

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2023-05-12 3:30 PM - Public Hearing - Notice of Intent to Fix Real Property Tax Rates

>> THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 12, 2023. IT IS 3:31 P.M. >> ON APRIL 26, 2023. THE COUNCIL CONVENED THE RATES FOR PROPERTY TAX. I NOW CALL THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE INTENT TO FIXING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED WITH ROLL CALL. MEMBERS PARTICIPATING FROM NON-PUBLIC SHOULD INDICATE AS WELL AS MEMBERS PRESENT WITH THEM AS PART OF ROLL CALL. >>COUNCILMEMBER TASHA KAMA: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR, I AM IN MY WORK SPACE AND ALONE AND STILL DOING LAUNDRY. >> COUNCI MEMBER YUKI SUGIMURA: WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. >> COUNCI MEMBER YUKI SUGIMURA: CAN YOU HEAR ME?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> OKAY. THANKS. GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM ACTUALLY AT MY SISTER'S HOUSE DOING THIS PHONE CALL AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A VERY PRODUCTIVE PUBLIC HEARING. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCILMEMBER TAMARA PALTIN: ALOHA KAKOU, BROADCASTING LIVE FROM THE EIGHTH FLOOR IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THERE IS NO ONE PRESENT. THANK YOU. >> >>COUNCILMEMBER GABE JOHNSON: ALOHA, CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THERE ARE NO TESTIFIERS AT THE LANAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND I'M HERE AND READY TO WORK. >>COUNCILMEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: EXCUSED. >> >> COUNCI MEMBER TOM COOK: ALOHA CHAIR, HAPPY FRIDAY, COUNCIL.\r\n\r\n>>COUNCILMEMBER NOHELANI U'U-HODGINS: ALOHA, CHAIR, ALOHA, EVERYONE. >> COUNCILMEMBER SHANE SINENCI: ALOHA CHAIR AND FELLOW MEMBERS. FROM THE HOME OFFICE AND BY MYSELF AND NO TESTIFIERS AT THE HANA DISTRICT OFFICE. >> >> COUNCIL CHAIR ALICE LEE: ALOHA KAKOU. THERE ARE 8 MEMBERS, ONE EXCUSED. FOR THE RECORD I AM COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK THOMPSON AND LEGISLATIVE DIVISION STAFF AND JOINING FROM THE MEETING ARE TRACY AND DAVID, AND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL, CHRISTINA -- >> BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING, MAY I REQUEST THAT WE KEEP THE MICROPHONE MUTED UNLESS YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SPEAK. DECORUM SHALL REMAIN AT ALL TIMES.\r\n\r\n\r\nEACH PERSON MAY TESTIFY FOR THREE MINUTES. MEMBERS MAY TESTIFY AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS OR THREE TESTIMONY SITES. INSTRUCTIONS ARE POSTED IN THE CHAT ALONG WITH THE LINK TO TESTIFY. IF YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ANONYMOUSLY, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT IF YOU WISH TO TESTIFY IN THE CHAT OR AT THE DESK AT COUNCIL CHAMBER. YOUR SCREEN NAME WILL MATCH THE NUMBER GIVEN IF YOU TESTIFY ANONYMOUSLY. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE YOUR SCREEN NAME. AS A REMINDER, THE CHAT SHALL BE USED TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.\r\n\r\n\r\nIT WILL BE CONSIDERED A BREACH OF DECORUM FOR MEMBERS TO USE THE CHAT FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN TESTIMONY TO SIGN UP. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AT THIS TIME THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY IN CHAMBERS. >> PUBLIC SPEAKER: ALOHA, EVERYBODY. I MET WITH LEWISEY MEYER. I'M NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TAX CHANGE AND YOU MAY NOT PROCEED UNTIL THIS CAN BE ADDRESSED BECAUSE FOR ONE THING, I'M A REAL PROPERTY OWNER THAT IS ALLOWED, NOT A TAX EXEMPTION BUT I'M ALLOWED TO TAX ANY INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS ON THIS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND I HAVE A NOTE THAT IS SIGNED AND WHICH STATES THAT NO LIENS, NOR ENCUMBRANCES MAY AFFECT ME.\r\n\r\n\r\nYOU HAVE NOT GIVEN ME ANY TYPE OF EMINENT DOMAIN. YOU GUYS ARE CONTINUOUSLY UTILIZING MY EASEMENT. I WILL HAVE A CONDUCTION WITH TONYA AND THE IMPASSE ASSESSMENT. THAT YOU GUYS OWN MY EASEMENT. THERE HAS BEEN NO EMINENT DOMAIN, SO I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GUYS CAN PROCEED WITH A REAL PROPERTY TAX. SO THIS CANNOT GO ON PROCEEDING UNTIL YOU ADDRESS ME, THE CROWN. I AM NOT A KULEANA OR -- IT WAS US THE KULEANA THAT GAVE US THE TAX EXEMPTION AND YOU GUYS USING YOUR BINDINGS AND YOU ARE UTILIZING YOUR OWN AND TAXING PEOPLE FOR WATER AT THE WATERSHED AND HAMAKUA WHICH MY FAMILY GAVE THIS AMENDMENT TO PROCEED.\r\n\r\n\r\nUNTIL THEN, I BELIEVE THAT YOU GUYS CANNOT PROCEED IN ANY OF THIS. MY SON HAS SOMETHING TO SAY. THIS IS

ABOUT LAST WEEK, WE WEREN'T HERE. >> I AM THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE GENERATION AND YOU CAN'T PUNISH ME. >> OTHER THAN THAT, I THINK IT IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS THAT YOU ARE GETTING RID OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. I AM HURT. I AM DISGUSTED.\r\n\r\nI DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS PLACE BUT THERE IS A LOT OF WEIRD PEOPLE AND YOU CANNOT PROCEED WITH REAL PROPERTY TAX BECAUSE HOW MUCH TAX WOULD I GET. WOULD THAT MONEY GO TO ANYTHING BUT THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI'I. I HAVE NOT ASKED FOR A DOLLAR. I AM THE LARGEST PROPERTY OWNER IN MAUI. I HAVE WATER AND I HAVE PETER MARLEE AND HE WOKE ME UP IN THE MORNING. THREE MINUTES IS UP. IT WOULD BE LOVELY TO TELL YOU GUYS WHAT HE SAID. ANYWAYS, THEY ARE ASKING ME TO GIVE THEM A NUMBER.\r\n\r\nI WOULD LOVE TO WORK WITH YOU GUYS. WOULD LOVE FOR IT TO GO TO THE PUBLIC USE OF THE PEOPLE. ANYWAY, YOU CANNOT PROCEED UNTIL THE EXEMPTION IS IN HAND. >> MEMBERS, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF THE TESTIFIER? >> ANY QUESTIONS? >> IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> ANY FINAL COMMENTS, MEMBERS? DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER TESTIFIERS? >> AT THIS TIME WE HAVE NO TESTIFIERS. I WILL GIVE ANOTHER CHANCE FOR MEMBERS TO TESTIFY. COUNTING DOWN FOR A LAST CALL, 3, 2, 1. THERE IS JC MAKING HIS WAY TO THE PODIUM. PUBLIC SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS MEETING.\r\n\r\n>> CAN YOU MOVE YOUR MICROPHONE UP? >> I WANT TO SAY, MY GRANT WISDOM. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> AGAIN, ARE THERE ANY TESTIFIERS? >> WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER PEOPLE INDICATING THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY IN CHAMBERS OR ONLINE. >> WE'LL GIVE ANOTHER LAST CALL. 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, THERE ARE NO TESTIFIERS.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBERS, IF YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND RECEIVING TESTIMONY? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> VERY GOOD. SO ORDERED. MS. CLERK? >> CHAIR, PROCEEDING WITH RESOLUTION NO.\r\n\r\n23-129, ENTITLED: ADOPTING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA? >> I MOVE TO ADOPTING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023. >> EXCUSE ME, TO DISCHARGE THE COMMITTEE OF FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RULE 5E. DO WE TAKE THIS SEPARATELY? >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA INDICATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA? WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. >> AGAIN, DO WE TAKE THIS SEPARATELY?\r\n\r\nTHIS IS 1, 2, 3, OR JUST ONE AT A TIME? >> I'M GETTING AN INDICATION FROM COUNCIL MEMBER THAT SHE CAN'T HEAR US, CHAIR. BUT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, YOU CAN GO ON A PROGRESSION TO ENSURE YOU DO EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO DO. >> OKAY, ASSUMING THAT, WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HEARING YOU VICE-CHAIR. SO WE NEED TO PROCEED. ALL RIGHT? SO, I NEED A MOTION TO DISCHARGE THE MEMBERS OF THIS FOR THE RESOLUTION.\r\n\r\n>> SO MOVED. >> RULE 5E. A MOTION AND SECOND. MOVED BY PRO TEM KAMA AND HODGINS. >> DO YOU HAVE ANY DISCUSSION? PRO TEM KAMA? >> NO CHAIR. >> ALL IN FAVOR?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> I SEE 7 AYES. DO YOU SEE 7 AYES? 7 AND ONE EXCUSED. IT MUST BE TWO EXCUSED. MEMBER FERNANDEZ AND MEMBER SUGIMURA BECAUSE WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. TWO EXCUSED.\r\n\r\n7 AYES. MOTION CARRIES. THE NEXT MOTION WOULD BE TO WAVE RULE 7G FROM COUNCIL AND REPORT. PRO TEM KAMA? >> SO MOVED.. >> MOVED BY PRO TEM KAMA. SECONDED BY MEMBER COOK TO WAVE FROM COUNCIL THE COMMITTEE REPORT. ANY DISCUSSION ON THIS MOTION?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, ALL IN FAVOR SAY, "AYE". >> AYE. >> ANY OPPOSED? I SEE 7 AYES, TWO EXCUSED. THE MOTION CARRIES. SO THE THIRD, I NEED A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-129 FD 1. >> PRO TEM KAMA? >> SO MOVED.. >> I DIDN'T HEAR HER. SO MOVED.. >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAMA AND COOK. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? >> ALL IN FAVOR SAY, "AYE". >> AYE. >> ANY OPPOSED? 7 AYES, 2 EXCUSED. THE MOTION CARRIES. THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL, THEREFORE THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU, EVERYBODY.