

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 22, 2024  
9:00 AM**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via Microsoft Teams, <http://tinyurl.com/2p9zhjr2>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

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TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Pres.</b>	<b>Abs.</b>	<b>Exc.</b>	<b>Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)</b>
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama	√			
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook	√			
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	9			

**Bill 44 (2024)** "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, REGARDING A LONG-TERM GROUND LEASE FOR 175 EAST LIPOA STREET, KIHEI, MAUI, HAWAII"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:10 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:10 a.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	Pass on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	9:11 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>9</b>			<b>MOTION PASSED</b>	

**TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:12 a.m.**

## TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2024-03-22 9:00 AM - Special Meeting

WITH STAFF MEMBERS, DAWN AND MEDEIROS AND THERE'S NO TESTIFIERS COUNCIL CHAIR ALICE LEE. >> SABAI DEE, EVERYONE. >> COUNCIL, ALL NINE MEMBERS ARE PRESENT, WHICH MEANS YOU HAVE A QUORUM TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL. I'M COUNTY CLERK MOANA LUTEY AND DEPUTY CLERK RICHELLE THOMSON AND JOINING US IS JOYCE MURASHIGE, LAURENA SALDANA AND DELL YOSHIDA. JOINING THE MEETING FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES IS DIRECTOR DAVID RAATZ, AND LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY MEGAN MONIZ AND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL, CORPORATION COUNSEL VICTORIA TAKAYESU AND FIRST DEPUTY COUNSEL MIMI DESJARDINS. >> THANK YOU. NOW PLEASE, JOIN ME IN PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE.\r\n\r\nI PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH TODAY'S AGENDA, MAY I PLEASE REQUEST THAT EVERYONE KEEP THEIR MICROPHONES MUTED UNLESS IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK. AS A REMINDER, TESTIMONY MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA. WHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE DIRECT YOUR REMARKS TO THE COUNCIL AND NOT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. EACH TESTIFIER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK UP TO THREE MINUTES ON EACH ITEM. FOR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO TESTIFY ON TEAMS, PLEASE CLICK THE RAISE YOUR HAND BUTTON TO BE ADDED TO THE TESTIFIER LOG. IF YOU ARE CALLING IN, PLEASE FOLLOW THE PHONE PROMPTS TO BE ADDED TO THE LOG.\r\n\r\nDECORUM SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL-TIMES, ANY THAT BEHAVES IN A MANNER THAT DISRUPTS OR IMPEDES THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING CAN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR MAJORITY OF PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS BE EJECTED OR BANNED FROM MEETINGS OR PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, MUTED OR DROPPED FROM MEETING. EXAMPLES OF DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO HECKLING, SHOUTING, USE OF PROFANITY, THREATENING OR SLANDEROUS REMARKS MADE TO ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, STAFF, OR GENERAL PUBLIC. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. PROCEEDING WITH THE PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY, SPECIFICALLY TO BILL 44 (2024) WE HAVE ONE PERSON BRIAN PEARL TESTIFYING ON THIS MATTER IN CHAMBERS. >> GOOD MORNING COUNCIL.\r\n\r\nI'M TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF KIHEI KULA NANI HOA, WE'RE DIRECTLY LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HAGGAI INSTITUTE. I'M A 10-YEAR RESIDENT AT 128 EAST LIPOA. OUR BIGGEST CONCERN IS NOT THE FACT THAT WE DO NEED THIS ADDITIONAL HOUSING, WE DO NEED SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR OUR TEACHING STAFF. VERY IN SUPPORT OF THAT. WHERE WE'RE FINDING CHALLENGES IS THE FACT THERE'S A RABID DEVELOPMENT GOING ON AROUND US FOR DIFFERENT PROJECTS THAT ARE GOING ON AND FUTURE PROJECTS AS WELL. IN LOOKING INTO IT THE LAST TIME A TRAFFIC STUDY WAS DONE ON LIPOA WAS OVER 25 YEARS AGO, AND WE'RE JUST SEEING THAT ONE ROAD GETS CLOSED, THERE IS GRIDLOCK TO THE POINT WE CAN'T LEAVE OUR DRIVEWAYS IN CERTAIN CASES. AND JUST WANTED TO KNOW THAT ON THE RECORD THIS HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC THAT WE HAVE THIS CONCERN, AND THAT IT'S NOT DUE TO NOT WANTING THE PROPERTY THERE; IT'S JUST UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE PROPER SUPERVISION TAKEN.\r\n\r\nSO OUR LIFE DOES NOT GET DISRUPTED ANY MORE THAN IT ALREADY IS BY SOME OF THESE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. I THINK THAT IN GENERAL, IT'S VERY CONGESTED AREA ALREADY. THAT WAS MY TESTIMONY. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS? MEMBER SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU FOR TESTIFYING. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE PROJECT YOU ARE IN?\r\n\r\n>> WHAT IS THE NAME OF WHAT PROJECT >> YOU ARE LIVING IN, NOT HAGGAI. >> KIHEI KOLA NANI HOA ASSOCIATION. WE ALSO REFER TO IT AS KKN. >> WE HAVE MR. COOK AND PRO TEM KAMA. >> THANK YOU FOR COMING TO TESTIFY, AND MY CLARIFYING QUESTION, BASICALLY YOU ARE HERE LETTING US KNOW WITH ALL THE DEVELOPMENT WE NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAKE SURE IT'S IN PARALLEL AND KEEPING UP. >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> PRO TEM KAMA. >> I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T GET THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION. >> KIHEI KULA MANI HOA ASSOCIATION. >> THANK YOU. >> ANYBODY ELSE? IF NOT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, CURRENTLY THE LAST PERSON SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY IS MIKE MORAN. >>

GOOD MORNING, MIKE. >> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR. FOR THE KIHAI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, WE, TOO ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL 44, AND YES, SIR, CERTAINLY, THIS IS AN ISSUE. WE HAVE ONE MORE REASON THAT WE NEED THAT GOING THROUGH, WHICH WILL HELP, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO OPEN TO MORE -- SO IT ALL HAS TO BE COORDINATED. SO WE SAY FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH BILL 44 TO GET PEOPLE LIVING HERE, IN THIS BEAUTIFUL EMPTY STRUCTURE THAT JUST NEEDS A LITTLE BIT OF MODIFICATION, BUT IT'S PRETTY MUCH READY TO GO. IN CONSIDERATION OF EVERYTHING ELSE, YES, WE NEED THE INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THIS IS RIGHT ON THE NORTH-SOUTH COLLECTOR ROAD.\r\n\r\nSO WE NEED THAT TO GO THROUGH. LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE A VERY LONG DAY, CHAIR. SO WE'LL WRAP IT UP HERE. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MIKE. ANY QUESTIONS FOR MIKE MORAN? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\nMS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, IT APPEARS THAT MR. LAU WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY. >> ALOHA KAKOU. THE COUNTY MEETING THERE'S A BUS STOP RIGHT THERE AND URGE THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO PUT A SHELTER THERE. >> THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS?\r\n\r\nMS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, THERE'S CURRENTLY NO ONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON BILL 44, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE PODIUM OR RAISE YOUR HAND IN TEAMS. THIS IS LAST CALL. AND THE COUNTDOWN IS 3, 2, 1. COMPARE THERE'S NO ONE TO TESTIFY.\r\n\r\n>> ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM AND RECEIVING WRITTEN TESTIMONY? NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED. >> BILL 44 (2024) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENTER INTO A INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR LONG-TERM GROUND LEASE FOR 175 EAST LIPOA STREET, KIHAI, MAUI, HAWAII. >> PRO TEM -- OH, MEMBER VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. I MOVE TO PASS BILL 44 (2024) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> IT'S BEEN MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO PASS BILL 44 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. DISCUSSION? VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, THIS IS BILL IS ABOUT HAGGAI INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND SECOND AND FINAL READING AND ONCE HHFDC ACQUIRES THE PROPERTY, IT WOULD EXECUTE 75-YEAR GROUND LEASE WITH THE COUNTY. THE PROPERTY WOULD BE USED FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING WITH AT LEAST 25% OF THE UNITS DESIGNATED FOR TEACHER HOUSEHOLDS. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND SAY AYE. >> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. >> CHAIR, THERE'S NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL, AND WE'LL RECONVENE AT 9:15. IT'S 9:11 CURRENTLY. >> MEMBERS, THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS ADJOURNED. DON'T GET ANYWHERE.