

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Council Chamber

CONVENE: 9:08 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member (out 11:42 a.m.)
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

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

Zhantell Lindo, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Michele M. Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Jasee Lau

PRESS: *Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.*

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka kakou. Ewalu minuke i ka hala o ka hola `eiwa ma ewalu o Apelila i ka makahiki `elua kaukani umikamaeiwa. E `olu`olu mai, e ho`omalua e ke Komike Ho`omohala Waiwai me Mo`ohelu Kala. `O wau ka Iku Ha`i o keia komike, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It is 9:08 on April 8, 2019. Will the Economic Development Budget Committee please come to order. I am your Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I keia la, me kou kakou, eia Committee Vice-Chair and Council Chair, Kelly King.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Good morning. Aloha kakahiaka.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Alice Lee

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam, Chair, zao shang hao.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And that is Chinese. For all of our...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that Mandarin?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah...no, it's the other one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Cantonese? Cantonese?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do not ask me hard questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. Mahalo, Member Lee. Member Riki Hokama.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I don't know that one.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That is Okinawan.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Okinawan.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We'll go to my ethnic background. Ohayo gozaimasu.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ohayo gozaimasu. Member Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha Po Akahi, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha Po Akahi. Okay, mai ka Administration, we have Budget Director, Michele Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Jeff Ueoka, from Corporation Counsel.

MR. UEOKA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. From our Budget Committee Staff, we have Leslee Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Yvette Bouthillier.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Christy Chung.

MS. CHUNG: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And Shelly Espeleta. And our District Offices, we have Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros in Hana, Denise Fernandez in Lanai, and Zhantell Lindo on Molokai. Members, we have one item on today's agenda, EDB-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui. Let's begin with public testimony. Testimony will be limited to EDB-1. To testify, please sign up with staff. Testimony is limited to three minutes and if you are still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name, and who you're representing. Please also indicate if you are a paid lobbyist. Ms. Matthews, will you please call our first testifier in the Chamber?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our first testifier signed up to testify is Jasee Lau testifying on EDB-1.

...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

MR. LAU: Hi, y'all. That's how you say it in Virginia. Hey, so I just wanted to--oh yeah, Happy Birthday, Buddha. That's um, I don't know how you say that, Happy Hanamatsuri. I just wanted to second Lisa Darcy's comments at the Thursday, April 4th meeting at 6 o'clock at night or whenever it was. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any need for clarification? Okay, seeing none. Mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Lau. Ms. Matthews, shall we check with our District Offices? Ms. Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, will you please call your first testifier?

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MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair. This is Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros and there is no one here waiting to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Ms. Denise Fernandez at the Lanai Office, will you please call your first testifier?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MS. FERNANDEZ: This is Denise Fernandez from the Lanai Office, and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Ms. Zhantell Lindo at the Molokai Office, will you please call your first testifier? Ms. Matthews, did you receive any communication from our Molokai Office indicating that there were any testifiers there?

MS. MATTHEWS: No, Madam Chair. I had connection with the Molokai Office, and there were no testifiers. And I have not received notification of any other testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Matthews. Okay, if...so and that was the last...that was our only testifier this morning, Mr. Lau. Okay. And seeing no other testifiers, if there are no objections, I will now close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Public testimony is closed.

... END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. ...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So, we have our one agenda item today, and that's EDB-1. So, we'll start off with departmental questions. Please, let Staff know if you have any questions to pick up and we'll have them come by and pick those up. Please, also hand Staff your hard copy of your priorities and concerns. And what we're gonna do is, we're gonna take a recess after Staff picks up everyone's priorities and concerns. And we'll give Staff time to stamp and make copies for everyone, for all the Councilmembers, and for our budget Staff. And I am told it will probably take about 20 minutes for all the copies to be made. So, I'll allow Staff to pick everything up. Okay, and so we'll take a brief recess to allow Staff to make copies for everyone. So, if there are no objections, I will recess at the call of the Chair approximately 20 minutes.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, it's 9:15 on April 8th, the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. ...*(gavel)*...

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RECESS: 9:15 a.m.
RECONVENE: 10:21 a.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: ...*(gavel)*... Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 10:21 on April 8th. And before we begin, I'd like to acknowledge that Councilmember Mike Molina has joined us.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mahalo, Madam Chair.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, mahalo for your patience. I'm sorry the copies took a lot longer than anticipated. So, we're gonna just get started, and the copies should arrive in the next 15 minutes hopefully. For today, we will be presenting our top five priorities and top-five concerns. We'll start with our priorities. Each member will have up to 15 minutes to present all their priorities. And at that time we can decide whether we'd like to go straight into concerns or break. Then we'll move to concerns, and each member will have up to 15 minutes to present their concerns. Since it sounds like most of the Members won't need a full 15 minutes to present, and if we don't break, then we'll end up with a shorter meeting giving Staff more time to compile everyone's priorities and concerns, and give each Member more time to review the departments' responses. And then we'll begin with Councilmember Kama, then work our way left, or your right, my left. Okay. Are we ready Member Kama?

MEMBERS' PRIORITIES

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes I am, Chair. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perfect. Please begin.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: My priority number one is an increased amount of \$20 million. And it's to proviso funds from the Affordable Housing Fund to acquire existing buildings, and renovate or reconstruct for affordable housing. My second priority is an increased amount of \$200,000 to acquire a mobile hygiene unit, and to provide wraparound services. My third priority is for \$5 million, and it's to acquire property for the purposes of piloting experimental housing. My fourth priority isn't going to cost anything, but it is to swap outstanding real property arrears and penalties owed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries on the existing Hawaiian Home Lands for a lease of Hawaiian Home Lands for the creation of an affordable housing subdivision. My fifth priority is for a \$150,000 increase for professional services for the study of a housing authority. And these are my priorities, Chair. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. So, one of the things that we had added at the last meeting was to indicate your top three issue priorities. One, obviously is housing. Did you have two others that you'd like to add?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Well, housing...all five of my top priorities were all in housing, and I didn't have any others. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Kama. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so I think Tasha also talked about homelessness with your hygiene and human concerns. Anyway, so my top priority that I have, my number one priority I have, Parks and Recreation for my Kula Park playground equipment for an additional \$138,000 for that project. And the second one is in, for Department of Planning, Important Ag Lands. So, \$250,000 to requesting funds to identify and map Important Ag Lands. For the third one, I have Public Works capital improvement project, which is the Central Maui Regional Transportation Study. Although I am not asking for any more money, or any changes, I just wanted to bring to the Councilmember's attention that it is one of my top priorities as it relates to my Multimodal Transportation, and transportation discussions that we've had over the past three years. The fourth item is grant subsidy to the Maui Veterans Council of an additional \$2,000, and I got a call from the veterans asking for that. The fifth priority is Economic Development Cultural Program which is the Pukalani-Kula-Ulupalakua Economic Development, and I proviso'd \$15,000 for the Pukalani Community Association Christmas Golf Cart Parade, and \$5,000 for the Makawao Town 4th of July Parade. And I'm hoping that my good friend in Makawao will proviso the other \$10,000. Hint, hint.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, my issues would be Important Ag Lands would be related to agriculture, transportation with a study that I think is important to be done. And also important are events and activities that I think spur economic vibrancy in the communities. I love veterans, so I'll have four. So, thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Paltin, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Here goes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Take it away.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, so I have a priority for public safety, for Ocean Safety. I'm proposing to bring the program to an acceptable level, which is ten expansion positions for OSO-2, five full-time, ten half-time positions. One expansion position for OSO-3 for a training lieutenant. One expansion position for a Secretary I, and two Chevy Silverado replacement vehicles, as well as funds to include uniformed OSO in the annual exams that uniformed MFD currently receive such as annual physical exams, position appropriate medical exams, and fitness assessments. And be

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included in the Fire Department's tracking of work-related injuries to incorporate applicable exercises into the fitness routine. I'm estimating about a \$2.5 mil increase in that Department or bureau with the proviso that strategic planning take place to address succession training and needed growth at certain areas, such as Puu Kekaa, Launiupoko, Ukumehame, Paia Bay, et cetera. And how to...also proviso how to educate more residents and visitors about CPR, various hazards like rip current, dangerous shore break, wind and surf advisories. And proviso for them to be a partner in the documentation of sea level rise, coastal erosion, and climate change. And I'm basing those off of the Fire Department's narrative on Page 246 when it says, you know, annual physical exam for uniformed officers, but Ocean Safety isn't included in those, and I feel like, you know, I've had a few of my coworkers on the West Side suffer heart attacks, and two of them are no longer with us. And that could've been possibly prevented, you know. As well as Page 247 of the narrative uniformed Ocean Safety Officers are not included in position appropriate medical exams, and fitness assessments. Also, on Page 247, goal 3.3, uniformed Ocean Safety Officers not included in tracking of work-related injuries to incorporate applicable exercises into fitness routines. And then Page 267 go 1.4 of the narrative, you know, there's a good percentage of the time that all 12 lifeguards...towers don't meet minimum staffing standards. So, that's what that first priority is based on. The second priority for me would be open space land acquisition of a 50-acre park site from Maui Land and Pineapple Company at agricultural rates and this is per the Change in Zoning conditions for Kapalua Mauka project, Ordinance 3889. Condition number 15 in that documents says that Maui Land and Pineapple Company Incorporated designate and offer first sale to the County of Maui at Agricultural land rates of 50-acre park site presently identified in the West Maui Community Plan, I think for Pulelehua. But because they changed that into the affordable housing, it's going to be at an alternate site mauka of the Honoapiilani Highway and along the Honoapiilani Highway in the vicinity of residential usage. Fifty-acre park site shall be determined during the community plan update process which we're going through right now, provided that the park site not be located mauka of Kapalua West Maui Airport. My third one would be and I just put a placeholder amount because, you know, you don't want to give out how much you're going to spend on that and then have them meet it. So, next for affordable housing, I want to try an RFP projects to develop appropriately located County-owned lands with rentals for the 30 to 80 percent AMI. And also, an RFP to develop County-owned Maui Lani property for affordable housing, and that also is a placeholder amount. My fourth one is the maintenance of Kahana Nui debris basin sedimentation...sediment removal. According to recent drone surveys, there's an estimated 31,400 cubic yards of accumulated sediment that requires removal in the Kahana Nui debris basin. Proposal takes into consideration an estimate unit price of \$40 per cubic yard for removal for approximately 1.5 million. You know, the West Maui District unique flood diversions and flood control facilities, we made a site visit to that, and the Highways Division of Public Works is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of a total of nine flood control diversion facilities in West Maui which play a critical part for the safety of our community and protection of our near-shore waters which is an economic driver for us in West Maui and all of Maui County. And my final one for the Public Works is about...so that one is about 1.5, this one is about 2 million. A CIP for Public

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Works, Countywide traffic calming program increased to include two flashing crosswalks at Napilihau, two more at Lower Honoapiilani Road and Times Supermarket in the Kaanapali Shores area of the lower road. Traffic calming devices for Keawe Street and Kupuohi left turn as well as left turn out of Foodland Farms onto Keawe, Walgreens, and Gateway intersections onto Keawe and Komo Mai Street onto Keawe, as well as a mini excavator and mini dump truck for West Maui. And so, I guess, you know, my priorities would be public safety, public works, and land acquisition. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Hokama, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Chair. I'll preface my remarks that I did not reprioritize anything that's currently existing in the budget or is an ongoing project, Chair. So for Lanai, don't worry. I believe the Council is aware about our County housing project for Lanai which is an ongoing project. What I've listed and am presenting this morning, Chair, which I appreciate is things that you may have also heard during our hearing on Lanai. So, my number one priority is under the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. Under the Human Concerns Division, this would be a 6317, or County grant consideration. I'm going to propose \$75,000 for Lanai Kinaole, which I heard very strong community support for a home healthcare program that Lanaians truly benefit from. And again, for rural Maui County we know that healthcare is an issue of great priority importance, and access to facilities. So, we asking this Committee to consider that request. Number two, under the Department of Planning, as it relates more to the Lanai Planning Commission. This would be a request for \$15,000 for administrative support for what I hope to have the Council implement is the Lanai Water Advisory Committee, and this would be for administrative support since we have no County water system. You know, it is only proper for us not to look at a Water Department's funding and their sources of revenue, and this would be a General Fund request as it ties to the Planning Commission responsibilities that would take advice on the implementation of our Lanai Water Use and Development Plan. The third that I'll be following through on is something we've worked conceptually. We're planning...ready to ask for the next phase would be moving into the drawings and construction component would be for the Lanai Youth Center and Skate Park facility. We've allowed the community to have this be a community-driven project. Since it's been awhile since I was a youth, so I'm looking for them for guidance, 'cause I believe if they participate, they'll take ownership, and malama the property and the facility as best as it can be, Chair. My fourth consideration that I would ask this Committee is to now support our other department. This is the Department of Public Works on Lanai under the Road, Bridge, and Drainage Maintenance Program. I'll be asking a total of under this program area \$178,500, and this is made up of various components, Members. Approximately \$11,500 for a large capacity icemaker. I thought we took care of this with the last Administration when we funded the emergency generator that they are going to be receiving this summer. The Department did not somehow follow through on the ice making requirements. And this was from our experience through our last disaster, Chair, where Lanai stood in black for days during the Maui Electric's...waiting for Maui Electric's response to put back poles to get the electricity running on Lanai. So,

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we were without electricity for at least a week. And therefore, they look to the County, and most of our other departments did follow through where they have now emergency generation support, as well as ice making support for not only the department, but for community assistance. Forty-five thousand I'm asking for, and that would be for message boards, so that our community again can be properly notified of our projects and the areas of major now traffic concern with the large construction equipment going through our County roads through the city which is now an issue with our Police Department and our Public Works Department. So, that's 45,000. Also, because we do respond to the community's needs at times, I'm asking for 42,000 to replace light towers, two light towers that assist us to respond during night and emergency times. And then finally, I consider this a safety issue, Members, I'm asking for \$80,000 for a tire roller compactor, and again this will provide significant improvements regarding our road slurry seal operations on Lanai, as well as decrease the frequency of road repair, and we have calculated that there will be a cost savings for this division of the Department. And finally, also for Public Works on the special maintenance, this is a big one, \$2,500. But I believe this requirement for Lanai is for a ten-ton floor jack. We have been having some issues with the ability of us to lift heavy equipment, heavy vehicles to perform necessary repairs, maintenance, especially for a larger equipment just to change a tire. You guys know what commercial vehicles trucks tires are. So, that would be mine as far as it impacts mostly the operations of Lanai, Chair. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I first want to preface my remarks with a fact that this is a draft, and it's actually pretty fluid. I feel a little funny just putting down my priorities before my community comes out and, you know, speaks at the Budget Session tomorrow night. And I think we have some other Councilmembers who have yet to hear from their community in the community budget session. But pursuant to my colleague, Councilmember Paltin's presentation, I just started lumping things together. And, so I'm going to just go over, even though I don't have hard figures for everything I'm going to go over my top priorities for South Maui and in those terms. And so they're kind of categorized under roads, which would be including the, extending the bike path at Waipuilani Park, because we had 150,000 that lapsed in Fiscal Year 2019, because nothing happened with that. So, we're going to...and, Chair, also I have meetings today with Public Works and with Parks, so I'll have better figures for this after the community meetings. I also have concerns about whether additional funding is needed to move up the completion of the North South Collector Road. So, that's probably the biggest issue in South Maui; will alleviate a lot the traffic off of the highway and South Kihei Road, which is a big stumbling block for our affordable housing projects there. So, we hear about the traffic every time we want to put affordable housing project in. And this is a key road to taking traffic off the highway, to allow those, the affordable housing to be built. Under parks, I have we have to finish the gravel parking lot at the beach access, the north end of Waipuilani Park that was purchased in the previous year with open space funds, and that needs to be cleared and graveled. I think the community preference is to not put any hard paved parking lots anywhere close to the beach anymore. So, it shouldn't be that

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difficult, but again I don't have a hard number. And Kalama Park has a...major issues with safety. We've had some attacks there and a lot of violence. And this is where the kids play. So, my request is for an additional, they have one EP, safety officer so we need an additional safety officer, and possibly some cameras. And then the other issue, I don't know that it's going to be a big budget issue, but is to open the door for the additional parking lot at Keawakapu to create an executive order to get that, the second lot under County control, so that we can clear that and make that a public parking lot. So, that alleviates a lot of the issues with the other lot that the hotel has under contract. Under open space funds, and if there's...and I support the Hana project that is looking for open space funds, but I also want to look at purchasing the Kulanihakoi land that's below the high school, and that's basically a river that cannot be developed on. So, we're hoping to get a better price from the owners of that project...of that property. But and probably what's left in the Open Space Fund is not going to be...I mean they've given us what I've consider an exorbitant proposal which is over \$2 million. So, I'm not proposing that, I'm just proposing to try to negotiate for that land. And I think that can be done also after as a budget amendment. And also, Chair, I put on my and I thought maybe Ms. Paltin would have this on hers, but I put on my priority to look at the 2.5 million in projects that's needed to mitigate the Lahaina injection well lawsuit, and so I think we need to start looking at those projects and what we can do, because whatever happens with the lawsuit we still need to fix the problem. And so, I'm an advocate for getting this problem fixed. You know, let's stem the pollution. We're going to have to do the same thing in Kihei. So, let's figure it out, and let's do it in Kihei next year or whenever we need to...once we figure it out before we get another lawsuit. So, that's kind of my one Countywide issue too, is let's get that off our backs before, you know, during this year if we can. And so I will rewrite this for you in your format after my meetings and after I hear back from my community. And I appreciate the discussion, I think it's really helpful. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Lee, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Ready.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Okay, starting with number one, Page 46. Appendix A, Special Purpose Revenues. The department is and program is open space, and I think the goal here, and I think this would be one of the historic achievements of this Council ever, is to acquire the Wailuku Water Company. Under the increased amount would be four million for the Open Space Fund, and the rest would be probably from a bond, or the whole amount could be from a bond. I think this will be tremendous if we're able to do this. We would not only protect the watershed, we would protect significant cultural and historical lands, and the water and conservation and management of cultural lands. This should be, to me, a top priority. Now number two, under GO bonds. I would say, this is not as high a priority, but I think this is something we should consider under the Department of Water Supply, and that would be to develop a new water source. But for some reason,

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the Water Department has had difficulty doing that. And the last time a new well was developed was in 1992 when I was a Councilmember. And yeah, there have been other wells developed since then in Central Maui, but those were replacement wells. So, I'm talking about a brand new well, a brand new water source. Again, a third item would be under water, and they sometimes are underwater. But anyway, this would be a water conservation pilot project. I'm really not sure how much it would cost. But when we were on Lanai, I was able to see a presentation and Ms. Sugimura and I were able to see a presentation by Pulama Lanai water project. It's a conservation project, and it's really something that we should take a look at. It's a computerized water leak protection program, and I'm hoping that we will be able to get a presentation from them in the near future, and that all of you will consider initiating this on Maui. And then also, on water, I think we need to be activating existing non-used reservoirs, and constructing new reservoirs. We need to start storing our water, and if people actually knew how little water we have I think they would be very, very concerned. Then, finally the fifth item is affordable housing, and I differ any and all money to Councilmember Kama. I believe, she has some great ideas, and I don't want to be competing with her in any way. Only supporting her in her endeavors to get more housing built. Now, the five top concerns...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're going to do concerns after everyone does their priorities.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, you're not concerned with my concerns at this time?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I am concerned with your concerns.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. And for clarification, you said up to 15 minutes, right per person? So, I know member Lee used only five minutes. Can I use her ten minutes? Just kidding. My first priority is affordable housing. And there's several components to this first priority. And the Mayor proposed a 1 percent increase for the real property tax revenue from the Affordable Housing Fund. I propose another 1 percent which would add 3.3, roughly 3.3 million. And certainly, with the cost of homes escalating from 410,000 in 2011 to 790,000 in 2019, obviously we need to do more for affordable housing. Then it comes to the rental portion of rental needs for our residents, I'd like to propose a \$1 million increase to the Mayor's 1.150 million for the affordable housing rent...excuse me, the affordable rental assistance fund. Many of our citizens cannot afford a home, and therefore, they need the opportunity to rent. So, I'd like to see an increase there. And then increase for professional service, we currently have a proposal for 160,000 to assess three County-owned parcels for the siting of affordable housing projects, I'd like to double that to 320,000 to also look at maybe some private lands where we can put some affordable housing projects there. Priority number two relates to taxation. I would like to propose increasing the homeowner's exemption from 200,000 to 400,000. The

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last time the homeowner's exemption was revised was in 2011. At that time, the Council decreased the exemption from 300,000 to 200,000, but it was justifiable, because we're going through a recession at the time. And the contributions to the reduction of real property tax assessments and everything were going down. So, it was certainly a need at that time. However, as I mention to you now, with the evaluations of properties now, 790,000 for a home. I think it's high time for us to increase that exemption to help our residents, provide them some relief in that area. And I have some real property tax adjustment proposals which I can share later on that will help offset the loss in revenue in that area. Priority number three relates to open space. I would like to request from the Open Space Fund 150,000 for an assessment or study for the possible purchase of Maliko Gulch area. The property is currently owned by A&B, and I believe there's a lease review in the Healthy Families and Communities Committee. But the area is used a lot by canoe paddlers, divers, fishermen, and families. And maybe it's high time we look at that area to see if we can, you know, help clean up the area, and provide a more safer, better opportunity for our residents to use the area. And priority number four relates to infrastructure, two components of that. First \$2 million for the resurfacing of Makawao Avenue from the four-way stoplight off of Haleakala Highway up to Makani Road. Every time we get heavy rains, plenty, plenty of potholes, and I get the complaints and I've hit those potholes, too. And, you know, it puts the County at risk for claims for damages to people's cars, so there is definitely the need. The last time that road was paved, I was in the County Council, I think that was about 12 years ago. So, it's high time for it. And sometimes departments cannot get out there to fill those potholes. So, that...those recent heavy rains we had in February, it went for days and days with those potholes and created a very dangerous situation. So, it's high time we need to fix that road. And 150,000 for a study for the extension of the North Shore Greenway. The residents have asked to look at the extending that bikeway from Baldwin Beach Park to Paia, and maybe onto Kuau and Hookipa area. And finally, my fifth and final priority relates to public safety. The long-awaited Haiku fire station which was proposed way back when I was on the Council, still waiting. But there's an appropriation for 170,000 for professional services. I'm requesting a \$100,000 increase to this study 'cause there may be some possible other sites the Department could look into. Because the original site there was some concerns from not only a nearby resident or two, but there was some waterline concerns, and the amount of putting in that waterline. So, I think we may have to look at other areas within that site. But that is one of the major priorities that the Haiku Community Association listed down. And Haiku is the second largest growing community in this County, so it's high time we start to pay attention to the needs of our friends out in Haiku. So, there you have it, that's my short little wish list. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, Member Sinenci, ready?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. For the Hana District for our priority number one is under the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, affordable housing. It's up to \$5 million for the acquisition of 25 lot affordable subdivision with infrastructure to make lots built ready. Funds to be utilized for land purchase, construction, and infrastructure to make lots ready and developers fees already

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completed. Priority number two, under the Protection of Culture Resources, the creation of two employment positions for archaeologist positions to handle Countywide functions under the Department of Management. Priority number three is under Department of Parks and Recreation to honor our host culture, and is to designate Kapueokahi or Hana Beach Park as a cultural site. The funds would be to provide educational signage, and to add a monument of Hana's alii. It is also of Kauiki Hill historical site, the birthplace of Kaahumanu, and the akule fishing koa. Also under the Department of Parks and Rec, is the acquisition of...a land acquisition for ADA access at the Hana Ball Park facilities. Hana Ball Park lacks ADA access as required by governmental standards. Phase one is for land acquisition, and further phases including needed infrastructure improvements to be funded at a later date to reduce budgetary impacts. Number four would be under the Department of Public Works infrastructure maintenance for the Nahiku Bridge. Funding for title search, survey assessment update of existing structure, and estimates for infrastructure upgrades. We didn't provide a figure there, Chair. And finally, for under the Department of Water Supply, protection of natural environment, watershed protection to increase the amount for Miconia eradication in East Maui watershed for \$250,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I will present my priorities. Okay. First, I have under Wastewater, under Environmental Management the Administration Program, an increase of one temporary expansion position for the Molokai wastewater. Our supervisor is retiring next year, and there are only three positions there. Right now, only two are filled. And the person that will be taking the supervisor's position has about five to six years of experience. And the Director that's retiring next year is, I think he has about 20-ish years of experience. And it's only them two for the last few years and, since the previous supervisor passed away on the job. And that last position has been vacant since he passed away so about two-ish, two-and-a-half years ago. And so the concern is, the Director is retiring next year. We have the vacant position that they tried filling at the end of January, and that person declined the position. And then now they are looking at hiring the person that was second that they chose as the second person during the application process. And so I'm worried that or we're worried, the community is worried that when the Director retires, the person filling his position will end up with two brand spanking new employee. So, what I'm proposing is to add a fourth position, so that there can be two people who will be training under the Director before he retires next year. And so after the Director retires, it will go back to three positions. Sorry, that was a long explanation. The second priority is under Public Works, Road, Bridge and Drainage Program. And this is something...and the proposal is to increase two full-time expansion positions on Molokai under Public Works. And so during the confirmation process, I asked Mr. Miyamoto about...or was it Mr. Goode. I asked Mr. Goode about Public Works continuing to take on the trash pick-up of DEM. And so, trash pick-up used to fall under Public Works. On Maui they transferred that kuleana under DEM. But on Molokai it's still under Public Works. And so every Wednesday and Thursday, Public

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Works loses three positions, two operators and one laborer to go and pick up the island's trash. And so, it really interrupts the projects that Public Works is working on in the week, because it's in the middle of the week. And so that's the reason for that proposal. Third priority is under the Housing Program, Grant Subsidy Detail, Grants and Housing Program to increase to 2 million, and the organizations include Family Center [sic], Ka Hale A Ke Ola, MEO, Women Helping Women. And the proviso is to share funds equally. Funds are not to be used for salary; financial and performance benchmark quarterly reporting requirement broken down by district to the Council for future funding, and for consideration for next fiscal year. The fourth priority is under Emergency Management. It's a CIP. It's for \$500,000 or the proposal is a \$500,000 CIP for Molokai master plan for managed shoreline retreat. As we all know, sea level rise is imminent, and all of our coastal towns are in jeopardy of extreme flooding and natural disasters which are occurring much more frequently. And our community has already organized to try to plan how we're going to relocate our town basically, because we're right on the shoreline. And the fifth priority is under Police. It's a CIP to relocate the police station which is in the flood inundation zone, and it's proviso to relocate the police station to the 11-acre parcel in Holomua. And those are my five priorities. So, Members, would you like to break or would you like to go straight into concerns and adjourn early for the day? Continue? Continue? Okay, we'll continue with concerns.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MEMBERS' CONCERNS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sinenci, we'll start with you, and then we'll work our way down to Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And, you know, just, I just wanted to thank the Members for coming out to Hana last Friday, and for listening to my community concerns part of which was of course our non-profits, the open space funds Ke Ao Halii at Makaalae, and the zoning for the bike path from the biological capitol. Some of the concerns that we had...okay, I'll find it. Under the Department of Planning, General Fund for good governance, equitable fees, to raise fees to recover 25 percent of actual cost of providing permits. To reduce the taxpayer subsidies of Department permits. To create a fair and equitable fee system, and to generate additional revenues to fund priorities established by the Countywide Policy Plan, and a Maui Island Plan, and the individual community plans. Under the Department of Public Works under good governance, equitable fees, to fund a user fee study to determine the actual cost of permitting, and percentage of funds subsidized by taxpayers, and identify best management practices and make recommendations to analyze and examine taxpayer subsidies for building, subdivision, and grubbing grading permits issued by the Department of Public Works. The third concern is under the Office of the Mayor Economic Development Grants Program for the visitor association. Good governance for managing tourism. Maui has reached visitor

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capacity. Maui Visitors Association project description and funding needs to be adjusted to reflect a new purpose focus on visitor management and education. Also, under agriculture, the Office of the Mayor, Economic Development to support for agriculture programs, the Hawaii Farmers Union Farmer Apprentice Program, and additional funding for the UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Ag research projects. The funding for this important project was not included in this year's budget as a dedicated line item program despite previous funding. And so the funding allocated to this chapter is not adequate to run this program, and still funds other activities and needs. So, the funding of the HFU should be the same as the Maui Farm Bureau. HFU is budgeted for 210,000 and MFB is funded at \$340,000. The CTAHR received a \$100 [sic] in funding until 2016. And programs directly benefit agriculture, and capitalize on research staff at UH. And that's it for now. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. First I'd like to make a clarification on my priorities. I believe it was related to the assessment study of, related to looking at some County properties for affordable housing. I stated that I wanted the increase to go to 320,000. Actually, it should've been...it's a \$320,000 increase from 160,000 to 320 making it a total of 480,000, so just a point of information for the Members. Okay, now as far as my concerns. First concern is premium pay. I'm proposing a 20 percent reduction across the board. It's certainly been a concern the last several years. Premium pay is in the millions. Use of premium pay needs to be more clearly defined and reduced, and certainly we need more justification from the departments. Second concern...well, it's not so much of a concern. I just would prefer some additional details. I support the Mayor's proposal for the \$4 million for coqui frogs. It's just that I'd like more details on how it's going to be spent. Mostly, I guess from MISC. So, just more details, and provide any type of new technology that could be used to implement this program for I guess stepping up the eradication of the coqui frogs which is certainly becoming a serious problem for us. Third concern relates to the Liquor Department. Reduction by \$50,000 for their air and travel and per diem non-reportable \$50,000, and then to delete three positions; Liquor Control Officers IV, II, and III. These positions have been vacant for two to three years, therefore it appears, it will not impact the operations. If they're not going to fill these positions, why keep these positions funded? So, I propose a deletion of that. Fourth concern, again this I support it, this is for the Boys and Girls Club, 500,000. Much like the coqui frog proposal, I would like some more details on how this additional or this \$500,000 will be spent. And the last priority is one we all heard in Pukalani the other night is, I proposed increasing by 500,000 the removal of eucalyptus trees along Olinda Road. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Lee, we're waiting for your concerns now.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, can I get a point of information?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I only saw 2.5 million for the Mayor's coqui frog --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Eradication.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --eradication. He announced 4 million, but I'm only seeing 2.5.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I guess maybe I missed that from the 2.5 to the 4 million that might have been maybe to get additional funds with the State total combined. I'm under the assumption it was 4 million.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura may have something to add for us.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, Mayor did propose \$2.5 million for coqui frog eradication, and \$1.5 million for environmental protection which includes the Miconia and stuff. So, a total of 4 million for...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: To MISC.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Well, not all of that will be to MISC but the \$2.5 million to MISC for the coqui frog. And then 1.5 million, I believe about 800,000 to MISC and then the rest on other programs.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you very much.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you for that clarification as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Great. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Lee, now we're ready for your concerns.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. I was worried about that. Okay. First concern, Department of Housing and Human Concerns, so the idea is, of course homeless is a major problem. I'm asking for a million dollars. But this is mainly for wraparound services. Possibly to increase the funding for a mobile unit. I'm hoping to work on the project by myself with the churches on Maui to see if they can provide housing for the homeless, and we can coordinate the wraparound services. My service is free. So next is the Department of Environmental Management. We all know that our sewer systems are all filled up and need expansions for all areas, so I'm putting \$15 million for that program. Then Department of Public Works, I believe every area needs road improvements, so I'm not just concentrating on Central Maui. So, Countywide road improvements \$5 million. I, too, am concerned about the coqui frogs and invasive species, and would like to encourage additional funding, possibly 1 million or more in that area. And again, finally Department of Water Supply Fund same thing, grant for

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eradication of Miconia and other invasive plants. Now, let me see, the last page. Oh yes. Of course one of the main impediments to affordable housing is the permit process, so under Plan Review Permit Process and Inspection Revolving Fund I'm hoping that we will be able to expedite the permit review process and appropriate an additional \$186,049 for three equivalent personnel. And finally, under the Department of Finance, but this relates to all departments is the telephone system. I really believe that if we are going to provide true customer service, we need to upgrade the County's telephone system so that customers receive a live response from a caller, and not just a recording which I always receive. And so I can imagine how...did I reach my limit? Oh, okay.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That was another recording, okay. And that's what we have to address. You know, it's really disheartening, I'm sure for the public to call the County and then get a recording over and over and over again. So, it will be nice to have no pre-recorded messages and that we are able to answer them with a human voice. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I kind of divided my top concerns into subject matter, and the first one being affordable housing, because I think that's the number one. I also wanted to inform my colleagues, because I've heard it asked that we do have a mobile hygiene unit funded for South Maui. And we are actually trying to get some private funds to supplement the program. We're hoping through Josh Green's non-profit that we can the rest of that funded outside of our budget. Just to let you know, and hopefully if we can do that outside of the 1.5 million that's designated for South Maui, then it doesn't have to just stay in South Maui. So, that's an attempt to also bring homeless folks out to get those wraparound services so we can do referrals. My biggest concern on affordable housing is the plan that we've been told by our new Housing Director that we're going to be getting. And whether that, you know, will it ever...because I do think it needs to be increased, but I want to make sure that if we increase it that that money is going to be used and spent so that it doesn't just sit there and accumulate, because I've heard complaints from people in the community that, well, what are you doing with that money? It's just sitting there. So, we're kind of in this juncture where we have to decide how much to put in there, but we haven't seen the plan yet, and so I have a little bit of concern whether we can get some guidance from our new Housing Director on what we're going to need to fund that plan. Because I don't want to leave it short either if we have some really good aspirations there. My second concern is on environmental protection. And I think we need to support...take a look at the grants in the environmental protection under OED, and make sure we support ongoing projects, and that that fund is adequate to support whatever we need to go forward with, as well as putting into as I said earlier in the budget the mitigations for the pollution that's been happening from the injection wells in West Maui. And I also want to make sure that we have...and I support the invasive species under the environmental protection, expanding that budget, but I also

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want to make sure that we have a plan for eradication that if we are going to put into this that we know what's going to be done with it. We see the light at the end of the tunnel, and we're not just, you know, I'd like for us to make headway, and not just eradicate it here, and then it shows up over there, and then we eradicate it there, then it's back over there. I want us to see a plan. The audit for a Maui Invasive Species should be coming out April 15th, that's the...they've asked for a little bit of an extension, but I'm making sure that they can release the audit before we're into our decision making in budget. Because I think that will inform us on what's happening, and hopefully we'll hear, also hear from the Maui Invasive Species group and I'm going to leave that priority. So, and then for my third concern is infrastructure. And basically, you know, implementation of Complete Streets and multimodal, and the areas where we're looking for more greenways, I think we need to support those, and especially areas where it can alleviate transportation. And I think we need to start looking, and I haven't discussed this with Public Works yet, but we're going to start needing to look at putting some design money in there to realign North Kihei Road, because North Kihei Road, I think within the next ten years is going to be underwater. It's already partially underwater. We see the Kealia Pond going over at a certain time. So at some point, hopefully, the next year we're going to start getting a handle on that, and planning it out so that, you know, North Kihei is not cut off from Honoapiilani Road. Okay, that's infrastructure. And the next concern is diversified economy. And I think we're at a point where everyone realizes that we need to have more economic development outside of the visitor industry. And so, sustainable agriculture and other sustainable industries are really important. I do want to see the Maui Visitors Bureau budget reduce or just realigned to manage tourism, and I think that we need to put some provisos in there, or either that or remove some of the budget and put it directly into more of the environmental mitigation, because those are...that's the infrastructure for tourism. If we lose our reefs and we lose our beaches and we have invasive species, we're going to lose our tourist anyway. So that's something that I'm hoping that we can align MVB with supporting and being involved in directly. And also the education of potential tourists, you know, as far as our illegal short-term rentals, and how that affects Maui's housing community. I mean Maui's housing issues, driving up the cost of housing, and also reducing inventory when there's all these illegal rentals. I mean, I just told a friend of mine who's coming over here, make sure if you come over here and rent something, a B&B, make sure it's legal. Otherwise I might not have dinner with you. So anyway we need to educate the tourist before they book their places of what they are doing to Maui, how they're affecting Maui County if they book illegal. And that was something I proposed last year and didn't make it. But my last concern on this paper, I mean I have way more concerns than this, but the last one, I'm going...I'm taking out the one that I originally put in there, because I addressed that under my priority projects. But I also, Countywide, I have a concern of about whether we're not...whether or not we're funding our watersheds to the amount that we should. You know when we're talking about water and water resources, it comes from watersheds. And we got a series of presentations on all of our watersheds at the end of the last term in the Water Resources Committee which they are doing some great things with what they have, but I think none of them are funded adequately. And I know it has to come out of the Department of Water Supply program, so I'm not sure what that means to put

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additional funding in there. But I do have those concerns that, you know, if we want more water, let's look to the source, and start making sure we're funding, we're protecting our water sources. So, other than that, I will probably reserve to do a second draft after Tuesday night to see if my community has some major concerns I haven't thought about. Thank you very much, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Let me just say that I am very appreciative of the concerns every Member that has spoken so far. I think they bring up very current issues that every community faces. Water is an issue throughout the county. Not in any one district, it is a Countywide concern. I appreciate that infrastructure Countywide. I'm very open and supportive. My concerns, I made it pretty general, Chair. And so for mine, the top is basically that all departments, and I'm getting it from home and from those that catch me at various banks and whatnot on this island. I believe it may be helpful, Chair, for us and for you to consider allowing the departments to come in and give us some face-to-face time, because I think regarding operations, I would agree with my colleague from Makawao-Haiku. When he talks about premium pay, I'm concerned about also what is the additional impact once those various bargaining unit contracts get to ratification process, and what it means to this County regarding General Fund requirements. I agree that this is an area of concern, and under the next one is about the CIP review. You know going through the Budget Details and the narrative, I really want them to face us and give us specific considerations to our questions that we may have, because I'm looking at areas to also reduce besides adding, but I would like to make the best informed decisions regarding my reduction proposals or things that we will be voting on for full Council consideration. With that, Chair, you know, part of it is also my concern about putting more than the more minimum requirements in obligations. Because I would agree with our Chair, Ms. King that one of the best ways regarding bond rating is to expand the economic drivers. That is one thing I know in my 40 years of doing property tax bond raters look at diversification of the engines is one positive thing to improve our bond rating, and accelerating the elimination of obligations is another positive thing. So, that is one area that with my reductions, I'm looking at increasing taking care of obligations. Regarding the CIP also, how does that also then potentially address and reduce County liabilities? Whether it be in the health area under sewers, whether it be with the water area for Upcountry or other districts. I'm concerned about the ability to reduce further liabilities that we may face in litigation. And so I appreciate the comments about putting funds into solving the situation than waiting for a judgment. And then under the Committee purview that I've, you have given, the Members have given me for Council, regarding the departments is again under Human Concerns, the grant administration, and whether or not we should look at better coordination with any departments processing of grants regarding OED, or any other component, water grants. I believe that certain things should be coordinated, and that certain format should be standardized in our grant reviews. It also assists the Council in making a better decision because we understand how the grant process is and not every component of grants is administered differently. And under the parks area I'm concerned in my review of, especially with some of their RFPs increased

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liabilities concerns that I have, especially certain new options for the golf program, and again I'm scrutinized it more this year than previous, because it's under General Fund. We've taken it away from the special fund consideration, now it's under General Fund. And I really don't need additional liabilities by operations doing things that I believe is not smart for the County's benefit, or the golfers' benefit, the users' benefit. That is my general...I don't have five, but I think my concerns encompass quite a bit, but those are the components of my concerns, Chair. Thank you very much.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I might not interpreted this differently. After hearing everybody else's, I mean I have concerns, but I didn't write down like I thought it was, you know, because all my priorities were increasing money. I thought it was concerns like how to balance it out and decrease it. So, that's what I have, but it's not like concerns. That's like my top concern, but that's like a concern to decrease it, to like try and even things out. So for number one, I put the Maui County Visitors Association [sic] decrease amount 2.5 mil along the lines of what other folks have said, I wanted to use that and reallocate the money to the Ocean Safety Program as a better way to manage our tourists along the shoreline with the provisos that I'm putting for my priority item to kind of balance that out. The second one, I cut the Maui Redevelopment Program funds by 1.2 million for a Countywide use. OED Grants Management, district economic and cultural programs, I cut 1.26 million for funds to be use for Countywide needs. Number four, I was looking at the CIP program, Parks and Rec, CBS-1209, and it seemed to me that if we're doing the Wailuku parking component of the Civic Complex, moving that forward, then it was my understanding we were using the War Memorial Complex for parking and shuttling of County employees, State employees, and Judiciary. So if we move forward with that CIP paving project during Fiscal Year 2021, we're also building the parking structure, then it's kind of disruptive. So I was thinking, you know, one or the other, because if everyone is going to be parking there as the Civic Complex is going up, then we shouldn't resurface that parking area was my thinking. And the number five, one, I don't know the details of things but in looking at the CIP for the Police and Fire for Molokai, it's...I was thinking about how us in Lahaina have the Fire and Police right next to each other. And just thinking that maybe if they could combine it into one location, it might have some savings. But I don't know how much. So that was just my thinking on concerns and offsetting my priorities.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Great discussion. Thank you everybody. I, too, was left when we were looking at these concerns, my overall thought was I sat in last term, and listening to the watersheds and I thought it would be nice to give them more

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support although I think that the review of the different watershed projects did come through a process from the Water Department. So I look towards them to let us know if there's a possibility of increasing that support. I also hear the concerns from my fellow Members regarding the Maui Visitors Bureau. And really the keywords according to Hawaii Tourism Authority and Maui Visitors Bureau, as well as the Legislature is to manage growth, and we hear it throughout the State, and we're hearing it amongst our discussions. Last term...and I picked up on that, and I wanted to bring forward, I think this, actually this idea came from discussions of the Members, and through Member King in terms of managing the visitors...Visitors Bureau and education. So, an education fund was put in for \$200,000 to be used for campaigns targeted at visitors that will mitigate visitor impacts on infrastructure and the environment, and I think we've heard stories about in Hana, how we have these volunteers kind of managing the many visitors that go through the Hana coastline, and trying to do things like that. And I'm not too sure...I mean I think that there is a group by the Mayor's Office through former MVB Director Terryl Vencl who's looking at things like that in terms of education of our visitors. So I put that back into our discussion, as well as for MVB I provided that...a proviso, 300,000 shall be used for having Maui Nui halau entertainment musicians and artists to be ambassadors of aloha, spreading the Hawaiian culture in the form of hula, music, language and other arts on behalf of Maui County, so aloha and mahalo our many talented cultural ambassadors that we have and talent. The other thing I have in here is because of the concern for water Upcountry, I put in, add an item of 200,000 for an engineering study to evaluate the use of the dual waterline as a reservoir that could supply the Olinda Water Treatment Plant in times of emergency. By listening to Scott Teruya when he came before us, I think it was when the CAFR was discussed. He talked about HR/Payroll and which went live April 1, and the need for an accountant for a time tracking and lead position to assist with establishing functions for Workday. I think right now what they're using is a, I think what he said was a temporary position borrowed from the Police Department of which come July 1 they would need it, so he's asking for that position to be possibly considered for the July 1 new fiscal year. For watersheds, I think same thought that two members had about Miconia, and I think we heard them loud and clear in Hana to protect our watersheds increase I put \$240,000 to be used for additional labor and related labor costs for Miconia. And right now in the budget in Water Supply, Water Administration under 6132 professional services, there is \$260,000 and I'm asking to increase it by 240,000 making it to 500,000 for this purpose. And one moment. I think that's it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. And I was reminded that we did get a response from the MVB on April 4th, so if everyone would like to review the breakdown of how the MVB has used their allocated funding for our discussion tomorrow, that might be helpful. Mahalo. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you Chair. So, I only have four concerns. Two of them come from Parks and two come from Planning. My first concern with Parks and Rec was, on Page 769 they talked about a need for a baseyard and storage building. So, I wanted to decrease that amount by 1.750 or...because I wasn't sure why they even wanted a baseyard, and it wasn't clear to me anyway, the need for the baseyard. Also,

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in Parks and Rec in Page 745, I ask to decrease that by 1.7 hundred thousand, because the past fiscal year, they asked for 600,000. And now they're asking for I think was 2 point something. Anyway, so I wanted to reduce that by 1.7. And then on Page 482 in Planning. Planning is giving a grant for 75,000 for ADA shoreline access, and it just, it seemed to me it was....I wasn't sure why Planning is giving a grant for ADA, although I understand the need for ADA shoreline access but I just wasn't sure why it was in Planning. And then the other concern I have in Planning was on Page 480, there's an increase in 2.5 E/P, and I was just wondering why there was an increase in Planner III, and what more would be done in Planning with the increase of those two-and-a-half positions. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. I'll present my top five concerns. Okay. Similar to Member Molina, I was really concerned about the premium pay. And so a proposed solution would be to place a cap on overtime or premium pay for all departments. Reduce back to flat with last year, and proviso that they must request a budget amendment from Council for increase if needed. The second is a proposal to cap the administration...administrative overhead. The third is regarding vacancies, and a proposed solution is to add a clock to vacant positions, so similar to what Member Molina brought up about being concerned about the vacant positions. That it just, they have a limit of one year to fill those positions. And salaries for vacant positions are frozen, may not be used for overtime or premium pay, and they lapse if they're not filled by the deadline, and return to General Fund after deadline, and they would have to come to the Council to request an extension. Four is similar to a lot of the Members, visitor education. I saw that that was cut from the proposed budget. It was \$200,000, and so I'm proposing \$100,000, and that we ask *Akaku* who delivers educational public television on a regular basis, and have proved themselves a valuable community asset and, you know, who better to ask, to task with place based cultural tourism, educating our visitors through a creative community perspective on how to be respectful guests on our islands. And they know what's important to our community, and work with our communities in creating these types of videos. And five is regarding contract extensions. In the last report that we got, we saw a lot of contract extensions, and that was very concerning. And you know, just thinking that maybe they should have to come to the Council to get an approval on these extensions because they're not delivering the services that they contracted to deliver by the deadline they promised to. And so these concerns are more meant to serve as a conversation starter on policy changes which could be formatted into ordinances that we pass with the Fiscal Year '20 Budget if we are able to achieve consensus on them. Okay, those are my concerns. Okay, and I also wanted to remind Councilmembers and, you know, departments watching and our Budget Director that the departments are free to respond to anything that they hear in our discussion with, you know, proposed increases or decreases. That they don't have to wait for us to send them a written correspondence asking them questions. You know I know that they're following, and they're welcome to come and testify or, you know, initiate written correspondence to us to help better inform, you know, us on what the proposals are in the budget that we received. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair? Can I just...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. I just wanted to add to what you were saying about the departments' response that, you know, with some of these proposals we really need them to be listening and to give us some input on their capacity. Because there are some new items that we want to put in here, and if they can't even do them, then we need to know that before we put the money in the budget, is what is their capacity to get these done and what is the skill level, and does it match up with the things we're proposing. So, I just want to kind of put it that on the floor for whichever departments are listening. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. Okay. So, after this phase in the process...

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, I'll say this last part, and then we'll do a quick recess. Okay, after this phase in the process we'll move...we'll move on to reviewing CIPs followed by a review of the departments' operating budget. And during those reviews, we will deliberate on the justification that we received by the departments on the various budget items, and determine whether they will help to achieve the goals of the departments, and deliberate on proposed provisos. Okay, so I'm not exactly sure why we haven't received everyone's copies yet. So, I'm going to, if there are no objections, I'm going to call a brief recess to check on those copies so that we can deliver...so we can distribute them in open meeting. Is there any objections? About how long you think? Okay, this should be quick. So, recess at the call of the Chair. It's 11:42 on April 8th. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now on recess. ...*(gavel)*...

RECESS: 11:42 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:52 a.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: ...*(gavel)*... Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 11:52 on April 8th. It seems that we have more technical difficulties than anticipated. So, if Members are okay with receiving the, all the Councilmembers' priorities and concerns tomorrow morning, we will distribute them at that time. Are there any objections to waiting until tomorrow morning --

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to receive? Okay, okay. Okay, so Staff and basically the Budget team will compile everyone's priorities and concerns and put them together and that's what we'll receive tomorrow and we'll begin deliberation on that. Please review the departmental responses that may help to...oh, okay...help with our discussion tomorrow. I guess I'll have to recess until tomorrow so that we can receive the documents, okay. So, if there are no objections...

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MS. MATTHEWS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: The clarification is not a recess of the meeting until tomorrow. I wanted to see if the Chair would be able to recess this meeting until this afternoon and so...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I think Members...

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, we don't want to do that.

MS. MATTHEWS: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Members are okay with receiving it tomorrow morning. Is that correct?

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, yeah. Okay, so if there are no objections...or I mean questions...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Are you going to recess? Are you going to recess or are you going to adjourn?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Adjourn.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: New agenda? Yeah, we have a new agenda for tomorrow so we're not going to be recessing until this afternoon or until tomorrow morning. We're going to adjourn today's meeting and start with our new agenda tomorrow.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Clear?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, are there any other questions before I adjourn? Okay, it is 11:54 on April 8th and the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now adjourned. ...*(gavel)*...

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

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ADJOURN: 11:54 a.m.

APPROVED:



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