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GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

9:00 a.m.

MEETING SITE:

Council Chamber
Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii

A G E N D A

NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING) (GET-2(24))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated and received on October 28, 2019, from the Mayor, transmitting a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD ROMSON TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING," with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor's nomination of Edward Romson to the Council on Aging, for a term expiring on March 31, 2021, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Helene Sato.

Status: The Council must approve or disapprove the nomination by December 27, 2019, or the nomination will be deemed approved. The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider other related action.

[Correspondence from Mayor 10-28-2019](#)

NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS (BOARD OF ETHICS) (GET-2(25))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated and received on October 28, 2019, from the Mayor, transmitting a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SEWARD AKAHI TO

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THE BOARD OF ETHICS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI,” with a completed application for the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the Mayor’s nomination of Seward Akahi to the Board of Ethics, for a term expiring on March 31, 2022, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Napua Grieg.

Status: The Council must approve or disapprove the nomination by December 27, 2019, or the nomination will be deemed approved. The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider other related action.

[Correspondence from Mayor 10-28-2019](#)

LITIGATION MATTERS (SPECIAL COUNSEL AUTHORIZATION: CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION) (GET-11(30))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated November 5, 2019, from the Acting Mayor, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled “AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION.” The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the employment of Sher Edling LLP as special counsel to represent the County in litigation involving fossil fuel companies, and related entities.

Status: The Committee may consider whether to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of the correspondence and other related action.

Note: With reference to this agenda item, one or more executive meetings are anticipated pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to consult with legal counsel on questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and the Committee; and Section 92-5(a)(8), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to deliberate or make a decision upon a matter that requires the consideration of information that must be kept confidential pursuant to a State or Federal law, or a court order.

[Correspondence from Mayor 11-05-2019](#)

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT (ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AS THE COUNTY’S CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER) (GET-10(5))

Description: The Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated September 27, 2019, from Council Chair Kelly T. King, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled “PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED, TO REORGANIZE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF THE

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MANAGING DIRECTOR AND PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AS THE COUNTY'S CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to place on the next General Election ballot the question of whether the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, should be amended, effective January 2, 2021, to reorganize the executive branch for the County of Maui as follows:

- Establish an Office of the Managing Director, where a Managing Director-hired by the Council through a recruitment and selection process involving the Mayor, Council Chair, and a three-member citizen group-will function as the County's chief operating officer responsible for the County's daily operations, the appointment and removal of most department heads, and the implementation of County policy.
- Revise the Mayor's role to be the County's chief executive officer responsible for supervising the Managing Director's work, representing the County in intergovernmental affairs, having the authority to approve or veto bills, nominating board and commission members, and enforcing provisions of the Charter, County ordinances, and all applicable laws.

Status: The Committee may discuss the matter. No legislative action will be taken.

[Correspondence from Council Chair 09-27-2019](#)

REMOTE TESTIMONY SITES

Hana	Lanai	Molokai
Council District Office	Council District Office	Council District Office
Hana Community Center	Lanai Community Center	100 Ainoa Street
5091 Uakea Road	8th Street	Kaunakakai, Hawaii
Hana, Hawaii	Lanai City, Hawaii	

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BOARD PACKETS

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TESTIMONY

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