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COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

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THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII, WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KALANA O MAUI BUILDING, WAILUKU, HAWAII, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018, BEGINNING AT 8:35 A.M., WITH CHAIR MICHAEL B. WHITE PRESIDING.

CHAIR WHITE: This Special Council meeting shall please come to order.

Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS ALIKA ATAY, S. STACY CRIVELLO, G. RIKI HOKAMA, KELLY T. KING, YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR ROBERT CARROLL, AND CHAIR MICHAEL B. WHITE.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBERS ELEANORA COCHRAN AND DONALD S. GUZMAN.

(Councilmember Cochran was not present when the roll was called; however, she arrived at 8:46 a.m.)

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK JOSIAH K. NISHITA: Mr. Chair, there are seven Members present, and two Members excused. A quorum is present to conduct the business of the Council.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Please, just a reminder to please turn your phones on silent mode. And we'll, let's proceed with the agenda.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, proceeding with the presentation of testimony on agenda items. We have established limited interactive communication that enables

individuals from Hana, Lanai, and Molokai, to provide testimony from our District Offices.

Individuals who wish to offer testimony from Hana, Lanai, and Molokai should now sign up with District Office staff. Individuals who wish to offer testimony in the chamber, please sign up at the desk located in the eighth-floor lobby just outside the chamber door. Testimony at all locations is limited to the items listed on today's agenda.

When testifying, please state your name and the name of any organization you represent.

Currently, we have no testifiers waiting at our District Offices. And, we have one individual who has signed up to testify in the Council chamber. The first person to testify in the chamber is Noelani Ahia, testifying on Bill 74. She is the last individual who has signed up to testify in the chamber or the District Offices.

PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY

MS. NOELANI AHIA [testifying on Bill No. 74 (2018)]:

Good morning and thank you all for being here. I feel so lonely.

CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

MS. AHIA: Okay, I'm testifying on Bill 74. I strongly support the extension of a sand mining moratorium. This theft of sand to be used for economic development violates kanaka maoli culture and is unsustainable.

According to Michael Welland, geologist and author of Sand: The Never-Ending Story, the value of sand is such that it is a commercial commodity. In fact, sand has become one of the most sought after commodities of the 21st century. Sand has been used worldwide for everything from construction materials to telescope glass.

In his Wired.com article, The Deadly Global War for Sand, journalist Vince Beiser writes, "Apart from water and air, humble sand is the natural resource most consumed by humans. Though the supply might seem endless, sand is a finite resource like any other".

This extractive disturbance of our ancestors resting in this sand, and the theft of their ano or essence, only benefits destructive development and furthers the exploitative quest of settler colonialisms destroy and replace framework. Furthermore, there is no predictive measure of the ecosystem destruction occurring as a result of these practices.

The Quantification Study has yet to be released, which begs the question, how much sand was stolen and how much remains? Remember, this sand is the final resting place for thousands of our kanaka maoli iwi kupuna. We don't know exactly how many iwi kupuna have been unearthed in the Maui Lani project district from the sand mining and development desecrations, because their archaeologist has yet to give a final count, despite being asked by the Maui Lanai Island Burial Council for the past ten years. And, this number won't even account for instances where sand wasn't monitored, resulting in human skulls rolling off the backs of trucks carrying our sand in Oahu.

The sand mining moratorium legislation seeks to provide much needed protections for the iwi kupuna, and that has not yet been fulfilled. Until this kuleana is fulfilled, the moratorium must continue. The iwi kupuna are still in danger. The kanaka becomes the iwi, who becomes the aina, who becomes the kanaka. We are all related in this hoop. There is no separation. He ali'i ka `aina; he kauwa ke kanaka. The land is chief; man is his servant. Please vote to extend the moratorium. Mahalo nui.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Ahia. Members, any need for clarification?

Seeing none, Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, there are no other individuals in the District Offices nor the chamber who wish to offer testimony. And, we have not received written testimony.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Members, without objection, we'll close public testimony for the day.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Public testimony is closed.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, proceeding with county communications for referral.
The following county communications are recommended for referral to your Budget and Finance Committee.

COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

NO. 18-300 - SANANDA K. BAZ, BUDGET DIRECTOR,
(dated August 16, 2018)

Transmitting the following:

1. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO ESTIMATED REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, DRAINAGE, IAO STREAM FLOOD CONTROL; TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS; AND TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS)";
2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO APPENDIX C – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, IAO STREAM FLOOD CONTROL";
3. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (US ARMY) REGARDING A FEASIBILITY COST SHARING AGREEMENT (FCSA) FOR THE IAO STREAM, MAUI, HAWAII – FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT"; and
4. "CERTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019".

The recommended action is that County Communication No. 18-300 be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

NO. 18-301 - SANANDA K. BAZ, BUDGET DIRECTOR,
(dated August 16, 2018)

Transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO APPENDIX C – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COUNTYWIDE, COUNTYWIDE EQUIPMENT; DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, COUNTYWIDE, PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM REPLACEMENT".

The recommended action is that County Communication No. 18-301 be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

NO. 18-305 - MIKE WHITE, COUNCIL CHAIR,
(dated August 22, 2018)

Relating to an Emergency Event: Hurricane Lane Response Efforts.

The recommended action is that County Communication No. 18-305 be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Members, are there any objections to the referrals as read by the Clerk?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. So ordered.

I will just comment that I spoke to Mr. Goode this morning regarding any kind of concerns that he had. They said that they are awaiting a report from the Kalepa area out near Hana to see what kind of damage might have happened with the larger south swells. He's not received that report yet.

And, I also spoke to him about the damage to Puu Way, which is the picture that was in the newspaper. And, he said that their initial estimates is that that will cost between two and \$2.5 million to repair. So, they will be coming in for an emergency request for those funds. Other than that, he's aware of nuisance-types of thing, type

of things and a lot of clean up, but no major things that they will be requiring special funding for.

So, Ms. King, you look like you had a--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea, I just wanted to ascertain that the fire damage is included in that. Is that considered part of this storm damage?

CHAIR WHITE: They're, they're still assessing that. And of course, their focus will mostly be on making sure the permitting process is as quick as it can be. There are a lot of folks that are coming out to assist with that. You know, we, over the weekend, we housed about 60 of the evacuees.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: Housed, put them in guest rooms and fed them. Most of the folks that moved back in, of course there are seven structures, or seven homes that were destroyed, so the Red Cross and others are working to help there. And there's a couple of websites that are, are raising funds for further assistance, so.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I guess, Chair, my, my concern is that that was being viewed as part of the damage due to the storm, because I believe it was high winds that caused those fires that came with the storm. So--

CHAIR WHITE: I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --I'm just hoping that they would see that as--

CHAIR WHITE: I would, I would assume that there would be some connection there. But, I, from a technical perspective, I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You don't know yet. Okay. So, we can follow up on that. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. With that, we'll move onto ordinances.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, proceeding with ordinances, second and final reading.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. _____
BILL NO. 61 (2018)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
ORDINANCE 4851 (2018), RELATING TO HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FEES
AND VEHICLE DISPOSAL FEES

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, with no objections by the Members, I would ask
the Clerk to bring up Bills 67 and 68.

CHAIR WHITE: Any objections, Members?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR WHITE: So ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. _____
BILL NO. 67 (2018)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAM

ORDINANCE NO. _____
BILL NO. 68 (2018)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019
BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO
APPENDIX B, REVENUES – FEES, RATES, ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES,
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION,
GENERAL FUND, CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES,
SCHEDULE OF FEES AND DEPOSITS

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA:

CHAIRMAN, I MOVE THAT BILLS AS READ BY THE CLERK
PASS SECOND AND FINAL READING.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Mr. Hokama and a second from Ms. Sugimura.

Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, no further discussion, unless there's questions
by the Members.

CHAIR WHITE: Members, any other discussion on these items? Seeing none, all those in
favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, CRIVELLO, HOKAMA,
KING, SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND
CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBERS COCHRAN AND GUZMAN.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with seven "ayes", and two "excused"; Members Cochran
and Guzman.

Mr. Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. _____
BILL NO. 73 (2018)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.01.020, MAUI COUNTY
CODE, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair.

I MOVE TO PASS BILL 73 (2018) ON SECOND AND FINAL
READING.

(Councilmember Cochran arrived at the meeting at 8:46 a.m.)

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Ms. Crivello and a second from Mr. Carroll.

Before we go to discussion, I'd like to welcome Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. The bill amends the definition of student to include a person enrolled in college, university, or vocational school up to 24 years of age with a valid college, university, or vocational school identification card establishing the age of the person and current enrollment in college, university, or vocational school. I ask for the Council's full support. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Crivello.

Members, any discussion on this item? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, HOKAMA, KING, SUGIMURA,
VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: NONE.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with eight "ayes", one "excused"; Mr. Guzman.

Mr. Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. _____
BILL NO. 74 (2018)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 20.40A, MAUI
COUNTY CODE, DECLARING A CONTINUED MORATORIUM ON SAND MINING
OF CENTRAL MAUI INLAND SAND

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Just in time.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: By the hair of my chinny chin-chin. Thank you.

CHAIR, I MOVE TO PASS BILL 74 (2018) ON SECOND AND
FINAL READING.

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

SECOND.

CHAIR WHITE: We have a motion from Ms. Cochran and a second from Ms. King.

Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. The purpose of this proposed bill is to enact a continued moratorium on sand mining of central Maui inland sand until the Council determines the purposes established in the proposed bill have been satisfied, or December 31, 2018, whichever is sooner; and to allow this Council, by

resolution, to extend the term of the moratorium on sand mining of central Maui inland sand prior to the repeal of the ordinance. Upon approval, the ordinance would be retroactive to July 19, 2018, the expiration date of the first ordinance.

I respectfully ask for my Members support of my motion at this time. Thank you very much, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Cochran.

Any further discussion?

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to express, during the first reading and again, I want to also say that I oppose the passage of today's moratorium bill as it is proposed for Bill 74 by Chapter 20.40A. And instead of having this moratorium, I just want to say let's fix the problem. This bill does not address iwi kupuna protection. We are not Department of Land and Natural Resources, SHPD. It doesn't address the resource extraction, which the community expressed great concern for. And so, I'm committed to fixing the problems.

This moratorium hurts the issue of affordable housing for our working families. I think we all got a letter of opposition from, from Maui Lani talking about they do have a project; Maui Lani Phase 8 Subdivision. It's shovel-ready for 400-units to be built, but it's being delayed because of this. So, I, I'm voicing my opposition to the bill. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Any further discussion, Members? Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ATAY, COCHRAN,
CRIVELLO, HOKAMA, KING,
VICE-CHAIR CARROLL, AND CHAIR WHITE.

CHAIR WHITE: Those opposed say "no".

NOES: COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN.

CHAIR WHITE: Measure passes with seven "ayes"; one "no", Ms. Sugimura; and one "excused", Mr. Guzman.

Members, before we conclude, I had asked Mr. Goode to come and make himself available if you had any questions about any damage during the storm. I see both Mr. Goode and Mr. Andaya here. Without objection, I'd like to call on Mr. Andaya to see what he has to share with us regarding the storm.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Andaya. No objection.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, short recess. Very short recess.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. We'll be in recess at the call of the Chair.

(THE MEETING WAS RECESSED BY THE CHAIR AT 8:50 A.M., AND WAS RECONVENED AT 8:51 A.M., WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT FOR MEMBER GUZMAN, EXCUSED.)

CHAIR WHITE: This meeting shall please come back to order.

Members, for clarification, these comments are in relationship to item, County Communication 18-305, regarding Hurricane Lane responses.

Mr. Andaya, if you'd like to, do you want to stand here?

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR HERMAN ANDAYA: Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: If you can give us a brief update on hurricane response efforts.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Members of the Council. At this point, we are now in the recovery phase of this event. And so, what that means is that we're doing damage assessments. We're going out there into the community, and evaluating, seeing what kind of damages there are out there.

We did survey the area by helicopter on Sunday. And, we looked at specifically the, there was a, I guess you could say a sinkhole, a large 15-foot sinkhole in Puu Way in Haiku. And so, we have County employees, as well as State, evaluating that right now. In fact, we have a team going out there today.

Also, we looked at the fire that was, that occurred in Lahaina. And, I have photographs, and I think I can share it with the Council at some point; I can send it to you. And, that's very telling how close it was; that it nearly, nearly reached Lahaina Town. And, had it jumped Lahainaluna Road, it would have been, I mean, it would have been devastating.

And so, a lot of credit goes to the members of our Fire Department, who fought the fire, who made sure that it didn't spread to Lahaina Town. Also, a lot of credit goes to the Police Department for acting very quickly and evacuating the people in the area and brought them to shelters and what not.

Right now, Mr. Chair, it's very early. We're still doing damage assessments. On Sunday, we did send teams out already to visit with the community, specifically in Lahaina and in Haiku. But, we're still, we're still having, we're still having to, to still go out and, you know, see if there's any more damage done.

We do plan a meeting, and I was going to talk to Member Cochran about this. We wanted to have a quick meeting very quickly with the community. So, we were looking at tomorrow night, possibly, if it's okay with you. We would like to schedule that as soon as we, as soon as possible.

I have been keeping the Chair apprised. I've been giving you updates twice a day or so about the storm. I also did speak to Member Hokama, as well as Member Crivello, because the storm would, would have impacted their, their communities. We thought that the, the most impact would have been to those communities. But, we were very lucky this time around.

The track showed that it was coming our way. It was such a concern that FEMA sent all these resources over to us, including a 35-man swift, swift water rescue team. And so, they were on the island, and they were ready to, to do rescues. And so, that's how serious we were with, with this storm. But, thankfully we had wind shear that just, just took the storm, just took the storm out. And so, we were very lucky that that occurred. That's all I have, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Andaya.

If you look at the pictures of the, the fire in Lahaina, you can't help but just be in awe of our Fire Department. The police were up there in no time whatsoever evacuating people. But when you look at, well, when you see the, the windspeed that we were dealing with, the exposure to major loss was very, very evident and very significant.

So, I take my hat off to the police and the fire guys, because they just, they did an absolutely unbelievable job. So, our hats off to them.

Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I have a question. But, first of all, I want to thank you, and your team, and everyone involved. I want to ditto what you, how hard you worked, and the, I guess the directive that we were receiving. Actually, statewide, wasn't that quite impressive.

Does FEMA do any, will they be doing any assessment as far as in regards to the fire and possibility, how that . . . with our storm?

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Andaya.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Chair, so whether the fire, whether we can say that it's storm-related, I think that's still being evaluated. But, for now, I, we believe it is storm-related. And, we hope to get, you know, some kind of assistance from FEMA because of that.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Yea, and then, Mr. Chair, if I can also, I just wanted to say also that, you know, we, we have a very small staff downstairs of six people. But, in, during the event, the entire event, we had about 60 to 80 people in our EOC. And so, I just wanted to say that we have a lot of partners, and they were there help, you know, assisting us.

We had DOFAW from State, and they were assisting us with our planning process. And, they were, they were just, I mean, excellent. We had, like, for instance, superintendents, school superintendents, you know, that were there with us 24 hours. We had, I mean, just, it was amazing. All the people in our community who came together and, and you know, was part of the process with, you know, dealing with this. And so, and there were also a lot of County employees who helped.

So, I just wanted to assure the public and assure the Council that, you know, it wasn't that we were just waiting to, you know, waiting for the storm to come. I mean, there was a lot of preparation, there was a lot of work that needed to be done so that we would be ready for this storm. And, you know, the, the fire was kind of a curveball for us. So, it was about, it occurred about 2 a.m. in the morning. So, while we're going through the planning process for the storm, all of a sudden there was this fire.

And, just hearing the chatter on the radio, and you could hear the, how frantic the Fire Department was. But, they drew a line. They said, you know, we cannot have this fire go past Lahainaluna Road. And so, they had Public Works crews out there. They were creating firebreaks. There were the swift water rescue team. So, we utilized them as well, had them go out there and assist the Fire Department. And so, yea, thank God it didn't cross Lahainaluna Road. But, during the aerial survey; it's amazing, I mean, you have, it's like right up to the home. And, I'm just amazed at the home, those homes didn't, didn't burn down, you know, so.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you. I appreciate the efforts of our employees and our partners. I can tell you, I tried to come and park in my stall Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and somebody was in there all day.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, no, no, no apologies. You just told me that, you know, the critical need of appropriate personnel for coordination, planning, and implementation of a plan, but more importantly communications to the residents. You know, I thought that was critical.

For me, Chairman, you know, I've been in contact with Lanai every day last week. I can tell you that the County departments was on it from early in last week; Tuesday, Wednesday, they were already prepared with our Police Department taking the lead, and through our Lieutenant, our commander there. But, our departments were fully prepared, and I want to thank the Council for the past previous budgets, where after our major total island blackout, this Council and this County responded with providing the sufficient backup generation on Lanai. And, we're going to implement Public Works 55kw pretty soon, backup generation for Lanai.

And so, we were prepared, Chairman, on Lanai. I can tell you, Public Works was ready, Environmental Management was ready, Parks was ready, our people was well prepared for the potential disaster. And I can tell you that I appreciate the Council's efforts in ensuring that our communities, especially rural Maui County, can respond to these type of situations, Chairman.

So, I want to thank Mr. Andaya. He always initiated communication, and his staff. And, eventually, we got to look at a new house for command center, Chairman; 60 people in that little place. You know, it's something we need to start planning for future requirements of our County. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

Any further discussion?

Yes, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. And, I definitely applaud our public safety people. They did a awesome job. And, I knew, I rest, I assured the community, having gone through our budget cycles, that we've given all the tools, we've given them everything they need at their disposal in order to carry out a successful job for all of us. So, I was very, very confident in that aspect. So, but definitely hats off to all the public safety people.

The one thing that, cause I've been in the heart of everything happening in West Maui the last several days. The one huge, huge, I think, underlying issue that had occurred was lack of communication. And, I understand, Director Andaya, we did speak I believe on Saturday morning. But, the, the lack of communication I get, cause I was getting what's going on, what's, and I never got any word myself, as their representative for West Maui. So, we had spoken and we'll open that dialogue and communication more.

But, a huge incident went down up at the second evacuation location, right. So, I don't think it was planned that Lahaina Intermediate was the go to, then all of a sudden this fire is right up against it. Now, everybody there had to be evacuated again, went over to Lahaina Civic Center. So, now everyone's there with power, with AC, backup generators should they have needed it, everything else, yet, Parks decided to call it closed.

So, now Red Cross and everybody's going, what's going on? And, thank God for Kai Nishiki, Jen Mather of Waiola Church, got everybody to move down to Waiola, where there was no power, everything was out. The fire is just across the street from it, yet, everybody had to go down there. So, there was a huge something happened there; dysfunction. And, I spoke to Red Cross and they didn't understand what was going on either. They, so people were, that took a big toll on everybody that night, and that decision that was made to close. And, it was closed, the Lahaina Civic Center; the second evacuation spot.

So, hopefully, you know, in your planning for future, that they, I don't know, I don't know what happened there. I'm just saying that this is what occurred with the community and it was really, really rough. And, it compiled the hardship on everyone

that night; from people carrying oxygen tanks, people having, you know, health issues.

Red Cross said, where's Department of Health in all of this? They used to collaborate and work with cause Red Cross are volunteers. They don't, no doctors and nurses were there, you know. So, they were freaked out about now we're going into a place with no electric from a place that does have. And, there were people with medical issues, you know, respiratory issues, and the smoke and the fire is coming. I mean, it was hell. And, I think, so I'm continuing to hear those type of horror stories. You know, beyond the people who lost everything. I think that was huge.

So, hopefully we are going to reassess what occurred there and make sure it doesn't occur again, or at least, yea, Plan A, B, C and D. Because there had to have been a Plan C, which was thankfully our hotels and our resorts, open up their doors. Napili Kai, I know you did, and Sheraton, and the Hyatt, and Ritz, and many, many of our properties, hotel resort properties opened their doors for people to come. So, thankfully for that.

But other than that, I don't know what the solution is. So, hopefully we will all put our heads together and figure that part out. So, I'm looking forward, Director Andaya, for this meeting in West Maui, so we all can work together, because that's what we want.

I mean, as you can see the outpouring of support from West Maui with all the donations we've been going through, and the monetary donations, and people are just coming out in droves from all over and worldwide. Our visitors are chiming in and helping. So, it's, it's an awesome sight to see that we, when we called, called to, you know, to help, lend a helping hand, this community pulls hard and strong, and so I appreciate that very much.

So, perhaps for a question for Mr. Andaya. When, I'd like to see if we can set that time and place for that meeting for West Maui.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Andaya.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Chair, so this meeting, we, we're trying to do it as quickly as possible. We don't want to take too much time trying to plan this meeting, and so it was decided yesterday that we would have it on Wednesday. We still don't have a location yet. So, we're trying to find a location. The time, I believe it was at 6:30. But, we're still looking for a location.

And, if I could respond to Member Cochran's comments. With respect to the American Red Cross and the shelters, it is an issue, Councilmember, and we are looking into it. You know, the Red Cross is a volunteer organization, and they help us with sheltering. And so, we're, we're trying to find out exactly what happened.

I know at some point when the event was over, we had to, we were trying to, you know, close down the shelters and what not. And, what the American Red Cross typically does like in this case where there are also victims like fire and what not, that they will try to find other accommodations for them, you know. But, as it turned out, those families ended up at Waiola Church.

With respect to communications, we're open to, I mean, we, we've had, we've had press conferences. There's information on our website, Facebook, and also our Councilmembers, you know. We've had Councilmembers come to us and ask us for information. And, I've been very accessible. I've answered all of my phone calls whenever any of you called.

And so, we've had, I know Councilmember Crivello has, we've been in close contact. She's been calling me quite often. Councilmember Sugimura also came by, brought some food for us; thank you, Councilmember. And, I gave her a briefing as well. I've spoken to Councilmember Hokama. Councilmember White wanted regular updates on the hurricane, and so we provided that to him.

And, also you, Councilmember Cochran. You know, when you called me on Saturday morning, I mean, I, I responded, you know. And, you asked me for assistance from Red Cross for Waiola Church. We, we made that happen. And so, I guess what I'm trying to say is, you know, if you need information, please call me. And, cause we've always been accessible, especially to the Councilmembers.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Andaya, maybe you can address the closing of the Civic Center.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Yes, Mr. Chair. So, as I mentioned earlier, we were, from my understanding, we were, the threat had already passed. It was about noon or so. The threat had already passed. And so, at that point, the procedure is we start closing down shelters. So, we had about eight shelters or so that were opened throughout the County. And so, we started to shut them all down, because you know, there's no sense of having them open. The, the threat has already passed.

And so, but in the case of Lahaina, there were some families that were affected by, by the fire. And so, that shelter was one that stayed open for a little longer as the Red Cross was trying to find other accommodations for them. But, it had to be

closed. The shelter needed to be closed. We just have to find, you know, and the Red Cross, they have procedures also. Like, they don't just shut a shelter down. I mean, they still need to take care of those that are still in the shelters.

Now, this is an issue that happens nationwide, because people are not, you know, people are not quick to, they, they, well, in our case it was a little different because we had a hurricane event and we also had a fire event. So, that's the reason why the, the American Red Cross was, you know, we couldn't treat this like a typical like hurricane type of event. So, they would have tried to find accommodations for these people.

But, you know, as Member Cochran mentioned, there was a church that had offered to, to house them. So, that's the reason why they, they were, they moved to the church.

CHAIR WHITE: Yea, I think, I think Ms. Cochran's angst is similar to my concern. Because until Sunday morning, I believe at about five o'clock, there was no power or electricity. So, these people could go home, but there was no way of them conducting normal life until the power and water came back into service.

You know, one of the challenges that I see is that all the hotels accept the fact that we have to shelter our visitors in place. And we've been told for 20 years, you cannot send anybody to a shelter. What that means in my case is I have 800 people to feed and house and protect. And in order to do so, I have to put them in four hallways so they're, they're well-protected. I've never had to do. I hope I never have to, because it would be absolutely miserable. It's not a, it's not a gymnasium. But, because we're not, we're asked not to utilize the shelters, we expect the shelters to be open for everybody else.

Yea, we, we willingly take in folks as we can, as we did on, I think it was, I think we started checking people in about three o'clock Saturday morning. My rooms director never went to sleep. She was dealing with, you know, we were dealing with hurricane issues, then we're dealing with the fire. And so, you know, we literally checked in about 60 people before eight o'clock in the morning. Actually, I think it was even before that.

But, this is, and again, this is just for next time, but we need to make sure that we're keeping shelters open where they're really needed just to respond, especially if it's, it's got, it's in a place that's got water and it's got power. We got a responsibility to those residents who are, who are evacuated, to take care of them and their kids.

And, you know, we, and as I told my staff, I'm really, really happy but I'm in a little bit of a bitchy mood at the end of the hurricane, because I think the County certainly made the case that there was an emergency coming, and we all want to be prepared. My concern is that we may have made too good a case because we closed everything down.

And it was, you know, we closed down the County, all of the suppliers that we depend on for food closed down. All the restaurants that my guests go to, to eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner all closed down. The stores closed down.

So, again, I can't evacuate my people. So, I go from feeding about 60 percent of my house guests breakfast to about 100 percent. I went from feeding normally 30 percent of our guests' dinner to 100 percent. I have no food deliveries. The food delivery we were promised on Saturday, on Friday we had no idea whether it was going to come because the hurricane was supposed to, the arrival had changed from two o'clock in the morning Friday to two o'clock in the morning Saturday. So, if it hits, I've got no, you know, I have no food deliveries at least until Monday and maybe not even then.

So, we were, I told my chef, we're going to do whatever we can. We put out, I don't know, thousands of meals at no charge to our guests and to all of our evacuees, because I had no idea what I could promise. And, I wanted to make sure that everyone felt safe and, and felt cared for until it passed. But, you know, had VIP and HFM, and some of the restaurants been open to carry some of that load, it sure would have been nice.

And, this has nothing to do with the County. It's just that, you know, when there's a hurricane coming, I have no problem with people being very concerned about their safety, their safety of their employees and so on. I got to depend on my employees to come to work, because we've got 800 people to take care of, and other hotels have many more.

So, other than that, but the information flow was very, very helpful. I'm, I'm on my computer every time I get something from them and every time I, there's a change in the NOAA site, I'm, I'm plotting it to see what the changes are so I can let my staff know; it's moving away, it's moving closer, it's speeding up, it's slowing down. So, it's, it's a very active time for all of us. And, I give the County a lot of credit.

So, my comments are just meant to say, let's, let's not be too quick to pull the trigger. And, let's not be too quick to have, our, the companies that feed off of or live off of the visitors all during the year simply leave us hanging. And so, you know it's, I'm responsible for those 800 people. I accept that responsibility. And it's, it's spooky

when you've got a big hurricane coming at you. But, it would be nice just to have a little, little extra support, not from the County, I've got all the support we need from the County, but from our, our private businesses.

So, Ms. King then Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea, Chair, thank you. I think it's a really good discussion we're having. And, I echo everybody's gratitude for our first responders in handling everything. But, I am concerned about the closing of the shelters, cause I was, you know, we, we had very little damage or anything in Kihei. In fact, we were ready for much more rain and we didn't get that in north Kihei.

But, Friday around noon I was getting calls and texts from folks in Lahaina who had heard through Mr. White that one of my staff members, you know, her husband is a GM of the Westin, so they were wondering if there's any room there. So, people were trying to shuffle around. And, I was able to kind of respond, you know, with some of these calls and texts.

But, one of my concerns that, that I hope you think about for maybe your meeting tomorrow night is when evacuees have these types of experiences, the next time are they just going to say, well then I'm not going to evacuate, I'm just going to stay here because I keep getting moved around, you know, from place to place. So, that's a concern I have when, after watching what happened on the Big Island with people who decided not to evacuate and then had to be helicoptered out because they got hemmed in by the, you know, you want people to evacuate.

But, you also want to, you know, I think it was maybe, you know, something to look at as a possible misstep to close down these shelters so early, because, because we did have the fires. And, you know, the, the, the fire I think is a, is a completely acceptable reason to have the shelter open. So, so that was my concern. That was my comment earlier about having the shelters be, or the fire as being viewed as part of the storm experience because we had those high winds and that's part of what caused those, those fires in West Maui.

So, thank you for, for responding with this meeting tomorrow. And, I just hope that that, that discussion could be had so that people will feel safe to evacuate and don't, don't reconsider because that can cause additional problems for first responders if you don't evacuate and then you get yourself into a bad situation. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: I, I think I can safely say that I don't think there was any hesitation for anyone to evacuate. The fire was very intense and very visible. And I, boy I sure wouldn't want to sit around and, and take my chances.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. But, I mean, we did see people do that on the Big Island when they saw the lava coming towards them. So, you know, that is a, you know, a mindset with some people and I'm glad it wasn't in Lahaina. But, it . . . you know, again, echoing all my colleagues' accolades for our first responders and for the coordination that did take, that you did do. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, thank you. So, I'm off the grid. I thank you for your radio, the battery powered. But, there's people like myself who last word I got, shelter in place. That's what I did in my valley, right. And, I'm off the grid, I got rivers, I got you know, so I'm trying to deal with trees falling and things. But, as soon as I was able to leave that valley to go out in the world and check out what's happening, cause I don't want to endanger myself and have our EMT's have to come and rescue me, I mean.

And, Napili Kai was open for breakfast. I'm like, wow, there's a place to get a meal, you know, so the resorts were functioning as you said. So, thanks to Mr. Greg Nelson there and bringing in people.

So, you have people like myself, as soon as I got reception, oh my God, my phone was going off on texts and it's talking about fires. I had no idea there was a fire. I'm preparing for hurricane like all of us. The next thing you know, I'm like fire, what? And, my niece, my mom, they got moved all over the place, evacuate, evacuated twice and, and you know, homeless and whatever.

So, I'm just like, oh no, now I'm heading into town to figure out what's going on and that's when people in Lahaina said, no TV, no electric, no anything, they had no communication. And, I said I am sorry cause I don't know either at this time. And that's when I called you. And, you know, that's when I got into the real world to figure things out too, and reassess what's going on.

So, heard about the Waiola Church, what happened at Civic, all this stuff. We're all just trying to, you know, get things under control. And, thankfully everyone did pitch in and help out.

So, that's kind of my side of I don't have that kind of direct communication. And many, many, Honokohau, I'm sure Kahakuloa, these kind of places, we don't have direct lines to the outside. We don't have computers. We don't have cellphone reception. We don't have electric on a daily basis. We live off the grid. So, it's a

different, you know, we live in a different style. It's not just the click of a button and we're, whoa, connected to somebody.

I have to physically drive out. The road was shut down cause boulders fell, you know, I mean, we're in the boonies so to speak, in the country where things happen, and during these kind of weather. So, that's the challenge for people like myself and others. So, that's the voice and hopefully perspective I want to bring to the table, to think about those outlying areas. Town is town, you know, but when we're way out away, away, it's a whole different ballgame and story when you're coming from that perspective.

And, I think lastly, is there any idea of the cause of that fire? Cause I think that's on everyone's mind in Lahaina, about what possibly could have happened and triggered that. And, if we can prevent it if at all, you know.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Chair, we're still, I think, I believe it's still under investigation. And so, we believe it's storm-related, but you know, for now we, we're still, we're still trying to figure out, or still, it's still under investigation.

With respect to communications, and I hear you, Councilmember. And, you know, I know there's a lot of people out there who, who don't have access. We try our, we try our very best. I mean, we know like for instance there are homeless people that need to be notified about hurricanes. And so, we have our human services branch go out and, you know, make sure that they're okay and they know about hurricane coming. We also have the CAP, Civil Air Patrol, with their airplanes. And, they have speakers on their planes, and they're flying around letting people know in remote areas that a hurricane is coming.

(Councilmember King was excused from the meeting at 9:24 a.m.)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: So, those are some of the things that we try to do. It's not a perfect plan. I mean, you know, there's going to be people that we're not going to be able to communicate with because, you know, they're just isolated, and they're just, they, they do not want to make themselves accessible to communications. And so, but we try our very best.

And even for you, and I understand, Councilmember. Like you were telling me about how it's very isolated where you live and that's the reason why we gave you a radio; yea, one of those weather radios, as a way to inform you that something may be coming. But for others, I mean, we'll continue to seek ways to get the message out.

But, I believe for this storm, we did everything we could to try to get that message out to everyone.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yea, thank you. Thank you for your work.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman, just a quick comment for the membership and our community. I will be happy to agendize this item as soon as we can have the departments come up with their more thorough assessment of their responsibilities and cost factors. And also taking into account some of the comments that were shared this, today by the Members and from the community that you've heard, Mr. Andaya.

And then, it's my intent, Chairman, to also contact State representatives, and maybe someone from the private sector, because hearing your situation, or those of our resorts, because the State made a call very early too, Young Brothers did not move. So, even if HFM could have come, did they have stuff from a barge that delivered items to the island? There was no barge for many days to this island. So, even if they were open, Chairman, what would they have delivered to you, is another question, what was on island for our ability, including fuel.

What is our reserves and our capacity for generation in a major event? So, you know, those are the things that I'm going to be happy to post. If Members have questions in advance I can forward for responses, I'm happy to do so, Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Hokama.

Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yea, thank you, Chair. I just wanted to really thank Mr. Andaya and his staff. And, my experience this weekend, of course, I spent a lot of time in front of the television. I was being, you know, well-communicated with your press conferences that you were having. I was also impressed when I did go to the EOC that I didn't expect to see like Planning. I, I thought it would be more Fire and, you know, the typical. But, I think there was also Corp. Counsel there. I mean, I think it was well staffed by all the departments. Stuart Stant also sent me a text saying, "I'm going to park in your parking stall". I said, "please do". I thought that was kind of cute.

But, besides that, in my community, I did go driving around just to kind of check to see if maybe there were downed trees, and the wind wasn't that strong. I did go to our shelter up at King K, and I want to commend you and the communication with Red Cross for the volunteers there who are very protective over the people who had gone there from I think was Wednesday at two o'clock that it opened.

And, they had like one section for men, one section for female, and then the middle was families. And, I think there were, when I went, there were about 45 people there; well cared for and very protected by the Red Cross workers. You know, with me right, no pictures, you know, and nothing can be posted on Facebook. And, you know, all of their, I don't know, I don't know what kind of information they needed to check in, but I think it's just signing in with your name, and that's you know, all they needed to do.

I can understand the change of the Civic Center, and the circumstance was a little bit different. But, from what I learned from the shelters is that when there's, there's a hurricane shelter or that kind occurrence, the shelter doesn't provide beds and food and whatever. You basically walk in with what you, what you have, and they provide whatever they can in terms of, you know, emotional support.

But, when there's another occurrence like the fire, then they provide cots. And if you're really, really, you know, without a home, then the emergency situation changes from what I learned from the Red Cross people. And, I think some of that might have been transferring, occurring as the fire started.

But, I wanted to thank the departments. Dave Goode, in the middle of all of this, as well as yourself, answered a cry for help of taking away trees that were down in Lahaina, in the midst of all the fire. I mean, they helped with that. So, I wanted to thank Dave Goode, especially. So, thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Yea, hats off to all the County departments.

And, Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. So, I believe Ka`ala, our Parks Director is in the gallery. And, if there are no objections, Chair, I'd like to request if he can come down to explain the situation that is of major concern, I guess, that was brought up to us about the Lahaina Civic during the evacuation.

CHAIR WHITE: Any objections, Members?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Mr. Buenconsejo.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Sorry, oh. Mr. Andaya is not--

CHAIR WHITE: Just introduce yourself for the record.

DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION KA'ALA BUENCONSEJO: Chair, thank you, Chair. Ka'ala Buenconsejo, Parks Director. So, just to clarify with some of the incidents that happened over in West Maui. So, I actually, myself and one of my staff members opened up the Civic Center at 3 a.m. So, from 3 a.m. when we got the phone call, the fire that started roughly a little after midnight, maybe one, two o'clock in the morning, the evacuation from the school was moving over to the Civic Center. So, Lahaina Intermediate was taken out from their Red Cross shelter, and we opened up the Lahaina Civic Center at that point.

Roughly, over 500 somewhat people showed up at the Civic Center at three in the morning with downed debris, again the panic, which was understandable, and we opened up the Civic Center. At that point, Red Cross was not even there yet. It was strictly myself and two staff, one staff member for now until actually one of our staff members was actually evacuated as well. So, at that point, we got the Civic Center up and running. Shortly thereafter, electricity also went out. And so, at that point we had our backup generator that was hooked up and triggered on at that point. There was about 200 plus in the Civic Center, and roughly over 300 so left outside of the Civic Center.

Again, this is at still pitch black. All you could see was that glow in the sky from the Lahainaluna Road. So, at that point we got everything up and running. Slowly, Red Cross started coming into the Civic Center. And, at that point it was just make people as comfortable as they could, get the power back on. At that point, again, realize there was no AC. Our generator capacity was strictly for the lighting.

So, understand with the smoke blowing towards the Civic Center, the air quality wasn't that great as well. And so, with the circumstances that we had, we did our best to accommodate everybody and make everybody as comfortable as can be.

With the pickup of the shelter, as I said, a lot of people who were evacuated from the hurricane brought their supplies to the shelter. At the time of evacuation, there was no time to pick up anything from anybody's home or from the shelters to bring as supplies were needed for that day, or for that midmorning.

As sunrise came, again, with the amount of people there, the shelter wasn't being run as a Red Cross shelter. It was just an evacuation center at that point. We did what we could to make everybody accommodating.

Towards the midafternoon, the second fire started; early morning, midafternoon, maybe 10, 11 o'clock that second fire started in Kaanapali. At that point we were already were getting numerous community pouring in with supplies, water, food, to accommodate all of the current morning evacuees to feed and get them some drinks.

The second fire kicked on, and then that was this, at that point for Lahaina Town every fireman was over in Lahainaluna still battling that blaze, trying to protect the schools and some houses. And, took away the, the other fire towards Kaanapali Hills side for those who are familiar, was raging. So, at that point, in communication with EOC, everyone was in communication at that point, we got all the food and water there.

So, that went on through the whole night. So, you figure we were there, basically, at three in the morning all day through Friday. Friday came about, evacuation center is, is, we're full blown, we're in full active, everything is there. At about early evening, they got the Kaanapali fire under control. And power is still down. Lahaina fire was still going and it was heading towards, up the "L", heading up that direction.

I left the center at about 6 p.m. that Friday night. We were working with the shelters and getting everything together. At this point, it wasn't a hurricane evacuation center. It was more of a fire evacuation center. We were working with the shelters and getting everybody back to where they could go.

Saturday morning came about. Lahainaluna Road had opened actually late Friday. They let some people come back in, and early Saturday people were coming back into Lahainaluna Road. At that point in our shelter there was only one family from a fire damaged home from the valley, from Kauaula Valley, there was only one family that came to the Civic Center. The rest of the people in the Civic Center were some homeless, and majority, the rest of them for the shelters. So, when we talk about the transition at that point come Saturday, there was one family that we were made aware of that we knew who were displaced. The rest all had homes that were open at 9 a.m. for the shelter, and Lahainaluna Road was also open as well.

So, at that point, we were notified that the shelters are open. Kahale O Kai, I believe, I forgot the exact name of that shelter, over by the swimming pool, they came down to the shelter, notified them that they were ready to go. Unfortunately, some of them, because of the air condition was now running, our power was back on at the Civic thanks to MECO. They were put us first on the grid, and we appreciate that due to

that circumstances. A lot of them chose not to go back to their home in the interim, although the shelters came to get them and say, hey we're back up. There is no electricity, we all knew that, the whole Lahaina didn't have electricity.

At that point, I believe somewhere in the 11 o'clock hour, the hurricane was called off. Basically, there was no more. The tropical storm area was called off. Red Cross was to start transitioning with the closures for those who left. We were the only facility basically running full speed. Did talk to a couple of Ms. Cochran's staff who happened to be in the Civic.

At this point realize the whole community now, we are the drop off point for all food and donations. And so, it was becoming pretty chaotic there. We have still no refrigeration, no way to heat up food, food was spoiling. So, my thing was, when we were there, I said we got to start transitioning people out of here.

And, the one real family we need to make sure was taken care of was the Naki Family. And, that was the one from Kauaula Valley that was in the Civic Center. The rest of the shelterees that were there, their facility was open.

At that point, at around 1:30-ish, two o'clock, I came back to the Civic. Nothing was still being moved. Everyone was still nice and comfortable and kind of doing their thing, which was great. But, there needed to be a point where we need to start transitioning everyone out of the Civic Center to where people were showering in the sinks. There was a lot of issues that we were dealing with, not from our home people, there was like the homeless situation that we had there.

So, at about two o'clock one of the members from Ms. Cochran's staff said Waiola Church was available. I found out later that it was actually available from like nine o'clock in the morning. We were not made aware of that. But, at that point I said perfect, if Waiola's available, they have power, they have a kitchen, they have all this food coming, lets start transitioning everybody there. And, that's when the transition started to take those shelter people from the Civic Center over to Waiola.

From my understanding, the Naki's were put into the shelter as well, and the rest of them went back home. And, they were using the Waiola Church as for food, and that became the drop-off point with the Waiola center and with Ke'eumoku's spot. So, that's kind of what happened. I mean, I was there from start to basically finish, and also went back.

So, as far as any information and questions you want to have as far as anybody getting kicked out, nobody was kicked out from the Civic Center. It was a transition over to where resources were better for them. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Wow. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Yea, you know, I think, Members, since Mr. Hokama is going to agendize this, I think it might be good for us to hold off at this point; allow the departments to come up with the details and be ready to answer questions in more detail later.

Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I can appreciate that, for us to have further discussion. But, I appreciate Director for being here. Because the first message you hear is we were negligent, you know, that perception you get from my colleague. And, I, there's always two sides to the story. So, it sounded like it was a collaborative effort, including from Ms. Cochran's staff, who happened to be at the Civic. And I, so I look forward to further discussion, because everybody does their darndest during the time of emergency. We, we all work hard together.

CHAIR WHITE: The main thing for us to leave with this morning is that we are all very blessed to have dodged a very major bullet.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Right.

CHAIR WHITE: And, so my hats off to the departments for doing a yeoman's job to, you know, to make things happen. And, with that, we will.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, Chair, wait.

CHAIR WHITE: No, I'm going to adjourn. I think--

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I, no, no, I have a place for him to have the meeting if they're open to it.

CHAIR WHITE: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So, Waiola Church is willing to house this meeting, Mr. Andaya, if you folks choose to want to have it there; tomorrow evening at 6:30, I think you mentioned. So, if you folks are amenable to that, Waiola is open to having the, our place as your meeting place.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR WHITE: Yes.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: If I could go back and check with my staff to make sure that that'll be a, you know, that'll be a good place. And, the reason why is because, you know, is it ADA accessible?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yea.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Is it, you know, all these other things that I, we need to make sure that we could have a government meeting there. So, if I could just check, you know, I'll get back to you on that.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Yea, we have OHA meetings--

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --and things there.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So, I mean, it's, it's very access--

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Oh yea. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Atay.

(Councilmember King returned to the meeting at 9:40 a.m.)

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Thank you, Chair. I don't want to prolong this meeting, but I do want to, I do want the departments to be aware that right now we have two potential hurricane storms that will be shortly coming our way. So, all I can ask is that if we can use hindsight from this past experience, how can we assess. What you shared was very important from the hotel visitors point, how can we assess and be better prepared?

There's one projected ten days away, and then there'll be another one. So, it's not like we've got a luxury of time, you know. We do need to move forward and be prepared.

CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Atay.

With that, Members, we will adjourn this meeting. And, we have a ten o'clock Land Use meeting coming up in 20 minutes. We are adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting of August 28, 2018 was adjourned by the Chair at 9:41 a.m.



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