

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

April 4, 2019

Council Chamber

RECONVENE: 1:38 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

EXCUSED: VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair

STAFF: Leslee Matthews, Legislative Analyst
Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst
Christy Chung, Legislative Analyst
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

Seated in the gallery:

Sarah Freistat Pajimola, Executive Assistance to Councilmember
Rawlins-Fernandez
Kate Griffiths, Executive Assistant to Councilmember King

ADMIN.: Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel

PRESS: Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(*gavel*). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order? We're now reconvening the meeting of April 3rd. Today is April 4, 2019 and it is 1:38 p.m. We have all the Members, all Committee Members with us today except for Committee Vice-Chair King who is excused. We will start...so I'm planning to have a short meeting today to give Members time to review the departmental responses that we received and to prepare for your presentations of top, your top five budget item priorities and your top five budget item concerns for Monday. But we'll first start with...

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

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I said you guys are all here.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Shucks, I had . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh you had something prepared? We have with us Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha awakea.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha awakea.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha auinala.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, konichiwa.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Konichiwa. Member Riki Hokama. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you for being here, everyone.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you for being here. And Member Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha awakea, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha awakea.

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
 OF MAUI (CC 19-61)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we'll first start with questions. If anyone has questions for the departments, please let Staff know and they will come and pick it up now. And I'll also check again at the end of the meeting before I adjourn if there are any questions for Staff to collect. Okay? Okay. So, for...yeah, yesterday I said I

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would do a presentation and so I'm going to be doing a mock presentation today on what we'll be doing on Monday. And so I just, I wanted to model it for everyone just to get a feel because I know this is new and so, you know, I really want to be as helpful as possible. So, on Monday when you come, please bring a hard copy of your top five budget item priorities and your top five budget item concerns. And Chair King requested for the Council to also identify our top three issue priorities. And so I'm going to...like housing, infrastructure, so those kinds of issues where it'll be...we'll identify the Council's, we as a body what is our top three concerns. And it sounds like our number one concern is housing and so there's an area, column that says priority number. And so in that column you can write your issue, so if it's housing or human concerns or infrastructure...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair? Can we have a copy of what you're pointing to?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, Staff --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh is it coming around?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --already passed out the spreadsheet.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, she's doing it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, she's doing it now. Okay, she's passing it out now. And this is also available on Granicus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, everyone has that. So, where it says priority number so you'll put your priorities and your concerns in order of your priorities, and then you can identify which is your top three issue priorities as Chair King had requested yesterday and it seemed like the body was interested in doing that. So, you can identify it there by marking which would be your top three issue priorities. Okay. Okay. And so when you come on Monday, please bring the hard copy of your top five budget item priorities and top five budget item concerns and Staff will collect that, and then we will...the budget team will compile everyone's priorities and concerns. And the next day on Tuesday, we'll deliberate over...deliberate on the priorities and the concerns. Okay? Okay. Okay. So, I'm going to start with the, my mock presentation. Okay? All right. Okay. So, if you turn to Page 287 in your Program Budget 2020, Fiscal Year 2020, so you'll put the page number. And this is my number one priority, housing, and then in department and program, it's housing, Housing Program, the sub-object character type is Grant Subsidy Detail: Grants for Housing Program. And I'm proposing to add \$1 million to the First-Time Homebuyer Fund under Hale Mahaolu for the Homeowners and Housing Counseling Program. Everyone following? Okay. Okay, and then in my comment section, I'm proposing to add a proviso which will read "Provided that at least \$1 million be spent on down payment grants to recipients and be no more than \$15 thousand per recipient." And then my rationale is we need to prioritize our residents' housing needs. Subsidizing the down payment is

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one way we can help our residents get into first homes. Okay. And then I'll go to my second priority and that is on Page 301. And it's in the...oh sorry, the next column is Program Budget so you would, you know, identify whether your priority is in the Program Budget or if you're taking it out of the Budget Details. And so my number two priority is human concerns and it is, the department and program is Housing and Human Concerns, Human Concerns Program. The sub-object character type/object description is Grant Subsidy Detail: Substance Abuse Program. And I'm proposing to increase Substance Abuse Programs by \$115,765 to bring it back to flat and then increase it an additional \$100,000. And then in the comments I would say that my rationale is we need to prioritize mental health and substance abuse issues within our County as a means to help close the loop of homelessness and prison overpopulation. Okay. And then I created an example that's not in the budget. And so you would leave the page number blank and it would be in the Program Budget. And this is my number three priority, climate change. And it would fall under department and program, Emergency Management. And let's say I don't know what the sub-object character type or object description is and then we can...OCS, you know, can help with that if you weren't able to figure that out before coming to the floor Monday morning. And then my proposal would be to increase line item and \$500,000 for Molokai Master Plan and Shoreline Retreat. And then my rationale for that is sea level rise is eminent. All of our coastal towns are in jeopardy of extreme flooding and natural disasters which are occurring much more frequently. It is time to plan and begin taking actions towards managed retreat before it's too late. And so you would continue doing that and I plan to give Members up to 15 minutes to present your top five priorities. And we'll go one by one and that will take about two hours and then we'll break for lunch. And then when we come back from lunch, we'll do everyone's top five concerns. And again, everyone will have 15 minutes to present their top five concerns. And then we'll adjourn and Members will have time to then continue reviewing the departmental responses, and that'll also give time for the budget team to compile everyone's priorities and concerns. And then when we come back on Tuesday, we'll deliberate on the priorities and concerns. And the priorities will be put in order of everyone's number one priority and if there are repeats then that will rise to the highest priority. And same, and it'll be the same thing for concerns. Okay, let's see. Okay. So...yes, Member Sugimura? I'll open the floor to questions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Are you going to use the same form for issues or do we just write issues on a separate piece of paper?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, on your priorities, on the priority section...you're talking about the top three issue priorities yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, where it says priority number, so I wrote housing. And yeah, you can put in parenthesis like if housing is your number one issue priority or if it's number two.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, do you mean concerns?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh no. So, you said we're going to list issues, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so you're talking...are you talking about the top five budget item priorities or the top five budget item concerns?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: None.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I'm talking about we're supposed to list --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The top three --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --the top three --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --issues.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --issues.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you just write on a separate piece of paper or you're going to, are you using the same format?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You can...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Or are you thinking that whatever we write here is what issues we're concerned with?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right, so you would indicate it --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --so where it says the top five priorities you can write in, you know, housing. Because when you start to write in the other columns, the cells will enlarge and it will give you space to write in your --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the issue.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I thought it was a whole separate system but I understand.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's just --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I mean it's just to indicate...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --concerns and priorities and concerns.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. Okay, Members, any other questions regarding this process? Okay. Okay. Okay. Well, if there are no more questions...call for the vote. I'll open it up one more time for anyone who has questions for the departments. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, I missed the other question opportunity. So, on the Granicus there's a fillable form for us to do or...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. So, this document has been uploaded to Granicus. The document was also e-mailed to the executive assistants and Councilmembers. And if you need an additional copy, Council Services will be happy to provide the fillable copy as well. But it has been provided and we can...we're happy to help you navigate that form.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, right now it's handwriting or the fillable form was already e-mailed?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes. Chair, the fillable form has been e-mailed to all of the executive assistants and the Members, so it is available in a fillable form similar to the way that their submission of questions, this form is available in a fillable form.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, cool. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Where in Granicus is it?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So, the majority of our I guess top priorities, we're listing new things that are not listed in the budget or I mean if things are already allocated in the budget, we can either increase or decrease, yeah, that's our concerns, just clarification.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Kama, did you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, I wanted to know where on Granicus would I find the refillable [sic] form?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews, do you know what the name of the document is for ease of locating it?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes. Chair, the name of the...it's member proposal. If the Chair would like, I can do a demonstration on the computer and I can set up the computer to stream, and I would be happy to provide a demonstration if the Chair would like.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, is that something that would be helpful?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: It would be helpful to me. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I think so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can also meet with Member Kama. Okay. Okay. We'll provide that direction, Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hi, so I know one of my priorities, I don't know which number it is on the five yet, but I'm not sure like how to word it 'cause it comes out of a condition for a zoning change I think from many, many years ago that you could purchase 50 acres of ag land at ag land rates from a specific company that was getting the Change in Zoning. So, how would you like...would that be like open space and then...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, if the intention is to put that in open, use open space funding.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that the intention? We can also --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just buy it.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --like if there's like specific questions like that we can also --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: One on one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the budget team can also help...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, do you have any parameters like 10 million, 15 million? You know, anything like that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I decided not to put any limits and we will just decide as a body together what your priorities are and then from there decide together if it's excessive or...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That word is debatable.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama, did you have a question? Okay. Okay, Members, any other questions? Member Molina is excited to get out of here. Okay. I guess before I convene [*sic*], I'll open it up one more time to any departmental questions. If not, we can wait till Monday. Okay. Okay, so our next EDB Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 8th at nine o'clock here in the...9:00 a.m. here in Chamber. And just a reminder that tonight the Department of Management is holding a meeting in the Chambers and so if you could please clear your desks for the meeting tonight. Okay? Anything else? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are we reconvening tonight at 6:00 Upcountry?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I believe it's its own agenda, yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, it's...I'm not going to recess, I'm going to adjourn today --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and then open up a new meeting Upcountry for the public.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then we have a new meeting tomorrow night too?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, in Hana. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then Monday?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you for that clarification. So, our next EDB Committee public district hearing is Upcountry tonight at 6:00 p.m. and the next one will be in Hana at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just wanted the folks watching TV --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --to know we're still working.

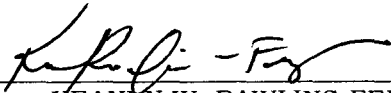
CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. If there's nothing else, if there are no objections, I will now adjourn our meeting.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Members. The Economic Development and Budget Committee meeting for April 3rd is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 1:59 p.m.

APPROVED:



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
Economic Development and Budget Committee

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CERTIFICATE

I, Daniel Schoenbeck, hereby certify that 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 12th day of April, 2019, in Kula, Hawaii

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Schoenbeck", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Schoenbeck