.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: On Tier 2.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: That's mine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, Ms. Toshikiyo.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Making it 8.60.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: 8.60.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: It was 8.50, add $0.10, so it's 8.60.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Toshikiyo, you popped up.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, Chair. Thank you. Sorry to interrupt. I just wanted to confirm the long-term rental for the third tier because I'm looking at was noticed to the public, and I think...just confirming that it was up to $10 --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- was the range of rate that was posted.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, you're right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, you're right.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. I'm --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're right.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- looking at the agenda for the public hearing. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Change that to $10. It should be okay, though. It should still be…work out.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Long-term rental…

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Third tier, $10. Thanks, Ms. Toshikiyo. Shucks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nonowner-occupied…okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, that's…that brings us down $234,343, but I think we'll still be okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. With the…you're fine with the changes made by Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, we got to vote on that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I got no discussion on that, it's…I mean, it's a policy decision and I know Member Cook sits close with one of our frequent testifiers.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Well, it's…I…discussion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Yes, please.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: It's not also…it's not just the individual testifier, I…years and years ago, I gave testimony for bed and breakfast, and I've been supportive of them because of the fact they live in their homes, and I think that that fixes a lot of that whole…anyway, issue with TVRs. So, thank you, Members. It does not significantly affect our budget, and I'm…I…I'm hopeful for your support. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Is that your motion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: He…I think he…he made the motion and --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, you did?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- somebody seconded it.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't know who seconded it.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Oh, I'll second it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. There you go.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Member Cook and U‘u-Hodgins. Yes?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair? So, apologies. Is…is it…I'm not sure if there was a motion to…first for Councilmember Paltin's proposal, actually.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh. I move for my proposal, and then he can --

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: I'll second.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- he can move to amend my proposal. We're a little --

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Ahead of ourselves.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- SSA today.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Backwards.

MR. KRUEGER: So, Chair, should we interpret it as Councilmember Paltin moved to set those rates as she listed off, seconded by Councilmember Kama?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yep. Yep.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: And then for Councilmember Cook's additions, it's --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is a motion to amend.

MR. KRUEGER: Motion to amend by Councilmember Cook, seconded by --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member U‘u-Hodgins.

MR. KRUEGER: Perfect. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, does that set all the RPT?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, we got to vote. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We got to vote, but is that…is there any other amendments?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, is there any other amendments?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Don't touch.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Where is Member Johnson or Sinenci? I don't see them. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Here, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right. Hi, Member Johnson. So, you heard this? We're going to…we're going to vote on the RPT as proposed.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, I've been following along.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. All right. And Member Sinenci, are you there? I don't see him.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: He's there.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: He's there? All right. All in favor --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Of the motion to amend.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Cook's --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- raise your hand.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Oh, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Do you see everybody? I don't see everybody --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: He's there.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- on my screen. No?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, she's on.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Keani's there.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Sinenci…Member Sinenci and Member Johnson?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I see Member Sinenci. He's there. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. KRUEGER: Yes --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And Member Johnson?

MR. KRUEGER: Apologies, Chair. Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, there.

MR. KRUEGER: I'm…I'm ending the screenshare so you can see up.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Everybody's --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Everybody's there.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Everybody raised.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It just wasn't on my screen. I'll…it looks like we have nine "ayes." Thank you very much. Motion carries for the amendment.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U‘u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**None.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED amendment to the main motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Now, main motion as amended. Any discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: James, can you tell us what that brings our revenue to?

MR. KRUEGER: So, Chair, the…the revenue that would be generated by the proposal before us would be $669,649,554. That's over the Mayor's proposal. With certified revenue, that's $26,069,144. So, that…that exceeds the aim balance that…that we're currently reflecting in the General Fund, and it should also cover the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Open Space?

MR. KRUEGER: -- $199,967 needed for the Open Space Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Open Space Fund. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And if…if the math comes out short, then we can pull from Open Space, and if the math comes out plus, we can put it into…I mean, not Open Space, Emergency.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Emergency Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or OPEB, whichever. Or half-half.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, Ms. Milner.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, here's Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I do have a request for reconsideration on one of the cuts to expansion positions that was made. I don't know if this is the appropriate time, but whenever you'd like me to explain that, I'm happy to do so.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm okay --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- to table this right now to hear from her if everyone else is okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sure. Sure, Ms. Milner.

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. I apologize, I just received the breakdown by department, and I noticed that one of the departments that had cuts for expansion position was the Department of Housing. The positions that reflect as expansion positions for Department of Housing in FY '26 are the positions that the Council added by amendment in Fiscal Year '25. So, the Department's already in the process of creating several of those positions and I think are hoping to fill some of them by the end of the year, so cutting that funding by half is a concern. So, I'd like to request consideration for either reinstatement of the entire amount of funding, or at least restoring ten months

of the funding rather than cutting it down to six months. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What is the...can you give us the dollar amount for the entire?

MS. MILNER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember Paltin. The entire amount was $176,418 plus fringe.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I would like to restore the full amount because when I talked to Director Mitchell, though he's going through some trouble with DPS as noted in his response, there's a provision in the emergency proclamation on affordable housing that would allow him to maybe bypass some of what is…what troubles he's having with DPS. So, I would like to restore the full amount, and I think we're…we're okay with…that would be maybe…maybe 400,000 or something.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second the motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That was the motion.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin, second by Member Kama to restore the full amount. Any other discussion? None? Okay. Members, all in favor, raise your hand.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And I don't see Member Johnson and Member Rawlins-Fernandez, so it's…oh. Oh, Member Johnson's there. So, it's eight "ayes," one excused…

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Nine "ayes."

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, there she is? Okay. Nine "ayes." Motion carries.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**None.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED amendment to the main motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And so, we can go back to the real property tax. So, going back to the real property tax disc…discussion. So, we were at the main motion to vote as amended.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Shucks. James, can you remind us what we were generating? Not the full generation, but the…with our amendments.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 26…

MR. KRUEGER: Yes. It's $26,069,144.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That should be good enough to restore Remi.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Main motion --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ready?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- as amended.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Are…are you ready to vote, everybody?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay? Main motion as amended, all in favor, raise your hand and say

"aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: There's Member Johnson. I don't see…

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: She's there.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: There she is. Okay. Nine "ayes." Yay. Motion carries.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**None.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED main motion as amended.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, everybody. Okay. So, we can put real property tax aside. And the other bills that we have before us, weight tax and we also have the fuel tax. Are there are any amendments, Members? No? You don't have an amendment? Okay. Very good. So, consensus, Members? Okay. All right. Consensus. We're done. Now we have two bills, and one is Member Paltin's, which is Bill 54, and as well as Bill 50. So, Bill 50, ent…entertain a mas…recommend a passage…recommend passage on first reading, Bill 50, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 3.26, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO EMPLOYEE PARKING FEES FUND." I need a motion and a second.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair Lee and Member…okay, Kama. So, as you know that we no longer have…or no longer charge employees, so this will repeal the fund is what this is. And…and Staff, how much would be the funds that are in there, and where would it go, and how much is it?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, apologies. Just one second. I will pull up the amount. Chair, so right

now, currently, the Employee Parking Fees Fund has $265,732. My understanding of the…of your bill is that if passed by the Council, that money would just be transferred into the General Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. So, any more discussion? If not, all in favor, raise your hand, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I don't see…there. Okay. Nine "ayes." Motion carries.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Johnson, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**None.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending FIRST READING of Bill 50, CD1 (2025).

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next, we have Bill 54, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.12.070, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY WORKFORCE AGREEMENTS FOR LARGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF MORE THAN $500,000." I need a motion and a second.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Paltin and Member Cook second. Enter…discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was…I think Chair Lee seconded. But I have --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- an ASF that --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- should have been distributed on Friday.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Is it in…is it in Granicus? Must be, yeah?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. It…it was…it was distributed on Friday. It's in Granicus. The number in Granicus is 230, 2-3-0.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I move to amend…I move to substitute Bill 54 (2025) with the attached proposed CD1 version.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion made by Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The proposed --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- to substitute --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- amendments would clarify that the County is permitted to select any otherwise qualified bidder without regard to its status with respect to union contracts if the bedder…bidder is willing, ready, and able to execute and comply with the terms of the community workforce agreement. And I reached out to Mr. Kelly O'Keefe, and he said as long as it clarifies that it's not only…or it's not forcing everyone to join the union and it's not only allowing unions to bid on County contracts. That was his main concern. And so, this is…there's just, through this, language that emphasizes it's not requiring anyone to be a union contractor or people to work in the union to get a bid with the County. And I see Ms. Toshikiyo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Ms. Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, Chair. Thank you. And, you know, my apologies. Our office did see this posted on Friday's agenda, so we were…others in our office . . .*(inaudible)*. . . with you have been looking into this. And we…and I haven't had a chance to look at the…the ASF as proposed, but we would like an opportunity to do like a pretty deep dive into it because, you know, we are not really understanding some of the provisions and whether or not there are conflicts with perhaps like 103.D., which is the Procurement Code. So, our hope is that we would have an opportunity to review and then work with Member Paltin about any proposed revisions once we can wrap our brain around --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- the entirety of the bill and potential effects.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm open to that, but how does that affect us today? Should we not vote, or…

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, Ms. Toshikiyo, then for…we should refer this Committee…I'm sorry, refer this to Committee for further discussion at the appropriate time.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is that --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And…and I --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- what you're suggesting, Ms. Toshikiyo?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And I…I think you also didn't sign the bill from what I saw.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's why you're asking for more time.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Like I said, we didn't get…did I…okay. Sorry. Yes. We didn't get a request yet to review the bill, we just saw it on the…well, the agenda and…and we looked at it. Our preference would be if we would have an opportunity to review and then go through a discussion in a Committee. But again, it's…it's bod…this body's preference, but that's something that we would like to do in order to work with Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Would it fit within the GREAT Committee, do you think? Or is that --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Gosh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- an OCS question?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Not a Corp. Counsel. Sorry.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yeah, that might be more of an OCS question to…you know your subject-matter committees better than I do.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Deputy --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member U‘u…Member U‘u-Hodgins --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- Director --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- already said yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So, could we hold it?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And we can still have the 250,000 project labor --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's in the budget.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- administrator --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- in there? Okay. I'm okay with that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Mr. Hanano, you're fine? Any comments?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Would OCS Staff prepare the Request for Legal Services as we...are we able to refer it to Member U‘u-Hodgins' Committee from the BFED Committee, or would it have to go to the Council to refer it to Member U‘u-Hodgins' Committee?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think it's on Council agenda.

MR. HANANO: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. HANANO: It would have to go to the Council first before it goes to GREAT Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is it on the May 2nd agenda?

MR. HANANO: I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Unless we --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- pass --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Unless it's time sensitive.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's not time sens --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, it's not --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Because July 1 is when the funds would be available.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: When is…when is first reading of the budget?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

MR. HANANO: I think it's May 16th.

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, May 16th.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: It's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, we could pass it out of Committee, get it on the Council agenda for May 16th, and then refer it to Member U'u-Hodgins' Committee, or do something else. I don't know how to get it to her Committee. But would getting it to her Committee include an RFLS, and do I need to put in a PAF for the…all the acronyms?

MS. KAWASAKI: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. KAWASAKI: We will sort that out for you this afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

MS. KAWASAKI: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Let me know. Let me know how it goes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Teamwork. Great. Okay. So, on this then, we'll…we won't take any action and we are hearing what's going to happen.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MR. KRUEGER: Perhaps if it's okay, could…could we clear the floor by withdrawing…if the Members are willing to withdraw --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, withdraw.

MR. KRUEGER: -- motions?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Tamara Paltin and…I thought it was…

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Withdraw.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And Member Kama.

MR. KRUEGER: And…and so, it's understood that both the substitution motion and the motion to recommend passage is withdrawn.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Correct.

MR. KRUEGER: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And they'll let us know what we do next. Next steps.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. O'Keefe is going to be very happy. Thank you. Thanks for working on it very quickly. All right. So, anything else? I have the two bills, the fuel and weight tax, and that's…

MR. KRUEGER: So…so, Chair, at this stage, perhaps the Committee could just discuss what final adjustments it…it might want to make. I think there's a couple of things it could discuss, one is the…is where it wants to put the overage that's resulting from its RPT --

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Um-hum.

MR. KRUEGER: -- and plus the…the money that would return to the General Fund from the Employee Parking Fees Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum. So, I think I heard the Members say as a possibility back to the Emergency Fund. Members, what do you want to do if there's an overage? Is…

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: I would split it between the OPEB and Emergency Fund.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee, you look like you want to say something.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That wouldn't…wouldn't have been my first choice, but if the body wants that, that's fine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And then as far as the employee parking amount for $265,732, where would you like that to go? That can…

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'd like to give 50,000 more to West Maui Green Cycle. Would be my choice.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Where…where can --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Oh, there's Member Johnson.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Member Johnson. He looks like he's farming.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: If anything's left over, I would love for some of the Members' priorities to be uncut if there's anything that anybody wants. That's my recommendation. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That was one of my priorities, and I…I did do an awful lot of work.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You did.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just saying.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Just a second.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Members, so I got advice --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Um-hum.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- that we should do it Emergency or OPEB and not piecemeal.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I can live with that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, which one?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, not half-half?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, if…if it will be half-half, what we're calculating right now is it'd be 1,703,536 to each.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm okay with that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're good, yeah?

MR. KRUEGER: If…if the body's okay, could it…could it do a motion to formalize it?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Member Kama, and second --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- by Member Paltin. I guess we can all vote easily. All in favor, raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I don't see Member --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Rawlins --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, I guess --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- can I do a roll call?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, roll call? Okay. Roll call.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, proceeding with roll-call vote. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: In transit. Excused.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Tom Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Vice Chair Tasha Kama.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MR. PASCUAL: Committee Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aye.

MR. PASCUAL: Chair, you have seven "ayes," one "no," one excused, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Motion passes.

VOTE:	**AYES:**	**Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Councilmembers Cook, Lee, Paltin, Sinenci, and U'u-Hodgins.**
	NOES:	**Councilmember Johnson.**
	ABSTAIN:	**None.**
	ABSENT:	**None.**
	EXC.:	**Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Anything else?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, I…I believe that that takes care of everything for the time being. The Committee may want to consider recessing to tomorrow --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: -- just to allow us time to double check our numbers --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: -- in case any corrections are needed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Members, I wanted to ask you what time to...now we don't have to worry about the 10...you're going to take care of the 10:00 filing, right? Okay. So, now we don't have to come back at 9:00 to do the RPT. So, Members, do you want to have a discussion about changing it to later on in the afternoon? Because there's a CWRM meeting and Member Paltin and Member Rawlins-Fernandez wanted to, I think, listen to the meeting. Member Cook.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Is the...where's the location of the CWRM meeting?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: And you can watch it online?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, can. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: No, I'm asking.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Probably, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Never mind.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Because it's...it's a regular meeting of CWRM. Member...Member U‘u-Hodgins.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: As long as it doesn't take too long. I do have...my husband's working tomorrow so I have kids to pick up after school.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: But that's the only time constraint I have.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you want to start earlier? A little earlier?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: That would be nice. I just have to be in Pā‘ia by 2:00.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. What time would work for you?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: 10:00, but if it conflicts with Member Paltin's CWRM time, then...it depends how much we have to do tomorrow.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, what --

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: If it's fast --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- what do we have to do tomorrow?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Correct…corrections.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And then…and then all the bills.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: All the bills?

MR. KRUEGER: Yes, Chair. So --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 41, 42, 43.

MR. KRUEGER: The…the…Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MR. KRUEGER: So, the Committee hasn't made a recommendation yet on…on the budget bills themselves, 41 through I think it's 45 or 46, and…and the fuel tax reso. And…and that's just because...if it's okay with the Committee, we…we would request a recess to tomorrow just…just to give Staff some time to…to --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Check everything?

MR. KRUEGER: -- double check our numbers, and in case any corrections are necessary, tomorrow would allow us time to…would allow the Committee time to make those corrections before we finalize the bills and send them over to Corp. Counsel for signature.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Are you all fine? Member Cook?

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: I do have a dentist appointment at 3:00 tomorrow --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: -- so I would not be available probably from 2:30 on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We don't have to be in-person tomorrow, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Cor…for corrections? I think we…in-person stuff is now, so…

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I don't like it here. Well, X-rated, or…

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: . . .*(laughing)*. . . No, no.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I mean, not…wait, what? . . .*(laughing)*. . . Non-PG or PG?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, what time shall we start?

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 9:00?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If you're okay with me --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: How much time would Staff like?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Rawlin…Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: How much time would Staff like?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. How much time…yeah.

MR. KRUEGER: Staff is okay either way. So, if the body wanted to do the morning, that's fine, or if it wanted to do the afternoon, that's…that's fine too. We're…we're…basically, we're going to do our balancing tonight, basically.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You're going to burn the midnight oil.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Again.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So…okay. So…

COUNCILMEMBER COOK: Start at 10?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you're fine then if we start it in the morning sometime? Oh, here comes the boss.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I like 11:00.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, 11:00.

COUNCILMEMBER U'U-HODGINS: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . they have time to sleep in and not greet us. . . .*(inaudible)*. . . And then…

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: So, I…I guess Staff will just note that, you know, there is the…the deadline for us tomorrow to submit the RPT reso --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum.

MR. KRUEGER: -- and so we'll be submitting it with the rates that the Committee decided on today.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum.

MR. KRUEGER: So, as long as the…the Committee is good with…with that set, then…then yes, we're flexible. But otherwise, if…if there is any chance that the Committee may wish to reconsider, then in the…we'd ask the Committee to perhaps meet before 10:00. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Well, that's the purpose, right, of the meeting? So, you want…you're saying we should meet before…before your 10:00?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Only if you want to reconsider any of the rates that we…that I just made.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, we're not…no, we're not thinking about that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Then…then we don't need to meet before 9:00. Only if you want to --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- reconsider rates because posting is at 10:00.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Okay. So, are we all fine with that?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Yep.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That being the rates that we said…voted on.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And the time, what…11:00, did you say?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is 11:00 okay?

COUNCILMEMBER U‘U-HODGINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It's fine with me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, recess to 11:00 tomorrow.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. KRUEGER: So…so, just to…just for clarity for…you know, for the Sunshine Law stuff. So…so, so the body will be recessing to tomorrow, which is April 28th, at 11:00 a.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Um-hum.

MR. KRUEGER: The in-person location will remain the Council Chamber, and the online meeting link will remain the same one as we're using today, the…the Teams link.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Yes, Member Kama. 12:00 to 1:00. Okay. Okay.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh, and sorry. I think I might have made the…forget to say that just like last time. It's 11:00 in the morning, a.m. a.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. Oh, in case somebody wants to come tomorrow night. Clarity. All right. All right. Members, are you all fine? Got it? *. . .(laughing). . .* All right. So, this meeting is now in recess, and we will all see you tomorrow at 11:00. Thank you very much. *. . .(gavel). . .*

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I, Logan Tsuji, hereby certify that pages 1 through 119 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 29th day of May 2025, in Wailuku, Hawaii

Logan Tsuji