

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

April 16, 2019

Council Chamber

CONVENE: 11:36 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair (out 12:05 p.m., in 12:59 p.m.)
Councilmember Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair (out 9:46 p.m.)
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member (in 12:59 p.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 (out 2:09 p.m., in 5:07 p.m.)
Pauline Martins, Substitute Committee Secretary (in 2:09 p.m., out 3:37 p.m.)

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
Karla H. Peters, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
John Buck, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
Jeffrey Pearson, Director, Department of Water Supply
Helene Kau, Deputy Director, Department of Water Supply
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Jacob Verkerke, Chief Technology Officer, Management Information Systems Division, Department of Management
David J. Underwood, Director, Department of Personnel Services
Cynthia M. Razo-Porter, Deputy Director, Department of Personnel Services
Deidre M. Tegarden, Administrative Assistant II, Office of the Mayor
David C. Thyne, Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Bradford K. Ventura, Deputy Chief, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

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Seated in the gallery:

Valeriano Martin, Assistant Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Public Safety

OTHERS: Gale Notestone (Hana Council Office via telephone conference bridge)
Elena Walker, Maui County Veteran Council
Jo Davidson
Susan Ayers, Maui County Veteran Council
Frank DeRego, Jr., Director of Business Development Projects, Maui
Economic Development Board
Leslie Wilkins, President and Chief Executive Officer, Maui Economic
Development Board
Alison Cohan, Director, The Nature Conservancy
Dan Eisenberg, Program Manager, East Maui Watershed Partnership
Mike Moran, President, Kihei Community Association
Others (5)

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . (gavel). . . Aloha kakahiaka kakou. ‘Eono . . . ‘eono minuke i ka hala o ka hola ‘eiwa, ma ‘umikūmāono o ‘Apelila, i ka makahiki`elua kaukani umikamaeiwa. E ‘olu‘olu mai, e ho‘omalua ke Komike Ho‘omohala Waiwai me Mo‘ohelu Kālā. ‘O wau ka Iku Ha‘i o keia komike, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It is 11:36 on April 16, 2019, of the Economic Development and Budget Committee, please come to order. I am your Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I keia la, me ko kakou, eia Committee Vice-Chair and Council Chair Kelly King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha kakahiaka, I guess it’s still morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I guess, yeah, it would be. Aloha awakea . . . okay, aloha awakea, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha and good morning, afternoon, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha and good morning and afternoon to you too. Member Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning, Chair. Since I’m the international member, aloha akahiaka for all our Scandinavian friends.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Akahiaka.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sounds Hawaiian.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it does. Mahalo, Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh my God, is my Hawaiian that bad?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, you're Scandinavian . . . your Hawaiian is wonderful.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Riki Hokama.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Good day. Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha awakea, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And Member Tasha Kama will be joining us momentarily. Yeah? Okay. And then mai ka Administration, we have with us Budget Director Michele Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Hi.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Hi. From . . . and we also have with us in the gallery, Director of Parks Karla Peters. And from Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel Jeff Ueoka.

MR. UEOKA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Our Committee Staff – 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.

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MS. ESPELETA: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Okay, Members, we have our one item on today's agenda, EDB-1, proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui. We'll begin with testimony on EDB-1. To testify, please sign up with Staff. Testimony is limited to three minutes. If you're still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name and who you are representing. Please also indicate if you are a paid lobbyist. We'll first check in with our District Offices. Ms. Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros at the Hana Office, will you please call your first testifier?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: This is Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros from the Hana Office. I have one person waiting to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Cool.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Gale Notestone on EDB-1.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. NOTESTONE: Good morning, Council Members, Madam Chair, can you hear me?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, we can hear you perfectly. Please proceed.

MR. NOTESTONE: I'll proceed. Okay. Yeah, my name is Gale Notestone. I'm a Hana resident for over 15 years. Worked at the Hana Fire Station. Working there for almost 20 years. I'm a Fire Captain there and I'd like to address few of the issues that are going on with the Hana Fire Station. One is the plumbing, second one is the storage shed and the third is an overhang for one of our apparatus. Starting with the plumbing, it's all rusty . . . pipe that's underneath the cement that's causing the problems with the drainage. And there's hitch and valleys and the pipe has been scoped by plumbing services like Akamai Plumbing and Kelly's Plumbing. They use their camera, they scope the pipe and it's a . . . because it's iron and it's rusty, it catches all the solids and it clogs the pipes. And this has been going on for well over ten years where we get a clog and then it backs up under the parking lot through the cleanout so it's not a pleasant thing. It would be a monumental task to replace the pipes but according to plumber Kelly who was just out there and you can actually sleeve it where they put a coating within that pipe and make it smooth again; and that's one option. The other option would be to bust up the concrete and lay new pipe down. Either way you look at it, that's an expense. The second item I wanted to talk about was the storage shed that holds spare tires, our lawn equipment and various other items that's rotting away. I mean, it was built all right but the rain from the roof has caused wet rot on two of the walls and they need replaced. I don't know if the

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whole storage shed needs replaced but certainly a substantial repair, and it does protect some valuable equipment. Speaking about valuable equipment, our mini seven is exposed to the weather on a daily because the overhang there doesn't cover it completely, and that was another item that is proposed. And that mini seven was well over \$200,000 in the purchase price. And we use it, that's one of our first, I mean, we use all our apparatus but that's one that's used a lot, and it would be good to protect that. Last item, if I have time, which is not part of the budget, but we did have an incident out here at Red Sand which needs to be addressed. We're going to have a fatality eventually and yesterday we had a severe injury, helicopters involved. All the personnel was medivac and I think everybody that is familiar with East Maui and Red Sand, and you've probably heard time and time again all the problems we have out there and it does need to be addressed. I want to thank Councilman Shane Sinenci for coming out couple weeks ago to do the townhall and that was very . . . it was great to see, and the crew that he brought out. I'd like to see more of that. And I'd like to give a shout out to Dawn Lono for all her help. That's all I have today. Are there any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any need for clarification? Okay. Seeing none. Mahalo for your testimony.

MR. NOTESTONE: Aloha.

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

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MS. FERNANDEZ: This is Denise Fernandez at 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. LINDO: Aloha, Chair. This is Zhan at the Molokai District Office. There is no one here to testify. And we would just like to say mahalo for all of you guys and the Councilmembers' love and support at last night's meeting.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo for all your help. Okay. Ms. Matthews, will you please call our first testifier here in the Chamber?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our first testifier signed up to testify is Elena Walker testifying on behalf of Maui County Veteran Council to be followed by Jo K. Davidson.

MS. WALKER: Aloha, Members of the County Council. My name is Elena Walker and I'm the Treasurer and Events Coordinator for Maui County Veterans Council. Also served

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with the United States Navy and I'm an active member with Na Koa Kahiko Wahine, which is the military women's organization here on Maui. On behalf of the Maui County Veterans Council (MCVC), we are here today to thank you for your generous support of our organization and the Maui County veterans. We have several veteran organizations approximately 20 that are part of our MCVC membership. As a group, we provide programs and events to honor, create awareness, and outreach to our Maui County veterans and families and to the Maui community. To further describe our financial needs and the use of the County of Maui grant funds for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2020, we support our veterans in the Maui community as follows: we honor our Maui County veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans Day by hosting ceremonies at the Makawao Veterans Cemetery and provide refreshments, flowers, flags, guest speakers, police foot traffic and pedestrian safety. For Memorial Day, we host various Maui high school bands and provide their transportation. Memorial Day this year is on Monday, May 27th. Each year, we have a program theme. This year's theme is the "Forgotten War" also known as the Korean War. We want to encourage all of the Korean War veterans their families to attend. Last year, we dedicated the Vietnam War monument and had a special ceremony. We honor our Maui County veterans by hosting candlelight services at the War Memorial in recognition of those that fought in the Korean War and Vietnam War. And we want to give a special thanks to Councilmember Yuki Sugimura for helping us with needed funds for our tables and chairs, which are no longer provided by the War Memorial. We assist the Maui Sons and Daughters of the Nisei Veterans 100th and 142nd memorial through funding. We assist the funding of VFW Luau, Veterans Day ceremony, our annual picnic at Kalama Beach. Through the Maui County Fair, we provide outreach and awareness to Maui community regarding services are available through various veterans organizations. We host a wounded warriors' program for veterans that come from the mainland by meeting and greeting them and their families at the airport arriving to Maui on vacation. In close, we greatly appreciate the County Council supporting us and providing us funding for our financial needs. We look forward to working with the Managing Director and staff to further assist us with our grant process for our veterans of Maui County. And we thank you for your time and consideration.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Members, any need for clarification? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. Elena, thank you for being here to represent the Veterans Council and I wanted to send appreciation to you because I know it takes the detail, which you provide the organization. I wanted to ask you does . . . I think this happens also the Veterans Council not only do you do what you just mentioned but the camaraderie for the veterans, but do you also do services for the veterans like if a veteran needs housing or some kind of help, do you become that conduit so that they can reach out into the community?

MS. WALKER: Yes. We have a separate committee, which is through Bo Mahoe, Fred Ruge, couple other members that we assist our veterans. They're homeless, destitute, may need clothing, shelter, so we reach out to them through the other veteran

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organizations - Maui Vet Center; Salvation Army; CBOC, which is our Community-Based Outreach Clinic.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you. And thank you --

MS. WALKER: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- for all the work you do. Thank you.

MS. WALKER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Seeing no other questions, mahalo nui for your testimony today. Ms. Matthews, will you please call our next testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our next testifier is Jo K. Davidson testifying on behalf of Korean War Veterans Association to be followed by Susan Ayers.

MS. DAVIDSON: Aloha pumehana to all of you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MS. DAVIDSON: Mahalo nui loa for having the privilege of honoring you, our Councilmembers, of the Maui County. I am Jo K. Davidson. I am a veteran member of the Korean War Veterans, Chapter Maui No Ka Oi 282. I've been a member almost 14 years now, and I really joined to also represent my husband. My husband was an Air Force enlistee back in 1951 and retired as Tech Sergeant, and I also enlisted in 1953. Since then he has passed. And so, my work and attendance with the Chapter here on Maui is because of he and I. I would love to do something special and different; I think I will have the time. *(Sang God Bless Hawaii Nei) God Bless Hawaii Nei, isles that we love. Stand beside them and guide them through the night with the light from above. Over our mountains, through our valleys, to the ocean, white with foam, God Bless Hawaii Nei, our isles, our homes. God Bless Hawaii Nei, our home sweet home. Over mountains, through our valleys, to the ocean, white with foam, God Bless Hawaii Nei, our isles, our homes. God Bless Hawaii Nei, our home sweet home.* Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any need for clarification? Mahalo nui for that mele. Ms. Matthews, may you please call our next testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our next testifier is Susan Ayers testifying on behalf of the Maui County Veterans League of Maui to be followed by Frank R. --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: DeRego.

MS. MATTHEWS: --DeRego.

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MS. AYERS: Good afternoon or good morning, I should say. My name is Susan Ayers and I am from the Navy League. I am the current President of the Navy League – the Maui Council and I am here representing the Maui Council of Maui Veterans Association. Thank you very much. I have been the recipient of some of your monies and I do appreciate the Council very often and very much. Thank you very much for helping us out with a grant. And that is all I really have to say. I'm very lucky to have been here to represent the Maui Navy League – Maui Council, and thank you to Elena and Jo, who I just met today. We did come this morning at 8:30 for your original sign-in time. We did not receive the message that you were held over in Lanai, in Molokai. So, we have been here a long time. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for coming this morning. Members, any need for clarification? Mahalo, Ms. Ayers. Ms. Matthews, will you please call our next testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Next testifier is Frank R. DeRego, Jr., testifying on behalf of Maui Economic Development Board to be followed by Leslie Wilkins.

MR. DeREGO: Aloha `e Economic Development and Budget Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Council Chair King, and Members of the Economic Development and Budget Committee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MR. DeREGO: My name is Frank DeRego, Jr., and I serve as Maui Economic Development Board's Director of Business Development Projects. MEDB's Business Development team brings needed services to existing businesses and those companies from afar seeking to make Maui County their home. MEDB would like to thank the County Council and Maui County's Office of Economic Development for its continued support. This local investment allows us to leverage additional funding at the State and Federal levels and includes private funding as well. All told in some particular areas, I will continue to leverage some of our programs through the County grant by a ratio of 10-1. This is a significant return on investment for the County and the lives of our residents through MEDB's programs and services. Many of us have witnessed the changes that have occurred in our economy in the last three decades. Some industries have declined, some have flourished while others need nurturing and support. MEDB is actively involved in the steady growth of the innovation eco-system in our community and has taken a leadership role in building it. MEDB offers important programs and services to our business community, including one-on-one business assistance that offers customized an in-depth mentorship, avenues for networking and information for our high-tech community, workshops in our innovation series and convening local, national and international experts discussing the challenges of health care, energy, small business and space situation and awareness. I would like to offer two examples. In FY '19 MEDB offered customized service to 115 businesses of which 63 percent were startups. As you know, how you start a business and the foundation you build for it is crucial to its success. This year, the Maui Energy Conference took on the name "Hawaii Energy Conference" to acknowledge our County's Statewide leadership in energy. With more than 400

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participants from around the world, including local businesses, the conference hosted experts and decision makers in business and government from throughout the nation. The conference included a historic signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Utilities Commissions of Hawaii and California to cooperate in the development of policies that reduce carbon emissions to battle the effects of climate change. What these examples demonstrate is that MEDB continues to evolve how it responds to the challenges of building a prosperous and flourishing community by blocking its own walk. This being an innovated force is the basis of MEDB's own response to the needs of our community. Innovation and technology cannot be isolated . . . can I just finish my last paragraph here? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Quickly.

MR. DeREGO: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. DeREGO: . . . but spans many including health care, agriculture, and culture in the arts. All these sectors have the potential of surfacing entrepreneurs willing to risk new and innovative products and services many of which are technology-based. So, in closing, MEDB humbly asks to you to continue to help us pursue through its programs and services the mission of all of us here to build a community whose quality of life and prosperity is rooted in the values of aloha and pa'ahana of love and industry. Mahalo nui.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. DeRego. Members, any need for clarification?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, if I could?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, Chair, I'd just like to acknowledge last night's Molokai Budget meeting that we had. And, MEDB, I want to thank you for the work you've done with all the students who came to testify and support for all they've done with the Robotics. . .fabulous job. And you got a lot of accolades from the teachers and the different levels of from elementary all the way through high school. So, thank you very much. Continue your good work.

MR. DeREGO: Thank you. Can I, can I add to that? The Energy Conference we actually had students from college but also from high school at the Energy Conference this year. So, we've actually branched out further especially through our STEMworks Energy program as well.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good job!

MR. DeREGO: Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it was the Robotics and the STEM afterschool programs in addition to the classroom.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any need for further clarification? Okay. Seeing none. Mahalo for your testimony, Mr. DeRego.

MR. DeREGO: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews, will you please call the next testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our next testifier is Leslie Wilkins testifying on behalf of Maui Economic Development Board to be followed by Alison Cohan.

MS. WILKINS: Aloha, Budget Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MS. WILKINS: Aloha, Council Chair King and Members. My name is Leslie Wilkins. I am honored to serve as MEDB's President and CEO since 2017. And for 17 years prior to that, I was honored to serve as our Vice-President hired to launch and build a team to direct our STEM education to workforce pipeline initiatives, which now serve over 40,000 participants across our state. I, too, want to echo my colleague, Frank DeRego's comments, by thanking you for your past support and assuring you that we work diligently to give the taxpayers a large return on their investment in our programs. As mentioned, our overall budget is leveraging the County's investments, five to one; and our STEM programs, ten to one. We are working on our mission which is to build innovation in business, education, and community; that really defines our program activities. We are values-based economic development. We are harkened by the Focus Maui Nui values and this year we are updating our benchmarking report of Focus Maui Nui values to see how, as a community with data and trend analysis, we are in moving forward the dial in improving equity and access and education, preserving our natural environment, infrastructure which includes housing, targeted economic development, human needs, local culture and civic engagement. Overall, we believe that economic development is intricately linked to Workforce Development. You cannot do one without the other. We thank you for investing in us. In addition to the cash grants that we've brought in, we also have secured free software and geospatial tools, a digital alliance with Google and Microsoft to continue to support our young people and education, including licensures that some of them are a thousand dollars per seat. We could not have done it without you, without the County's investment because you see we're very competitive on the Federal market place and State market place. If your County does not agree that you're doing innovative things, it's really hard to sell Federal grant that our work here can be replicated by the rest of the country. And as you know, the Federal marketplace has gotten more competitive and requires cash match not just in-kind. Our program span Keiki to Careers; 32 different programs; including STEMworks,

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which is service learning; STEMworks Energy, as mentioned by Frank; and a recent edition with healthy watersheds for environmental curriculum. Perhaps our biggest investment is bringing industry and education together because we know when you invest in someone who educates that return on investment continues and reaches young people. We are teaching our young people entrepreneurship and innovation, critical thinking, and engineering design process because we know, quite frankly, every business across the spectrum requires STEM skills and critical thinking, and we know that building a resident trained workforce is the answer to our sustainable future because we know that our solutions are best served by a homegrown talented workforce.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Wilkins. Members, any need for . . . Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Just a quick question. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Hi, thanks for being here, Leslie.

MS. WILKINS: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, are you folks following the Federal fiscal year or the County?

MS. WILKINS: For our fiscal year?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah. I just...you said you got a report on your fiscal year and it goes through September 30, 2018.

MS. WILKINS: Well, I'll explain that. Our fiscal year is with yours --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

MS. WILKINS: --July 1 through June 30. However, our grant, the County grant was. . .begins October 1 through September 30 . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, your information here is for that year. So my question is, how many workshops have you held in that one-year period, do you know?

MS. WILKINS: Probably, usually on average one a month to one every other month. Some are very small and targeted. Others are large and part of our Small Bus. Conference, for example, coming up in May.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Great. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

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MS. WILKINS: Okay. Thanks.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha, Ms. Wilkins. Thank you for what you're doing and for being here today.

MS. WILKINS: Oh, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was awesome to see how much the teachers appreciated the assistance all around the County.

MS. WILKINS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And I was wondering how do you decide what areas to offer the teachers assistance in?

MS. WILKINS: So, what geographic areas in the County or what subject matters?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Subject matter.

MS. WILKINS: Subject matter. We usually really focus on critical thinking and STEM education; that tends to be our kuleana where we have expertise and values and support. But we always make sure that our efforts are very much place-based. We align culture and science. It's very important that our young people see the community, their culture in any of the STEM curriculum we do. And most of all, our professional development with our teachers is to help them not just be the sage on the stage but to empower our young people to be self-directed learners, pure learners, work together in teaming, those tend to be the hallmarks of what we support in education environment.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, my kids go to the Immersion --

MS. WILKINS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --and I noticed there is way more demand than there is capacity. At Princess Nahienaena we're losing two teachers that teach over the three grades and I was wondering is there any possibility to give assistance to the Olelo Hawaii teachers?

MS. WILKINS: I think that's a great. . .I would love to continue that conversation with you to see how we can help and that's really important. I do know that we have a model that we can replicate. I mentioned earlier that we're looking also at fee-for-service opportunities because several of our programs, we own the intellectual property. So, classic example is Kamehameha Schools is paying a fee to MEDB for STEMworks after school at Kalama, which has the immersion program in middle school and Kalama. So, we've been able to work to, you know, expand that offering there through private

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funding of Kamehameha. So, I'm happy to look at that model and let's see if we can expand that further across the entire immersion program. Isn't that great! Thank you for bringing that to our attention.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, that would be awesome. Thanks.

MS. WILKINS: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: *(Substituting for Chair Rawlins-Fernandez)* Okay. Seeing no more questions, thank you for being here, Ms. Wilkins.

MS. WILKINS: Thank you. Ms. Matthews, can you call our next two testifiers?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our next testifier is Alison Cohan testifying on behalf of the Nature Conservancy to be followed by Dan Eisenberg.

MS. COHAN: Aloha, Council Chair King and County Councilmembers. My name is Alison Cohan. I am the Director of the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii's Maui Nui Forest Program. Thank you so much. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify this morning but more so on your tireless work on this year's budget. I know you guys have had a long couple of weeks and you were on Molokai until late last night so thank you for being here. The Nature Conservancy is a recipient of the Department of Water Supply's Watershed Grants Program, and we greatly appreciate the County of Maui's support of this critical program. We ask that you maintain funding at the same levels as last year, if not more, for this important program to thrive. The work that our crews do is very difficult, in remote and rugged terrain, often in the pouring rain but it's necessary to protect our native forest and provide us with our water. Watershed management at the Nature Conservancy's Waikamoi Preserve, which is the largest private nature preserve in the state, protects over ten major stream headwaters that supply the Koolau and Hana aquifer sectors. Sixty percent of all of Maui's total mean green water comes from these two aquifers that encompass Waikamoi. These are the areas that my crew and the East Maui Watershed Partnership focus on. The highest mauka areas of East Maui that are home to critical stream headwaters that feed into the Waikamoi flume system and fill up the Olinda and Waikamoi reservoirs. As you know, fresh water is essential to every aspect of our life on Maui and is critical to supporting local ag, the visitor industry, and our economy. These water resources, cultural, and natural resources are currently jeopardized and under threat by invasive pigs and deer, horrible, terrible invasive weeds and pests and pathogens like rapid ohia death. The Nature Conservancy received our first DWS grant in 1995 and has received funding since that time. We use the DWS funding as match for State Natural Area Partnership Program Grants, which provide \$2.00 of State funding for every \$1.00 of non-State match. We also leveraged DWS funding to raise private funds. Continuing this level of funding is critical to avoiding setbacks with our basic watershed protection and achievements in keeping the upper watersheds protected and healthy. The Nature Conservancy strongly supports the DWS Watershed Grants Program and we commend the County of Maui on being such proactive and great

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leaders in environmental protection. Mahalo nui for all that you do and for your work on this year's budget.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Mahalo, Ms. Cohan. Any questions? Councilmember Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Alison, for being here. Did you say the Nature Conservancy just works in Waikamoi or throughout the East?

MS. COHAN: We work in Waikamoi primarily on East Maui which is about 9,000 acres. We do also have a preserve on West Maui and the Honokowai-Wahikuli area for which we also do receive Department of Water Supply funding for as well. I was just kind of focusing on East Maui for today, but we do receive that as well as Molokai. You heard from my colleague Ed Misaki last night.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Follow-up, Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Sure. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So, do you have a cultural component for the Nature Conservancy? I know that we have a lot of cultural practitioners that try to access some of the uplands for gathering and cultural practice purposes. Is there a way to work with some...including some of the hunters?

MS. COHAN: Yes. So, it's not really a dedicated program essentially. We have a policy that local community folks can just call our office. You know, we have a number on line or contact one of us and we try and facilitate access into our areas for gathering, you know, for subsistence purposes. Halau . . . we do a lot of . . . we focus our outreach in education on the local community and not so much on the visitor industry. Hunters . . . our Waikamoi preserve is currently free of pigs and deer. When we did first install our fencing we allowed hunters to come in and we actually gave it a full year for local hunters to come and get everything they could before we went ahead and put up, you know, the fences and started our own hunting program. So, it's pretty-high up there so there's not really that much demand for local hunters to get up there but just below our fencing is the Makawao Forest Reserve where there's a great State hunting program.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Is there any eradication by air?

MS. COHAN: Not in our preserve currently. The State has some of those efforts in adjacent lands.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

MS. COHAN: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: All right. Thank you. Any other questions? Councilmember Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hi! I'm just wondering since you help with the preservation and protection of West Maui and East Maui, what about Central Maui?

MS. COHAN: Currently, the Nature Conservancy is pretty much just focused on the mauka areas. The Nature Conservancy is a large and a national organization and we're kind of driven by these large guidelines called our shared conservation agenda where we're first and foremost focused on bio-diversity and water and natural resources. And so, we prioritize based on that. So, currently, we don't have any efforts but that's not to say that we're not willing to have conversations with landowners like Mahi Pono or A&B to see how we can be of assistance in helping them develop sustainable practices.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I was thinking of Iao Valley.

MS. COHAN: Oh, okay. Yeah, we don't have a program in Iao Valley. We do work closely with the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership that works with those landowners in that area to protect that groundwater and surface water.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. Ms. Lee, any other questions for the testifier? All right thank you for coming.

MS. COHAN: Mahalo nui.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Appreciate your work. For the record, EDB Chair Rawlins-Fernandez had some paperwork to sign and get posted before too much later, so she'll be back as soon as she completes that. Next testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Dan Eisenberg, testifying on behalf of the East Maui Watershed Partnership to be followed by Mike Moran.

MR. EISENBERG: Aloha, --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha.

MR. EISENBERG: --Chair King, Committee members. My name is Dan Eisenberg and I've worked with the East Maui Watershed Partnership since 2008 in a variety of different roles and I'm currently the Program Manager. Thank you for this opportunity to speak about next year's proposed budget. I'd like to highlight some of the important work that's funded by the Department of Water Supply's Watershed Protection Grant Program. I'd also like to discuss a little bit about the East Maui Watershed Partnership. The Watershed Partnership has worked since 1991 with a diverse group of landowners and stakeholders to help manage the 100,000-acre watershed. With our limited resources we target the highest priority threats to the health and

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sustainability of the watershed and we focus our efforts on the most fragile part of the watershed and those areas that most directly impact surface water collection and aquifer recharge. The East Maui Watershed Partnership primarily accomplishes these goals through underground natural resource management. We have a crew of guys out there doing that every single week and most of our field sites are accessible by helicopter only. So, staff members often camp out for three or four nights away from their homes and family and East Maui's crew is often the only people who spend any time on the ground in many of the areas that we work. So, we feel strong responsibility to maintain the integrity of the most productive parts of the watershed and the native forests that make it up. The main threats that we focus on are keeping feral animals outside of fenced areas and strategic control of invasive weed species with the most potential to disrupt the watershed. The grants program also helps fund a part-time education and outreach program, which instills respect and understanding of the watershed's function to the next generation of environmentalists through classroom visits, volunteer planting of native trees and hikes into the native forests for school groups. We are extremely grateful for the forethought focus on sustainability and planning that it takes for the Department of Water Supply and the whole County government to devote a meaningful portion of their budget to protection of the mauka watersheds. And with your continued support of the DWS Grants Program, we will do our part to have as much water as possible to be able to deliver to this generation and to the future generations of the community.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Mahalo, Mr. Eisenberg. Any questions, Councilmembers? Councilmember Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Daniel, for being here. Just one question. Have you seen a reduction or an increase in invasive species, including plants that are there in the upper regions of the kuahiwi?

MR. EISENBERG: I would say that generally the trend is a little bit discouraging that, you know, some of these species are often do get worse with time and but in the specific project sites where we've controlled. . .where we focus control efforts and prioritize, we've seen dramatic reductions in the weed species and were more of a maintenance schedule of most of those projects. In addition to that, I would just add that part of our management plan is to be supportive of development of safe biological controls because of some of the invasive species because on a real large landscaped scale that our partnership likes to focus and, you know, check in with its probably the only real solution for a long-term downward trend of some of these species and also avoids as much dependence on chemical control of weed species.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Mr. Sinenci. Councilmember Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Now, first, thank you for your organization's good work. My question now because my colleague intrigued my thoughts what I read recently regarding invasive species plants and part of the cause

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is from invasive species animals like birds and that they tend I guess not to eat our native plants or they don't tend to spread native seeds in our forests and other areas and, instead they eat invasive seeds and they spread invasive seeds into our watersheds and aquifer areas. So, in your experience of your work and your colleagues, is that a pretty accurate component and it impacts the progress of us regarding mitigation and eradication?

MR. EISENBERG: You're asking specifically about dispersal of invasive weeds by birds?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: By invasive bird --

MR. EISENBERG: Invasive non-native birds.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --species.

MR. EISENBERG: Yes. Yeah, definitely. It depends on the dispersal of the invasive weeds depends a lot on just the biology of the plant, the size, you know, the physical size of the seeds some of them most problematic species when dispersed with really small, tiny seeds like grasses, pampas grass, for example. But some of the most aggressive weeds are in this family of melastomes, which includes miconia but there's also a handful of different melastomes like clidemia and tibouchina that we deal with a lot out there. And yet those are bird dispersal is one of the main ways that those get around, which also applies to the Himalayan ginger, that is one of our top priorities out there. So, yes, they're a big problem.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, my follow-up, Chair...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Should we put in any monies to get rid of these invasive species, which is the birds?

MR. EISENBERG: It's a good consideration. I don't have, you know, I'm familiar . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You know, we've invested millions in this County already.

MR. EISENBERG: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You have, I guess, done good work to try and maintain it, mitigate it, and of course, would appreciate it to be eradicated. But if we're not taking care of one of those components that keep spreading the seeds, which is the animal component -- the invasive birds and whatnot, should we not try to take care of that component too?

MR. EISENBERG: I think that we should, but we should . . . the feasibility is a big issue on that. I know that, I mean, I'm thinking for example the small scale rodent control on some little islets around and you hear about like the multiple years and the type of

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amount of money that go into that scale of eradication to carry that out on birds while avoiding non-target impacts, you know, some of the very rarest birds in the entire world live in this area as well. And so, from a feasibility standpoint . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Our precious birds, our native birds are indigenous birds are not going to survive if the invasive species keep spreading.

MR. EISENBERG: Yeah. Yeah, no, I think it's a good point. It's worthy of serious consideration. The feasibility of that large of a scale of wildlife control I think is. . . it would, you know, it would take some very serious consideration. It's a very, very big project but . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, I'm glad you guys at least thinking. You know --

MR. EISENBERG: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --we need to think about it.

MR. EISENBERG: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And see if there's ways we can try and address it. So, I appreciate your comments.

MR. EISENBERG: Yeah. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Another question, Councilmember Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. I may have missed it but how much do you get from the County?

MR. EISENBERG: Yeah, no, I didn't mention a figure. In Fiscal Year '19 we got \$330,000 for the East Maui Watershed Partnership. In FY '20, I haven't gotten any kind of notification of a preliminary amount. But the overall grants program is \$2.6 million. And it's my understanding that the Department of Water Supply takes that overall amount and, through the competitive grants program, distributes it to the applicants.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So, we have here in the book, 550,000; so, of that, you got 330,000?

MR. EISENBERG: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I see. Any other grants?

MR. EISENBERG: Not from the County of Maui.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Councilmember Lee. It's showing that the requested amount for Fiscal Year 2020 for East Maui Watershed Protection is 550,000 total but that's not, that's other programs as well as yours.

MR. EISENBERG: My understanding is that that's some of East Maui Watershed Partnerships' portion of that and the Nature Conservancy.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And they don't have a separate line...

MR. EISENBERG: I think it shows \$550,000 for FY '18 as well and we definitely didn't receive that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. All right. Okay, seeing no other questions . . . did you have a question? Question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. Nice seeing you here and outside of the Upcountry Farmers' Market. I see you always working there. So, one of the discussions that we've heard from Hana was the concern about miconia. And you're the East Maui Watershed, so what is that like from your perspective in terms of how does MISC work with you in terms of protecting our watersheds?

MR. EISENBERG: Yeah, so. . . good question. So, we work very closely with MISC. The most general way that I described the difference is that they're—and I think they would agree with this—is that they're species focused where we're more geographic focused. And so, there's at least, oh, there's multiple . . . I can come up with a handful of their target species that exist in East Maui, one of them being miconia, one of the most important ones being miconia. Because that's a MISC target, they take the lead on the planning and control efforts for miconia. We're fortunate that the geographic emphasis of the highest-priority watershed areas that we work in is generally above Maui's current miconia infestation. So, when we're walking around in most of our typical project areas checking fences, we're not passing miconia. It hasn't become a problem up there. I don't know, I mean, I don't know the exact elevational limit of miconia. I imagine that it probably, if left completely unchecked, I'm certain that it could become a problem in these highest-priority watershed areas where we work, but we don't typically see or have to deal with miconia in the mauka areas that we work.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: One last question. Member Sinenci has spoken about possibly putting in some money for helicopter service with MISC. And do you work together in terms of maybe . . . sharing I think the helicopter services are a huge cost but a necessary service. So, I wondered if you work together with MISC on that in terms of East Maui?

MR. EISENBERG: Yes, yes. We definitely do. We, I guess I would say like most . . . like a very concrete example is just next week our crew is . . . some members of our staff are going out with members of the MISC staff to do . . . one of our staff members just got

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his unmanned aerial vehicle drone pilot's license and there's people at MISC that already have one so they wanted to . . . they want to familiarize my staff member with the systems and kind of get a sense of how we can . . . how it can benefit us. And during that day, EMWP is going to, like, fund this trip out there but they will be looking for pampas grass at the same time as we're checking our fence line with the drone and we're looking for some of our target species that are not necessarily MISC target species. So, we do that stuff all the time. At the same time, we're also every time that we're getting transported in and out of the field we're searching for things, we're always surveying, and we have spotted miconia and pampas grass in places that we know MISC would like to know. We convey that information immediately. Same thing goes with rapid ohia death that Alison mentioned it's all these like bigger communal things we're all working at all the time. So, whether it's our staff on the ground together like that first example or just the sharing of information while any time we're all up in the air, we've got a good community of similar projects with slightly different priorities and mandates and we all work together.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Mr. Eisenberg. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you for being here.

MR. EISENBERG: All right. Thanks for all the time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, our last testifier signed up in the Chamber is Mike Moran testifying on behalf of Kihei Community Association.

MR. MORAN: Aloha, Chair King and Members. Mike Moran for the Kihei Community Association. Appreciate the opportunity to address you this afternoon. First, we want to state our opposition to the proposed ludicrous 12 cent per gallon tax on biodiesel. It would take the entire time allotment to list all the reasons, so briefly: reduce carbon, recycles waste, supports local business, reduces importation and much, much more. We say mahalo for your expressed agreement for our ask for security at Kalama Park. Mahalo for the support of some sidewalks in Kihei and for any and all actions to get the North-South Collector Road constructed. Please, enough with the recurrent design plans and expense. Next, we'd like to take a holistic view of the concerns centered in North Kihei surrounding the Kulanihakoi River area. Starting with the bridge that crosses it on South Kihei Road. The Department of Public Works advised for years that what is there now is a temporary structure placed on a crumbling foundation. Five years and a million dollars were wasted on a now abandoned plan. Experts agree, one significant storm could bring it down, closing South Kihei Road at Kaonoulu. There is no plan for the needed portion of the North-South Collector Road running south from Kaonoulu until perhaps 2025. Good planning could install a drop-in pre-fab bridge in place quickly and efficiently. This was all addressed right in this room at the IEM Committee meeting back on May 14th of 2018 under Item 43. One week after that meeting, the Department of Public Works revealed their plan would not work after five years. Another item is the land purchase of the land

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extending mauka from South Kihei Road to the North-South Collector Road corridor to keep it in Open Space. KCA has called for this for several years but it was rejected by the prior Administration. There were six residential projects surrounding this land. We suggested to the owners that they talk to the reps of the two HOAs and the four AOAOs as well as the Kula Makai Moku. While we speak for none of them, it is our understanding that all seven entities agreed on Open Space. Please negotiate for a reasonable purchase price. And the third piece of the puzzle is at our upcoming open meeting to the public on May 21st, the rep of EcoSolutions, Amanda Cording, will present the alternative low-impact design for the Kihei Master Drainage Plan for this gulch as contracted with the Department of Public Works. So, we ask you to please consider these items in your budget this year. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Mr. Moran. Any questions, Councilmembers? I have a question, Mr. Moran. Thanks for being here.

MR. MORAN: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, for Amanda Cording's I know she's—her consultation was proviso'd for this current budget—is she coming up with an actual plan for that gulch area?

MR. MORAN: That is our understanding. When Public Works revealed their draft plan perhaps about a year ago at a public meeting—we attended that, and it was done in Kihei--and I think it's fair to say that every person that attended that commented on it was distressed by the plan of concreting all these gulches. So, we went to the Department and suggested that they meet with Amanda Cording because we had seen the work she had done at the Makena Resort and said, why don't you talk to somebody that does low impact and see if you can negotiate some sort of a project? And we talked to her as well and she said, she wasn't equipped to take on the whole project but this is the largest gulch which seems to have the most effect and she could take on that one, that one gulch. So, that's our understanding. We asked her if she could present to us and she said the Department said it would have to come out in May so if we could do it at the May meeting, and she is coordinating because there was some scheduling challenges with the Department whether they could be here for that meeting but they apparently have worked that out. So, she's going to present something and the Department is going to be there; I'm not sure if they are going to present something as well.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. So, we won't know till after this budget. Okay. Thank you.

MR. MORAN: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Any more questions, Councilmembers? Seeing none.

MR. MORAN: Thank you.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you so much for your testimony. Okay. Committee Members, we are going to go into a brief recess because I don't have any further instructions from our Committee Chair beyond testimony. So, we'll go into recess until. . .well, let's see I don't want to say call of the Chair because the Chair isn't here. So, let's say a 15-minute recess. Is that . . . have you heard from our Chair, Ms. Matthews? Okay, I'll just call a 15-minute recess from 12:35.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yes, Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, sorry, will we be closing public testimony at this point?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, I'm sorry, yes. Are there any objections to closing public testimony?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Public testimony is closed.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: And let's return at 12:50. Okay. In recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 12:37 p.m.

RECONVENE: 12:59 p.m.

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 12:59, one o'clock on April 16. Okay, Members, following the model of our CIP review, we will begin our deliberations on Department Operations today by starting with Parks . . . with the Parks Department Administration Program on Page 438 of your Budget narrative. As a reminder, we will skip the department's summaries for each department because the same information is broken down within each department's various programs. I will ask each Councilmember if they have any changes within the program. If you have an adjustment or question that you'd like to make, you'll point out which object description you're referencing, such as 1) Salaries and Wages; 2) Operations; 3) Countywide expenditures; 4) Equipment; 5) Equivalent personnel summary, and propose your amendment. We will follow the same consensus/revisit process and take up any issues that don't have consensus during decision week by a majority vote. If you have questions that you want to ask the Department, you will have a chance to do so after our Council review. After our review of each program within the Department's Operations budget, I will invite the Department, oh, she already joined us on the floor,

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and will ask them to answer the questions that were previously sent to them by this body, which we didn't receive a response to yet. After they have been all asked and answered, you will each take turns asking any remaining questions that you may have, which are operations related. We'll have our CIP review on the 22nd, our revisits on the 22nd. Every member will have seven minutes to ask questions so please prioritize the most important ones, those that are imperative to your decision-making for this budget. Questions relating to policy or future legislation you are considering introducing can be worked on after Budget. Right now, your questions should be budget-related only. We will be using the Council timer to be fair. We have a lot to cover today and may need to work on, may need to work a little later tonight to stay caught up. As I mentioned, that was the tradeoff of having departments on the floor. Lunch, early dinner break will at 2:30 to 4:00. So, please use that time to fill up on food and get ready to power through as much as we can. So, just to clarify a little further so as not to take up the seven minutes of each Councilmember I'll ask the questions that you had previously submitted to OCS for transmittal to the Department that wasn't responded to. And then you'll have an opportunity to then follow up on the question or ask additional questions. And then that way, it doesn't take up your seven minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And how many minutes do you have?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seven. Or maybe less. Okay. So, are there any questions on how we're going to proceed with this? Not yet.

VICE-CHAIR KING: We don't want to use up our seven minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair, question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And we spoke with the Department so they know to be concise and to answer your question, you know, get to the point and answer your question. And Ms. Peters is really good at that so it's a good first start with our departments. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, the order of the departments that we will see today is what is on the calendar?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Is that what you're going by?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. So, Parks and then Water then Management then Personnel, and then Mayor and then we just added Fire. . .they have. . .the Fire Department has a Commission meeting on the day that I had asked them to join us. So, we rescheduled them to today. And . . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Auditor?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If we, yeah, so if we have time, we'll get to the Auditor.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: OCS --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Clerk and OCS.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --and County Clerk.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And the new time to end is 11 o'clock tonight versus . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Unless we're more efficient.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It was 7:00, right, 7:00 p.m. was the first calendar. So now we're at 11 o'clock ending time for tonight, possibly.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Possibly.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, I just want to be clear, is Waiehu Golf Course Operations or something else?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's listed as a Program.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, that's. . .we don't get to ask questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, you get to ask questions. Yeah, it's one of the programs.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I wanted Operations versus Program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, CIPs.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, yeah. So the Waiehu Golf Course is a program part of the Operations budget and so . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can you give me a question that we're not supposed to ask? A sample.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will a proviso for a speed table on Makawao Avenue fit in the budget?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I would never ask that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Mahalo for your willingness.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sample . . . go through it.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Here we go. Okay, we're going to start on Pag 438. And so, just like the CIPs, I'll start off with Member Sinenci and then work our way down, and then I'll take turns, you know, going to Member . . . starting with Member Kama and then working our way down. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And only for Page 438, right, or are you saying . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For the Administration Program of the Parks Department.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Page 438, Parks and Recreation Administration Program. Member Sinenci?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I thought you were going...Were you going to start off with reading the questions and answers that we've already . . . I thought you were going to read those.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're going to review as a body first because as we saw with the CIP review, a lot of our questions had already been answered in the responses that we received back from the departments. So, if we can get a lot of those questions and concerns addressed first, then it will limit the amount of questions.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, you want us to go over the questions that we've already asked and what their responses were? I'm not clear what we're doing, I guess.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, if there are additional questions that you have regarding any of the Operations budget that haven't been asked --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and answered. Because if the question was answered and you don't have a follow-up, I'm assuming that your answer. . .your question was

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addressed sufficiently. If not, I'm assuming that you would have follow-up questions to the response that was given by the Department.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, you want us to think of different questions or follow-up questions right now?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I guess I misunderstood you. I thought you were going to go over all the responses that were given so that we would all know everybody. . .the answers to everybody's questions. And then we would know if we had additional questions. But you want us to just. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I was assuming that everyone did that already.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The data base of questions so then you would look for your question and then you would see if there is a response. And if there was a response, then I'm assuming. . .if it wasn't sufficiently addressed, then when it's time to ask questions of the Department, it's going to be one that I would ask or if it wasn't answered, then I would ask that question. If it wasn't sufficiently answered, then I'm assuming there would either be a follow-up, or you didn't answer this question that time.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Because I think we all went over the questions that we asked and the responses, but we don't know what each other asked that might have already been answered as well. So, but I guess we'll just start and see how it goes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair? Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee and then Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, no, Madam Chair, so I presume this is just the time to clarify what we're. . .the responses that were given to us. That's what some of my questions are just to clarify the written responses. So, to me, yeah, let's just go ahead and try it out and see how it goes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, so, the great experiment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I was going to say that since I didn't have any questions, it's pretty hard to follow up. I'm just making that comment. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So I was hoping everyone would review everyone's questions because there were some questions that I thought were good questions that I didn't think of. So, thank you, Members, for asking those questions 'cause they were really helpful. Okay. Here we go. We're going to test this out. Ready? Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. On Page 438, under Services and my question was the change amount from 2019 to 2020 in the amount of 97,000 under Services. And my question was, it looks like it was pretty consistent throughout the years and then a 2020 increase and I just wanted to know what was the cause of that increase.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Yeah, so Ms. Peters is also here so she'll also be preparing for responses to your questions.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And so that response was not covered in the following page where it kind of explains the expansion request. Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Do we start the seven minutes now?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. We're going to review, we're going to do our own review, which isn't timed and then after our own review then we'll ask questions of the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Nah, I'll go ahead and pass at this time. So, this is just...in terms, we're talking about the Parks Department review...no, I got my response from Parks, but I do have some questions about their responses.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, perfect.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, we'll do that after this initial go around?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You know I'm still confused yeah. Anyway, I wanted to ask some questions on the Waiehu Golf Course, but I can wait.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That will be the third program. Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Let me try following up on a couple of my memo of April 16th to Parks and Rec. And I just wanted to address my first concern, which are the towing charges that we have in Parks and Rec. for potential. . .and their answer to me was, potential vehicles that were possibly not determined to be abandoned by DEM but are still impacting our facilities. So, just wanted to make sure that we're coordinating the efforts with DEM. I don't understand why we need extra dollars in Parks and Rec. for this because there is an incredible amount of money in DEM for towing vehicles. So, maybe we could look there and just proviso that 50,000. I did have issue. . .I did have a question that arose after the Kihei Community Budget session about what it would. . .what the Parks Department might need as far as planning to take possession of the Kulanihakoi Gulch area, that greenway. We were calling it a greenway, now it's being called a gulch. It's somewhere in between but, you know, if we do, if we are able to negotiate a good price on that and get it paid for out of Open Space, what would the expense be for Parks Department to acquire that? Or do you prefer to have it under Public Works as a gulch because there's a plan to build a park there that comes with it. And then the last one was a new question as well is that, do we have all of our anticipated costs for the new gymnasium accounted for in the budget or is there more to come that we should be looking at to complete that project?

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate this. You're testing our brains trying... Again, you know, we always can learn, Chair. We can try something new; I'm for that and, you know, we'll see how it goes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, under the Admin. Program, what I would ask the Department at this time, because I have been receiving a lot of calls as it regards to the Lahaina Banyan Tree area, so, would that be under your Admin. Program since on Page 440 of our narrative you list a program and grantees and a proposed funding request? So, I'm just wondering is this where that program would be or that would be in another component of your budget, Director?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're going to ask questions of the Department after we do our review. The Council is going to --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --do a review of the four programs within Parks and then we're going to open up the floor to Ms. Peters to answer our questions.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so, she's jotting down all of your questions now.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. So, that would be one. You just want Admin. at this time, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Then that's all I have at this time for Admin. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Let me know if it's not an acceptable question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, my question to also in regards to the Banyan Tree is—I see the grant to Lahaina Restoration Foundation--how much money are they bringing in from the vendors? And if that's not enough to sustain them that we also have to do 191,000. It seems kind of pricey because I don't know what the charge is to the vendors and what the profit margin is and like that. Also, I see the paving of the parking lot at DT Flemings. Just wondering about the shower drainage being a recurring theme, as long as I've lived here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, is that under the Administration Program?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I got it on the answers here, PR-5.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That would be a CIP and we'll do those questions on the 22nd.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. How's about tree trimming? Is that Administration or Parks Program?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It would fall under the other program.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, we're going to do the Administration program first --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and then we'll do the, yeah, so. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think that's it for the Administration.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Actually, I have CIP and as you know with my Kula playground. And on this section, I don't really have any questions. I did notice what Member Sinenci did also about that 248 percent increase for Services, and I just was wondering if the Department could expand upon that at the appropriate time, Chair? So, I'm fine, actually.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I'll see if I got this right. So, under the Administration, I just had couple of questions. So, tell me if this belongs somewhere else or not even on the agenda, which we're adhering to today. So, under Key Activity – Goals and Measures, Goal No. 1, the Objective No. 1, if the objective is to promote and maintain a safe work environment, why isn't the measure of success the number of worker compensation claims filed by Department employees with the expectation that the number per 100 employees would drop as a result of the safety improvements?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That's on Page 436?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I was trying to stick to your 438 but I'm not even sure if that's where it's from.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the Key Activity Goals and Measures --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --are on 436 for Administration?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thirty-six, yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 436.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, I was trying to figure out why we were on 438 so I wasn't sure. But, uh, take the risk.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. If that's going to help with you deciding the Salaries and Wages --

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Operations, Equipment, and Program costs.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, I have another one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, under Key Activity, Goals, and Measures, Permit and Enforcement Section, Goal 1, Objective 1, if the objective is to create an efficient and effective permitting process, why isn't the measure of success some measure of the waiting time for customers requesting a permit or the relationship between the volume of permits processed and the time needed to process them?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Those are your two?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll move on to the next program, which is Parks Program. And we'll go to Page 445 and we'll start with Member Kama and then we'll work our way back down. So, that's going to be the Parks and Rec. Parks Program. Salaries and Wages, Operations, Equipment Program.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. So, part of the increase is the transfer of one E/P Planner VI, to Administration Program. The Department's response in PR-6 to our questions about this transfer indicates that a proposal . . . that a proposed reorganization did not work because the Planner VI could not be supervised by the Chief of Planning in the Planning Program. Who's supervising the Planner VI now? And how is the Planner's work coordinated with other planning work in the Department?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And so, if I can just continue under Operations? Under the Services, \$40,000 of additional funding is being requested for a new permit software. How much of the new permit software has been completed and why is additional funding needed?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Are those all your questions? Mahalo. Okay. Member Sugimura?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I have no questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I guess I have questions about tree trimming, if we still have an Arborist in Parks or how that works. I think from what I recall, the coconut trees are every six months, and if we are able to keep up with that schedule. And also, like, you know, how often do all the parks' trees get assessed? There's a few overhanging trees at Napili Park that look like they could do damage if they . . . when it's windy. Was wondering why we have two less BMR, it looks like. 'Cause usually they're pretty busy. And the Parks Beautification Manager, just wondering if they . . . if, like, that's the kind of guy that goes to all the parks and checks 'em out and sees if they're good, and if that one guy goes to all the districts within the County and all the parks within the County? We have plenty parks that could use a little beautification. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Again, Chair, thank you. I would ask the Department if . . . what part of the budget would the Department place revenues such as Maui Invitational Tournament? And regarding the . . . did I bring up the Banyan tree yet? Okay, I brought up the Banyan tree, that. And, is under Administration, also would be your mission to finish the rules regarding concessions, is that part of Administration or would you place that in another program area? Would be my questions, Chair. Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I guess, I'm looking at this . . . you gave us a report on the park assessment fees and the encumbrances by district. I know the park assessment fees are supposed to be used for new projects and I'm looking at the South Maui and most of them appear to be improvements or repair and maintenance, which I think is not the correct use of this fund. So, parking lot improvements, two separate parking lot improvements . . . well, it looks like the same amount twice improvements to Mai Poina Park Master Plan Update, Kamaole Point Pavilion, which I'm not sure what they did there. Actually, there's no money in that one. So, somehow the . . . and I know you weren't the head of this Department, but somehow . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King, it sounds like those are CIPs.

VICE-CHAIR KING: But this fund is part of their response and this fund is . . . these are the park assessment fees that we get to do different projects outside of, you know, this is outside of Bond Fund and everything. But it's supposed to be used for new projects so. . .

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, those are CIP projects?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I don't think they are. I don't think . . . I don't know. Are they all CIPs? Okay. So, then I'll just throw this back into the other . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, we'll review those on the 22nd, the CIPs. And so for now we're doing the Operating Budget.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And we're on the Parks Program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Lee? I know you've got a ton of questions.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, can I ask about Waiehu now? Not yet?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Next program. Next program.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, next program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, it's in this one too? Oh, okay. So, it's in this one and it has its own program. Oh, you combined it. Okay. All right. I stand corrected. You can.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, thank you. Thank you. Okay. I'm assuming that there are no--I can't find it--but there are no proposed fee increases for Waiehu Golf Course? No. Good. Okay. My other question is, does somebody, either the Superintendent or the Director or Deputy Director, in your Department analyze the number of rounds and the breakdown of who's playing and the drop-in rounds per year, et cetera? Because my quick analysis of this sort of spreadsheet that you gave us shows that the course is becoming like a retiree, yeah. It seems to attract mostly retirees. And, I don't know, it's getting to a point where—I guess I can't ask the question on CIPs—but does somebody sit down and analyze the breakdown of who's playing? And we've seen an incredible drop in play from 2018 to 2019 and I know that you're redoing the greens on the back nine, yeah, but that's a tremendous drop. And then you're actually, for 2020, you're estimating an increase even though you're doing the front nine? Or am I not looking at the right numbers?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're collecting all your questions and then we'll have Ms. Peters answer --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the questions.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Mahalo, Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, point of clarification, please?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, we're already in the Parks Program area?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're on the second program and that's the Parks Program.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Oh, okay. I would ask for a . . . later ask a question. I thought we were just finishing up Admin. So, at the appropriate time, Chair, I would just ask for an opportunity to ask a question in Parks Program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for everyone's willingness to do this together. Experiment. It's a hybrid so we're trying to be efficient. Okay. Member Lee, were those all your questions for the Parks Program?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mine would be Page 447 under Program if that's an appropriate time to ask these questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: We'll have the Department respond immediately after I ask my question, or we'll just throw the question and then at a later point they'll respond orally?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: After our review of the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Then we're going to ask . . . have Parks respond to our questions.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: All one time, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Relates to 6031, all those 6031 Codes related to Repairs & Maintenance, it looks like a reduction as a transfer from Parks Programs basically, just want to know why and, you know, if these items are going to go to Recreation & Support Services Program. And if so, the purpose of this change or transfer. Members, look at Page 6031. And then if you look at the very bottom of Services, there were two, I guess . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, Member Molina, what page was that on?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Page 447.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Four-four-seven, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 6031 – Repairs & Maintenance Supplies. Got it.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And then one more question on that same page for R&M Services – 6138, both items just want an explanation for that. Doesn't seem to have any specific details. And that's it for that. Okay. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Under Parks Program, Page 445, Expenditure Summary by character and object under Utilities so just looking at the increase in Utilities from 2019 – 42,077 to 251,922. And on Page 447, a continuation budget changes under Other Premium Pay, Items 5250, the lump sum payments of 20,000 and 15,000. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair, for your guidance. My question for the Department to respond to would be under the equivalent personnel components so under Parks Planning and Development, what would be the impact if I delete 92,554? And under the Golf Course Program, what would be your comments in the impact regarding a reduction of 64,476? Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. It feels like we're getting into the groove now, yeah? Did you have a question on the Parks Program?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, equivalent personnel there's an increase of 19.4 E/Ps and I just wondered if they could just explain. I think it goes through . . . we don't have to go through 74 people but just the impact of the changes that were made and maybe what sections --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --and explain. It's kind of lots.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Ready? We'll go through the next program which is Recreation & Support Services Program. And that started on Page 452. And we'll start with Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. On 4. . . Page 452, under Expenditure Summary, Operations Materials and Supplies – the change from 1,108,429 to 65.1 increase to 1,830,401. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair, no questions on 452.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. 452, 453, 454 – so all the Recreation & Support Services Program? Okay. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: No questions on this but I did miss one on the previous one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Can I just go through that? The question I had about the 80,000 for the Parks Beautification leased equipment is and that was . . . the answer given is \$80,000 per year for the annual lease. So, I just wondered if we're going to own that at some point and why is it better to lease for 80,000 a year than to buy that piece of equipment? So sorry that was a little late, but it was answered but then the follow-up is, why are we doing it?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Got it. And that was under the Parks Program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, that's equipment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I don't have any questions on this program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Madam Chair. My question for the Department, this program area would be regarding utilities, especially with the electricity. 456, the additional request as it regards to electricity, Chair, again, I'm making an assumption that with these new facilities we've tried to install the best energy saving devices as well as, I mean, with solar panels to reduce a fossil fuel generation needs. And so, if the Department can give us some comment and response as its best to the utilities since that is always a very large expense. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I have some questions. You know when it says Park Caretaker, how do we . . . how do we decide how the caretakers are distributed amongst the districts and how much each caretaker is responsible for given the acreage of parks? And is that like a formula that you have to know when you need an expansion of a Park Caretaker position? If you take into the PALS . . . take into consideration when you're hiring PALS Program staff if they `olelo Hawaii as part of the helpful requirements? How you folks dispose of your vehicles if they're traded in? How do you ensure that you get more than \$10.00 for a running vehicle? How do you decide when to use Ka Lima O Maui or to use our current caretakers? And . . . I think that's it. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, on Page 458, where it talks about the PALS, it's a grant award, summary of grant award which is Play and Learn Sessions, PALS, food service program – it was at 200,000 and it went down to 220, I'm sorry, went down to 100,000 in 2020 so just curious why. I think it's a . . . they provide a valuable service. So, thank you. That's all.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, under the Operations Materials & Supplies, the budget increase is \$721,972 and the explanation given is that this budget is being transferred from the Parks Program. So, the Parks Program for this item is only being reduced by \$412,125. So, my question is, where is the additional \$309,847 being transferred from? And that's all, Chair. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And that is the last program of the Parks Department. Oh, Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Sorry, Chair. Could I add one more? On Page 458, and taking Member Sugimura's lead, right below the Play and Learn Sessions I noticed that for this year the Recreation Programs was defunded. So, I just wanted to ask that question of the Director, please. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Got it. Okay. Okay. Ms. Peters, you ready for the questions? So, I'll start with the questions that was sent to the Department and if you could respond to those questions. Okay. So, PR-7 asks—and this is relating to expansion request for safety supplies--please provide the policy relating to the use of protected eye wear, protective eye wear.

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. I apologize that this response did not reach you yet, but it is on its way. So, the Department has a personal protective equipment, which we refer to the acronym PPE Safety Program. And in that Safety Program, it states, employees must use proper eye and/or face protection when exposed to hazards from flying particles, liquid chemicals, chemical gases or vapors. Certified eye protection such as safety glasses, safety goggles, and safety face shields must be in compliance with the ANSI Standard for face and eye protection. And that ANSI reference number is Z, as in zebra, 87.1.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. Regarding safety supplies, please provide documentation—okay, and that's on its way—it's documentation of actual expenditures and increase in the number of employees required to wear protective gear.

MS. PETERS: Chair, I can briefly answer that for you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Go ahead. Thank you.

MS. PETERS: So, the increase is in the number of employees required to wear their PPE is for Fiscal Year '19 is 21, and this number reflects all new hires that are required to wear their PPE and this needs to be provided upon the date of their hire.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. PETERS: So, the actual expenditure to date for PPE is \$84,930 and we do have a checklist that I will provide to you that incorporates all the PPE that all new hires are required to have based on their position.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Just to follow-up on that. The question was actually about the increase in number of employees. So, do you have a number of how many we had last year versus this year?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair King, so the increase is based on the new hires. So, it's not a FTE increase in the fiscal year. It's whenever we get a vacancy and we have new hires we have to provide them with this list of PPE. And so, the increase is actually . . . there were 21 additional employees who needed the whole list of PPE in Fiscal Year '19.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: And then it's reviewed annually so the employees have a checklist that they review and if . . . per the UPW collective bargaining agreement they are allowed to have two pairs of a safety toe shoes and that is on a bid list with the . . . and procured through Purchasing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, what's the total number of people?

MS. PETERS: Oh, I'm sorry, the total number of employees required to wear it, is that the question? Okay. So, the total number of employees is 254.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for the clarification on this question on PR-7, Chair King. Okay. So, PR-7, a number of questions. Please provide the vendor and selection process for protective eye wear vendor. Okay, and that will be coming. Please provide the policy relating to Countywide towing for the Abandoned Vehicle Program?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so the Abandoned Vehicle Program is administered out of the Department of Environmental Management and we work in coordination with them by utilizing their process of what we do or what the increase for in the towing charges was. If funded, we would utilize the County procurement process to identify viable towing vendors and for the items or vehicles that are not determined to be abandoned per the Department of Environmental Management policy. So, these types of vehicles that we would need to move before . . . within a 48-hour timeframe would be those that are impacting our parks, hence, requiring this immediate action. And some of these examples would be those vehicles impeding ingress or egress. So if those right at our gates that we want to open up in the morning and they have abandoned vehicles in front of them blocking the entrance, those parked in loading zones or accessible stalls, so we have to make sure that we can clear those out right away. And then those just left in the park throughout a duration of more than 48 hours which

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are attracting litter, waste and just some disorderly conduct that we don't want behavior within our parks, it's more of a safety issue.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, that was one of my questions that was in . . . the answer was in PR-6 at the beginning. But that was my concern about why we're not utilizing the EM or just call a towing company. Let the owner of the car pay for it. Anyway, that's for later.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. So, relating to that, in line with that same question about the Countywide towing abandoned vehicle program, please provide the selection process for towing vendors and an indication of whether it is an ongoing project or a new proposal.

MS. PETERS: Chair, so, again, we utilize the County procurement process in the selection of the vendor and this is a new proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo for that very concise response. Okay. So, the next questions are all related to the expansion request for the Professional Services, and that was something that both Member Sinenci and Member Sugimura had asked earlier. So, the project description, the project justification, the estimated total cost, spending to date on the project, the estimated completion date for the Professional Services. So, those are all from PR-7.

MS. PETERS: Okay. Thank you, Chair. So, this is a new proposal. This request is for obtaining Professional Services to assist with a needs assessment and identification of the requirements for a new permit software system for the Department. The scope of work would include identifying opportunities to streamline the current process, review of the workflow processes, integration of all IT and Department of Finance requirements, effective date of migration, and project management throughout the selection and implementation process. The project justification is streamlining of the permit process is one of the priorities identified in the Department's strategic planning. The current permitting system is not suitable for use in the Countywide initiative of iNovah. We are also in need of new software that fits our operational needs while allowing for additional benefits to the community. Some of these benefits are credit card processing, on-line booking of camping permits, and uploading of documents by applicants working to complete a special event permit into a secure client portal. And the estimated total cost as reflected in the Fiscal Year '20 proposal is \$40,000. We did work with IT on getting some of those numbers. Spending to date on the project, they're having no funds expended to date on this project, and the estimated completion would be first quarter of Fiscal Year '21.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. I hope that helped to answer our Members' question regarding that increase. Okay. So, again, from PR-7, and these are regarding contractual services for Molokai refuse and portable toilet services. An indication of whether it is an ongoing project or new proposal, the project description,

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the project justification, the estimated total, spending to date on the project, the estimated completion date.

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. So, this is a new proposal for the Molokai District's refuse and portable toilet rental and servicing contract. So, the project description is contractual services to include the monthly rental servicing of refuse containers and portable toilets for various parks within the Molokai District. The project justification is the refuse containers are located in various parks and utilized by maintenance staff on a daily basis to discard all debris after daily maintenance. The portable toilets are located in, also in various parks, that do not have a comfort station and also utilized in the event a comfort station is under repair and not available for public use. The estimated total cost of this contract for Fiscal Year 2020 is, for Molokai, \$78,000. The remaining request is to cover the estimated 3 percent increase of the total cost of the Department-wide contract. Spending to date on the project, the Molokai District has not been included in the Department-wide contract that was initiated in Fiscal Year '18 in efforts to consolidate services into one contract. The funding for these services have been historically absorbed by the Recreation and Support Services budget, Program budget, and the estimated completion date, should this be funded, would be at the end of the fiscal. So, Chair, I'd just like to expand a little bit on that. In doing more research into the Rec. & Support Program for this portable toilet and trash or refuse containers, we will be looking at this in a holistic approach because in looking at it I believe that there are items that we can consolidate. What is important is that we look at including Molokai into the current contract so that we can take advantage of competitive bids. Right now, they're just going out monthly and, you know, procuring, using the procurement guidelines to get the vendor to provide this service. In just taking a look at this whole program, we will definitely be assessing and, you know, maybe possibly condensing what we need and what we don't need. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. So, the next question is from PR-7 is relating to the expansion request for electricity. And so kind of go to Member Hokama's question, an indication of whether it is an ongoing project or a new proposal, the project description, the project justification, the estimated total cost, spending to date, and the estimated completion date.

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. So, this is a new proposal. The project description is, it's an expansion request for anticipated electrical cost for the new South Maui Community Park Gymnasium. Justification is that the new gym will require additional funding to cover electrical cost associated with its operation. The estimated total cost for this proposal is \$157,500. There has been no spending to date on this project. The gym is currently under construction. And the estimated completion date for the gym is August of this year. I'd like to just also expand on Member Hokama's question. So, all systems included in the gymnasium are energy efficient, the AC lighting, installation, and low-flow plumbing fixtures have been included in the design.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, may I ask a follow-up, please?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Is part of the contractor's construction requirements to also install solar panels or other alternate energy-type of saving devices?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Yes, Member Hokama. And so they did take into consideration what was needed out there and so they did install those PV panels.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. 'Cause I think we all can agree so Maui has a lot of sunshine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Especially South Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, no, thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Director.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. Going to questions from PR-8. Please provide the cost breakdown, time schedule, and estimated project completion date for the Kula Park playground. Oh, that's going to be CIP, yeah? Okay. Please provide a breakdown of Parks security officers by assigned location. Why are there six park security officers assigned to War Memorial Gym?

MS. PETERS: Chair? Thank you. So, the park security officers are based out of the War Memorial Gymnasium complex, as this is the location for the main office and where their vehicle and equipment are housed. However, the park security officers work islandwide during each shift based on calls for assistance received as well as daily operational assignments such as clearing parks, serving notices and locking gates. So, although on the vacancy report it does show that they are at War Memorial Complex, that's kind of like their baseyard, you know, station that they report to.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. I'll let you. . .let everyone follow-up with their questions during their seven minutes. And that was a question from Member Paltin and this is also a question from Member Paltin on PR-9. Please explain why annual employee performance evaluations are not included as a key goal of the Department?

MS. PETERS: Chair? So, the annual performance evals were included as a key goal in Fiscal Year 2018 and removed in Fiscal Year 2019 as well as '20 due to the lack of

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tracking of these evaluations and inaccurate success measurements. The Department has since placed a priority on the completion of the annual performance evaluations and has built a better tracking system as well as implementing training for supervisory personnel who did not know how to perform these evaluations. Although not identified in a key goal in Fiscal Year '20 budget summary, these annual performance evaluations are still a key. . .in the key to our Department's success and thus, will be added back on and are still being tracked. So, we track it monthly. Our Admin. officer does send out reminders to everyone and, like again, it wasn't being done in the Department. We have since in the last four and a half months moved forward and are now providing training because staff just didn't know how to do it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. And this is also a question from Member Paltin. What is the disposal plan for all the machinery and equipment, including vehicles being replaced? So, it kind of goes to . . . we'll answer Member Paltin's question that she had earlier. Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So, machinery and equipment that are no longer operable are taken to the recycling center. Pictures of the items are taken and the disposal of the inventory form, disposal of inventory form is filled out. Once the proper signatures are acquired, we load them on to the truck and take them for recycling. Our operator is instructed to take pictures of the items on the ground at the recycling center and it gets submitted with the disposal on inventory. So, it is documented from the time the IFAS asset number is recorded to the time we actually get the equipment at the recycling center. For the vehicles, if a vehicle is not used as a trade-in, we work with the Department of Public Works and we do auctions. So, that's what we've been implementing right now is the auction process.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. From PR-9, *will the Lahaina Restoration*, and this is a question from Member Paltin, *will Lahaina Restoration Foundation be receiving funds from the Banyan Tree vendors as well as the County? If yes, how much is estimated to be received?*

MS. PETERS: Chair, the management of the Banyan Tree is currently under the Department of Parks and Recreation. The funds collected from Parks special event permits conducted at the Banyan Tree are deposited into the County General Fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. From PR-9, also from Member Paltin, in quotes, *"Explanation of Changes: Position filled at lower step than the former incumbent due to compensation adjustments, adjustment language in collective bargaining agreement. The Personnel Assistant II resulted in an increase of \$1,752; however, the Departmental Personnel Clerk resulted in a decrease of \$1,488. Why is one an increase and the other a decrease if both positions were filled at a lower step than the incumbent?"* Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so the explanation of changes for the Personnel Assistant II should read, position filled at a higher step than the formal incumbent.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so it was just a mistake in the. . .Mahalo, for that correction. Okay. From PR-9, question from Member Paltin - *How is money collected, tracked and reported? (Example: Facilities use permit fees, PAL registration fees, Golf fees, Pool usage fees, yeah, etc.?)*

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. This is also an item that we will be looking at assessing because each section does it differently. So, as far as permits and enforcement, they currently have an active net reservation system and within that is the cashiering system so that each transaction is tracked and recorded into the daily cash receipts report. Details of daily transactions are captured in the system via the cash distribution by account summary, and the cash distribution by account reports. At the golf course, money is collected at the Starter's office and when the customers pay the fees the Starters provide them with a receipt that's general out of iNovah. So, we are using the Countywide cashiering system of iNovah at the golf course. And at the end of the day, the tracking is done by the closure of each shift and that is reported within the iNovah system as well as our current golf course reservation system, which is what we're working on at the end of the month. We will be meeting and having a demo with the vendor, the sole vendor, that replied to our RFP for new operation software that will integrate both of these systems that we have to use currently. And for the PALS Program, our PALS registration monies are taken in at the day that you go register your child for the PALS program. Monies are collected, receipts are made to track and also in spreadsheets, and then monies are deposited into the Bank of Hawaii with a treasury deposit slip and report. And PALS also works with our accountants and with Finance to get this system in place. Again, in reviewing all of the questions and in looking at our improvements we definitely have some that we need to be made in this area, but we are moving forward. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for hitting those two questions one time. Very efficient. So, the rest of the questions are from Member Paltin, and there's about four more. *Is the key activity goals 86 measures table on Page 437 of the Program Budget a continuation of the Permit and Enforcement section or does it pertain to a different section?*

MS. PETERS: Chair, it's a continuation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. *How are efforts to reach out and collaborate with park stakeholders on current issues measured and reported?*

MS. PETERS: Chair, the Department currently uses a variety of community engagement techniques. I'll just briefly describe some for you. We do interviews so one of the first steps in any of our projects is to conduct a 10-12 personal interviews with key stakeholders, community leaders, or others who have background or experience on the site. We also utilize the Advisory Committees in which a project advisory committee is established and then they meet approximately four to five times. Each meeting is led by either a Parks staff or consultant and then the Committee reviews and comments on the ideas brought forth by the Department or the consulting team as well as the community. We utilize public open houses in which there are

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interactive events and we get the basic information and concepts out on boards at different stations and we have staff or if we have a consultant, they . . . we all staff these sections of the open house and answer any questions the community may have. Other community engagement events that we do, we do the pop-up events such as the first or, you know, all the different Fridays within the community. So, as far as reporting and measuring, the results of these outreach activities are typically reported in several ways. Meeting and interview summaries are distributed to the project advisory committees. In addition, these summaries of the events are documented to ensure that there's a record of the public engagement. And when completing the projects, we then. . .we provide them here to this body and an overall annual summary can, you know, what we want to do is include that in our annual report. So, over the coming year, we will be expanding this information on our projects on the County website. And that's why we included in our ad, excuse me, in our Parks Program the expansion position for a computer application tech support. So, this person, we have no one in our Department with that expertise or dedicated time to assist with updating our County website to be able to. . .for the public to go on and see whether it be about park closure, upcoming events, our aquatic, our rec. programs as well as assist us with our computerized maintenance management software because one of our key goals again is preventative maintenance. So, in measuring public engagement activities can be described quantitatively through measures such as the number of events or opportunities, attendance of the people at these events, email that we receive, we receive a lot of emails so we did put out the person in charge of this project on the website or we pass it out at these community engagements, and so we do get a lot of email. And then, we also photograph these public engagement events as a visual representation to measure what we're doing out in the community.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. And last two questions from PR-10, both from Member Paltin, regarding your response to Question No. 13, if the parking lot is not maintained. . .I think this is CIP, yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, and the last one is a CIP as well. Okay. Oh, is that correct?

MS. PETERS: So, I can answer No. 1. So, it was in response to question two, where are the fees and concession revenues being currently deposited and this was pertaining to the golf course? So, the golf course funds for fees and concessions are deposited into the Golf Course Revenue Account. And then the second part of that question on PR-10 was when the Special Revenue Fund is established, will the fees and concession revenues be deposited into that fund? So, the concession revenue would be deposited into that Special Fund once it's developed. The green fees would be deposited into the General Fund. And then I can touch on Member Hokama's status of our Admin. Rules for the concession and sponsorship ordinance. We just met with. . .I just met with Corp. Counsel on Friday and we have a draft of that going. We are routing it through Finance and getting a lot of input from them on the current processes. And then we also are just internally fleshing out a lot of areas and ideas that came through as a result of that brainstorming meeting. So, we will . . . that's our goal to be finished with that, hopefully, within a month we should have that ready for Committee review.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Exciting. Okay. Now, we're going to shift to the questions that we all asked per program, and then after we do that, I'll give everyone their seven minutes to follow up on the responses that you heard from the questions that we transmitted via written correspondence and then the questions that we collected during our own review. Okay. Good?

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For this part, only the questions that we, that I collected from everyone during our review of the three programs.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely. Next part.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I know. It's hard to contain ourselves, yeah. Okay. Ready, Ms. Peters? I saw you taking really good notes. So, we'll start with the Parks Admin. Program and that's on Page 438. . .starting on Page 438 for Members. And so, starting with Member Sinenci his question regarding the increase in service. And I think you kind of explained that already. And then, Member Molina, Member Lee didn't have questions for this program. And then Chair King had three questions. I think the greenway falls under CIP though. But Ms. Peters, whichever questions fell under the Operating budget for the Administration Program.

MS. PETERS: Chair, so, I believe we covered the towing, Chair King, unless you have more questions on that?

VICE-CHAIR KING: The towing?

MS. PETERS: Yes, the towing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh. Well, I mean I just had a concern that, you know, why can't we work closely with DEM and they have so much money in their budget why can't you. . .or if there are . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King, we're going to let Ms. Peters answer all the questions --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --that we collected and then after we do that, we'll do the seven minutes and everyone will get an opportunity to. . .

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VICE-CHAIR KING: I think that was a question but I don't think she understood what I was trying to say.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, a clarification of your question?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did you get that, Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. I'm going to refer to my Deputy here who's been working actively on trying to assist us with these abandoned vehicles.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Deputy Buck?

MR. BUCK: We've been working real closely with the. . .as far as the abandoned vehicles. But one of the issues that has been happening over and over again why we can't get the cars out, is if they move the car and these people who are living in these cars know that if they move it two inches it's not considered abandoned. So, it will not get tagged. It has to be tagged and there's a process before DEM would go through the process. So, when we have so many of these cars that have been habitually in our parks it's not going to get towed under the current system. So, that's one of the reasons why we're asking for the towing charges so that if you know there's a car been there for a couple of days and it's getting rubbish inside and about ready to burn it, we just want to get it out of there and get it out of the park. That's basically the reason why we're asking for the permit.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Then do you have a place to store it then?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King, we're going through the questions as you ask them and then for your follow-up, I'll give you that time. Okay. So, that was the three questions that Chair King asked.

MR. BUCK: Kulanihakoi, that's been a topic of discussion for many, many years on this trying to put that into a greenway. One of the issues of that is that when there's a heavy rain coming up on top coming down even if you try to develop it into a passive park, it would be covered with mud real fast. I think the, the purpose of that gulch we would just leave it as a, improve it as a drainage gulch instead of trying to make it into a passive greenway. But one of the issues in the past has been it's filled up with mud many, many times and so if we do any type of improvements to it, it would be full of mud again.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Buck. Okay. Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: So, I just wanted to expound on that a little bit. So, we would be willing to work with, you know, Department of Public Works in that park parcel that would be proposed within that greenway area. So, and we, and again, you know, it's a team

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effort. This Administration is trying to stop any silos. So, I think a partnership, you know, with Department of Public Works, the Parks Department, and the community we could probably achieve a good thing in that area.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. And then moving to Member Hokama's question regarding the Banyan Tree, if it wasn't answered in the questions that was transmitted via written communication.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So, the Banyan Tree, currently we're permitting annual cultural events there. And so, the Lahaina Restoration grant is for the maintenance of the area. And then what we're doing is, you know, we want to bring back the host culture to that site, what we had found and what was in Committee prior was that there was over use of the area. So, we are working with the permit applicants. One of 'em that has come through that first event was the Prince Kuhio Day that was out there and I believe this next culture event would be the Kamehameha Day parade. So, if any vending is done on the or within the Banyan Tree park area, it has to get approval through the Cultural Resources Commission. They get on the agenda, and then provide that documentation to the CRC. So, we work hand-in-hand with the Planning Department, in fact, we have a meeting with them on Thursday just to revisit and see what's going on. And the other thing that we are working on is with the Department of Land and Resources [sic] as the Lahaina Historic District is EO'd properties and we're working with them on, you know, finding a solution for that entire area. On Thursday, we're going to go out and do a cleaning. We've been getting mass amounts of emails and calls and letters regarding the Malu Ulu Olele, by Waiola Church, we found that there's a landscape company that's dumping their debris there and so we're just trying to, you know, clean up the area, make it safe and then revisit and, again, through Committee, come up with viable options for that Lahaina Historic District as well as the Banyan Tree.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. And then to Member Paltin's question regarding the Lahaina Restoration money if that wasn't sufficiently responded to in the written questions. Okay. And then a response to Member Kama's questions regarding the goals and measures on Page 436.

MS. PETERS: Member Kama, would you be able to repeat that one? I believe it was on the safety?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, mic please.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: There were two under the Key Activities, Goals, and Measures. *Administration Goal No. 1 where the objective is to promote and maintain a safe work environment, why isn't a measure of success the number of worker compensation claims filed by Department employees with the expectation that the number per 100 employees would drop as a result of the safety improvements.* That one or the other one? Okay.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Do you want the other one too now or later?

MS. PETERS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. And the other one was under the Key Activities Goals and Measures Permit and Enforcement Section, Goal 1, Objective 2. *If the objective is to create an efficient, and effective permitting process, why isn't a measure of success some measure of the waiting time for customers requesting a permit or the relationship between the volume of permits processed and the time needed to process them?*

MS. PETERS: Thank you. So, as far as the measurement for promoting and maintaining a safe work environment, that is a good measurement and we are overlooking and reviewing the workers' comp claims and as well as I've seen a great reduction in claims from Fiscal Year '18 to current. So, we would be able to now better measure and we can incorporate that in. . .we should be incorporating that into our 2021. Although, again, similar to that of the annual performance evaluations it is a priority for us. So, because it's not listed here, it doesn't really indicate that it is not a priority and it's not something that was overlooked and not tracked. So, we will be assessing again, you know, we had a total of four-and-a-half months to try and pull this together. And in assessing what we've been looking at, we will be definitely making changes. Again, it may not be here as a success measurement or identified, you know, as an actual amount we will be looking into it. Also, we did start up our strategic planning and that's going to help us identify a lot of areas and you'll see a lot of changes in our goals and objectives and how we measure success and these key indicators of our Department's success.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. So, that was sufficient for the second question too regarding the waiting time and the time needed to process it? Okay. Got it. Okay. Mahalo. Okay. So, for the next program – Parks Program, Member Kama asked about the Planner VI, the rationale for the Planner VI.

MS. PETERS: Chair? Thank you, Member Kama. So, currently the Planner is physically located within the Planning and Development Division Office. So, he sits there, his office is there, he interacts with all of the Capital Improvement Project Coordinators as well as the engineer there 'cause most of our projects are integrated into some system. And that person is currently being managed out of the Director's office because of the area where it cannot be managed under someone of equal whether it be an SR or an EM level. And so, what we are going to be looking towards too is, you know, we do need a. . .we identified the need for planning. long-range planning is one of our key strategies so we will be ramping up and looking at, you know, coming to this body in '21 with possible expansions in that Planner area and then being able to maybe move that into its own section. So, right now, David Yamashita is our Planner. I meet with him weekly and it's helped our Department in John and I, you know, starting out in getting to know what's going on. So, I think right now it's a good fit for him to be in

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the Admin. Program; but, again, in assessing and doing more our community needs and engagements, we will definitely need to be adding to this program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. And, Member Kama, your question regarding the new software and the rationale for the additional funding, Ms. Peters touched upon or responded to, was that sufficient? Okay. Great. Okay, and then Member Sugimura's question regarding the increase in E/Ps from 19 or to 19.4.

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. So, a lot of the increases in the Parks Program, as you'll notice, are because of the movement of the Waiehu Golf Course salaries, operations, and equipment. And so, because of that repeal of that special fund, it is now General Fund and then that's how the E/Ps are increased. The utilities, I believe, was mentioned as well. Those are the utilities moved from the Golf Course Program into the Parks Program. So, and just, you know, to expound a little bit more, the golf course was always in our org. chart under the Maintenance Division, which is in the Parks Program. So, as far as any changes or any operational needs, it will be a minimal transition. The only transition really is we'll have a new index code that everybody will get to, will need to get used to using because we can recite all of our index codes by heart. And then just, you know, just the, yeah, just the funding mechanism. Other than that, the operations, the management, it all remains the same.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. And then to Member Paltin's questions regarding the Arborist, if there's an arborist in Parks and then how the, yeah, tree trimming.

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: So, there was an Arboriculturist in the Parks Department. His assessment was done two years ago in which the Arboriculturist's duties were 70 percent with Public Works 'cause they handle all the street trees and trees within the right-of-ways and street corridors and 30 percent within Parks. So, it was then brought to Committee and it was discussed where the Arboriculturist would be transferred to the Department of Public Works, yet the duties and the partnership remains the same. So, while Department of Public Works utilized the Arboriculturist while he was in the Parks Department, we are the doing the same. We have a great Arboriculturist on board and is always a text away from our staff and actually does go out and, you know, assess to emergencies within our parks and helps us to identify. You know, although no real assessments are currently done within our parks with the Arboriculturist as part of our park tree-trimming maintenance, their annual maintenance contracts, the contractor by our specifications is supposed to examine the tree and report any identified disease or health or emergency issues to the Department and they're required to have an arborist on their staff while they're doing these tree trimming activities. So, the palm trees, they have a cycle. Each palm is a different cycle. Some of them have three cycles where they would have to go out three

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times to trim these trees. As far as the coconuts, if they are additional fruit and fronds, you know, they need to do that within this 365-day time of performance of the contract.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. And then for the Parks Beautification Manager - *How are the parks determined to be beautified?*

MS. PETERS: Chair, so the Parks Beautification Manager is in the Beautification section under the Maintenance Division. That individual is supervisory of all our automatic irrigation repair personnel, all of our nursery workers, which consists of. . .they do our field turf renovations and as well as maintaining the contract for the annual tree maintenance. So, they do go out and we work with the districts a lot, you know, because it's one individual we rely heavily on the district staff to give us, you know, put in a work order. We have our computerized maintenance management system, which we have them put in a work order for beautification projects, if we have things coming on board that, you know, a new area that they want to see improved. We just went out to Lanai and helped with a field turf out there and we're gearing up for our State Baseball Tournament at Iron Maehara next month.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. And then Member Hokama's question regarding the revenues from the Maui Invitational Tournament, the Banyan Tree. . .oh, did I miss one?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so the revenue for the MIT was. . .that was one that Member Hokama had asked. That would go into the General Fund right now, and possibly I can . . . I'll defer to Corp. Counsel on if it fits in the concession after.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I'd have to look at the concession bill more carefully again, but I haven't look at it in a while. But as of right now it's a fee so it would go into the General Fund. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka. Okay. And then Member Hokama's question regarding the deletion of the E/P - 92,554 and the 64,476.

MS. PETERS: Chair, so that would be positions that we would require to be filled for the Planning and Development Division to manage our Capital Improvement Program and then the Waiehu Golf Course Superintendent, we can assess and see where that duties can be absorbed, if needed.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. And then Chair King's question regarding the \$80,000 per year. I can't read my own handwriting. I'm sorry.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think that's part of Recreation & Support Services Program, but I don't know if we're doing both of them...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, we're doing Parks Program first and then Support Services after.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, so I think that was a question I had under Parks Program was if they had enough program funding for the new gymnasium --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --in South Maui.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so we indicated in, let's see, in PR-4 that the . . .we would need two Park Caretakers and one Parks Permit Clerk, and so that's in the proposed budget. And then we discussed the electrical cost as well as we would need an increase in sewer and water. And then the equipment also included in the proposed budget was the floor cover with the rack and winders. So, we can cover the flooring when there's events that don't utilize the floor for...and so it doesn't scratch it up. A scissors lift, we need to get up to the . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: You can just say "yes" or "no".

MS. PETERS: I'm sorry.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I was just wanting --

MS. PETERS: I'm sorry.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --to know if you have enough in the budget --

MS. PETERS: Yes, we do.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --to cover everything or if you got shorted on what you asked for. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. And then regarding Member Lee's questions regarding the Waiehu Golf Course, if there are any proposed increases and I think you shook your head, no, but...no? Okay, so the proposed increases and if there's a . . .if your Department is doing an analysis of who's playing and why there's a drop from 2018 to 2019, and a projected increase from 2019 to 2020 even though the front nine is scheduled for renovation.

MS. PETERS: Chair and Member Lee, so we do look at the types of golfers that come out and there is actually a code in our reservation system that allows us to identify this as well as the golfer identities. So, within the new software, what we're going to do is be able to better track these frequent golfers. And then, as far as we did not propose any fee increase. And in looking at the attachment to PR-2, the revenue in 2018 was 826,196

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and that's when we did the back nine renovation. And then if you compare it, the Fiscal Year '19 is only to-date, so we actually proposed 796,395 for '20 so it's a reduction of 18.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The follow-up will be in the seven minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Huh?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The follow-up will be in the seven minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. Member Molina's questions regarding the Repairs & Maintenance, an explanation on Page 447, the 6031 – Repairs & Maintenance, the transfers from Parks Program and 6138 – R&M Service Contracts, the budget transfers.

MS. PETERS: Chair and Member Molina, so we, in Fiscal Year 2018, transferred money from Rec. & Support Services into the Parks Program for the district maintenance. And then it was identified that it would be properly and better utilized within the Rec. & Support Program not the Parks Program. So, the change is just the funding of the program, the way they utilize the funding has to remain the same. So, it is for repair and maintenance. It's just that the districts have their own Building Maintenance Repairers as well as their maintenance staff, and they're managed under the Rec. & Support Program. So, it was crossing programs. It was getting a little bit confusing for staff, you know, who approves what purchase. So, we still have the same parameters in place. They have to utilize it for repair and maintenance. As far as the Repair & Maintenance – 6138, those are for service contracts, so say, like AC Servicing, larger items that we have to contract out that we don't have in-house personnel to do.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Appreciate the clarity, and you know, the trust in the Department's judgment and, of course, the less confusion amongst the employees the better. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Molina. Okay. And Member Sinenci – his question regarding the utilities, which you explained about the Kihei or South Maui gym . . . yeah, and the other premium pay.

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MS. PETERS: So, in the Parks Program the increase in the utilities was because of the golf course moving over to the Parks Program. And then the premium pay, those were lump sum payments. Those lump sum payments were per the UPW collective bargaining agreement. So, UPW Unit 1 employees were offered a one-time lump sum as part of their collective bargaining.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay, Members, I see that it is 2:34. We have one more program under Parks. The Parks Department is a, has large programs, Department. So . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Let's finish.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we're going to, okay, so if, Members, if there aren't any objections, we'll complete the last program and then, okay, and then we'll just, we can come back from break a little later, if that's okay. Okay. Ms. Peters, under the Recreation & Support Service Program, Page 452, Member Sinenci had two questions. The question regarding the material and services and supplies increase of 65.1 percent.

MS. PETERS: So, Chair, that was in regards to movement of the Maintenance & Repair funding from the Parks Program back into Rec. & Support where it was in '17.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. And on Page 458, Member Sinenci had a question regarding the rationale behind defunding the Rec. Program.

MS. PETERS: Chair, so that was in, that \$50,000 was put in for potential grant revenue, I mean, grants that we would get in the Department. We have since. . .because of the concessions and sponsorship that we are working on and because of the fact that we did not have any grants within the last two years that came through the program other than the PALS, which is their food service grant, we decided to take that out of Fiscal Year '20 and then reassess again and look at how we can better implement that program. Get more grants within our Department and then put that back in '21.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Maybe we'll just take up Member Sugimura's since it's right there. On page 458 – the decrease in PALS by \$100,000.

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. So, that's the actual passed through grant for the food service program for the PALS Program. And we were. . .it was identified that it would only be a hundred thousand. So, instead of leaving that error in the 200,000 that was in '18 and '19, we changed that and made it, corrected it to the hundred thousand. So, it's food service and they provide a breakfast and snack and then we get monies back for it. And so, this is that passed through grant for the food service grant program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Okay. And then Member Molina and Member Lee didn't have questions regarding this program. And Member. . .Chair King had that question regarding the \$80,000 for. . .

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Large rotary mowers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What is it?

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's for the large rotary mowers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. PETERS: Chair, so we leased, in 2016, six large rotary mowers and they're distributed Department-wide. That lease is a five-year lease with a dollar buy-out at the end. What we were trying to do is see how these mowers, because they're utilized every day, if it was more cost effective to lease them and then, you know, either return them or do the buy-out, the dollar buy-out, and how much of a savings we would get versus the lease cost. So, it's just. . .it's based on a lease versus purchase was based on the utilization of the equipment. So, the more heavily used the equipment the more wear and tear it gets. It may not last that ten-year duration that we project for purchasing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, if you do buy them after five years, then they're good for another five years?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King, I'm going to have the follow-up questions during your seven minutes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: What's that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your follow-up questions in your seven minutes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then to Member Hokama's questions regarding the utilities, electricity and Page 456 – energy savings addition of the PVs. Okay, good.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, perfect. And then Member Paltin's question regarding the Park Caretaker - *how do you determine their distribution among districts? And how much acreage they service in the parks and is that how the Department determines expansion?*

MS. PETERS: Chair, I'm going to defer to our Deputy.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Deputy Buck?

MR. BUCK: I'll try to make it kind of simple. Lot depends on acreage, the type of park it is - is it passive or active, the amount of usage it's going to get, the size. We start, basically, for example, with the new Kihei gymnasium we use the National Recreation

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Parks Association standards and we kind of start from there. And, you know, we looked at the standards and then we figured we're not going to get those recommended numbers, but we try to be very realistic. And then, as far as the distribution it is based on how much use of the park gets, anticipated use, the amount of rubbish. There's a lot of factors to put in. So, it's using the National Parks standards, past practices, what an existing park, if it's comparable, what they have in the existing park. This is going to be the same amount of activity, you know, same usage, same size, same utilities. So, it's . . . I can't sit there and say, pull out the magic card and say, this is what we need. There's a lot of thinking that has to go into it using past practices, best practices, even working with some of our colleagues in the Mainland using the NRPA Standards. So, there's a lot that goes into it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Buck. Okay. And then, two more questions regarding the PALS. If Olelo Hawaii is part of the helpful requirements in hiring and your policy on when Ka Lima O Maui is used or when the . . . our employees are used?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. So, as far as PALS and Olelo Hawaii, we do not...it's not a requirement but we do look at what the cultural benefits that each employee can bring to our program. And so, we . . . it's a very diverse program. As you know, we have, you know, they go to the pools and swim and they go to the beach and they do cultural and we have a big Ho'olaulea at the end. So, we try to incorporate as much as possible. And in reviewing the applicants, make sure that they have, you know, some qualities and talents that we can use for our keiki and program. And then for Ka Lima, I'll defer to back to our...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Buck?

MR. BUCK: Ka Lima is a rehabilitation program, and so a lot of times there are parks that it makes more sense to use the clients' capability. But I would refer to Jeff as far as the overall program with Ka Lima.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. HRS 76-77, Section 16, talks about an exemption for certain things from civil service and one of them is building custodian and grounds maintenance services with qualified community rehabilitation programs as defined in Section 103D-1001, lasting for no more than a year and a cost of no more than 850,000. So, that's the authority we try not to do too much privatization because of the Konno decision, which outline the civil service requirements under HRS Chapter 76. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka. Okay. And last question, Member Kama's – where is the additional funding being transferred from? And that was on Page 455? Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, can I get that question repeated, please?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama, would you mind repeating your question?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes. So, the budget increase is \$721,972 and the explanation given is that this budget is being transferred from the Parks Program. The Parks Program for this item is only being reduced by \$412,125. Where is the additional \$309,847 being transferred from?

MS. PETERS: Member Kama.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: So, it's the increase that we're asking for. So, it's the amount of funding that we're transferring from the Parks Program to the Rec. & Support Program for our repair and maintenance. And then the additional increase that's required for the utilities for the South Maui Community Park gymnasium. We're asking for the increase in the contractual services for our refuse and portable toilet rentals. And it was just inflationary increases that we are provided with...for utilities.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, this is being transferred from Parks to Operations or vice versa?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: So the Repair & Maintenance funds are being transferred from Parks Program into Rec. & Support Program. The additional increases are what we're proposing as expansions.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. Okay. So, we got through most of our questions and I know you have follow-up questions. And we have the seven minutes for each Member. Would Members want to now take a break or . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: We should finish so we can let them go.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, let's do it. Okay, great. Mahalo, Members. This is exciting. Okay. Okay, ready? We'll start the timer and we'll start with Member Sinenci, and then we'll go down the row. Ready, Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's going to be like rapid fire.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes. Thank you, Chair. First off, I just want to extend our gratitude from East Maui on the Department's expediency in addressing the Hana Bay Park pavilion especially using the Department's own resources. So, real quick. Yesterday, there was a testifier that testified about pesticide-free parks program, and my question was what would be the fees or the budget to continue supporting this program? What would be the cost in continuing the pesticide-free parks program?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Sinenci, and I'm glad we got that project completed for you folks. So, as far as the pesticide-free, we do have an agreement with Beyond Pesticides where we have four pilot parks that we are utilizing for pesticide-free to see how much it would cost us. And right now, I would have to get back that information to you. It is, it does take a little bit more manpower, and we're finding that we have to replace some of the sod in the existing areas. So, it's going to. . .it will be something that I would have to get back to you on as far as those costs.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Follow-up?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You have up to seven minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Just one. So, you know, the testifier also shared about some new types of environmental-friendly products that are now on the market. So, is it something that the Department would want to pursue in looking at some new products for future use?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Yes, Member Sinenci, absolutely. So, I am going to be meeting with Ms. Ness, and she did go to the Beyond Pesticides conference and did find out that there are some products. What we found out when we initially had our meeting with them was they came up with a 100-page plan of what we could do. None of those products were available locally and they were unable to be shipped here. So, what we need to do is identify the products that we can get and then identify again if there is a cost increase in operations in order to implement these.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you for your spots. That's it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good job, Member Sinenci. Okay. Reset the clock. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, before we start the clock, can I use some of his time that he never use?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Just like a game show like Password, okay, here's the question, okay answer, go. Okay. My first question, Parks Assessment Fees, Chairman King referred to it. For the Paia-Haiku District, there's \$569,000 roughly. I presume you're using some of that for the Haiku fuel house. Tell me, yes or no, if you're going to use some of that for the Peahi purchase to do a master plan?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina, is that a CIP?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no, no.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, it is.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Sounds like a CIP.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, it is.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. So, we only . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: I got shot down on mine, too.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, CIP review on the 22nd.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right, I got a CIP then. Okay, all right, here we go. I still get one. All right, okay, April 8th correspondence you sent to us with regards to a countywide parks facility, Page 744, Members. Can you tell us, uh, you had mentioned in a correspondence that any small unforeseen situation which regard. . .regarded that the, I guess, the question that was asked. April 8th, Members, if you want to look at the correspondence. Department...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina, I think this is a CIP, too.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, it was a CIP.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Page 744?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, well. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: CIP review on the 22nd.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. But we're not doing. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I thought we going do CIP?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Operating.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, there goes that question, okay. Okay. I thought this seven-minute round we could ask pretty much anything.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Anything regarding the Operations budget.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Well, at least I got away 'cause then I have a golf question and a CIP. Okay. So, but we will get a chance to answer, oh, ask the Department all of these?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, I guess I'll. . .there goes my two-minutes. You're not going to take out from me, right, for the next round? Okay. Alrighty. Okay, well, I'll yield to my colleague from Wailuku.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No other questions regarding the Operating budget?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No. I was just focused on these other items.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: CIP.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You had five more minutes so if you think of any Operations budget --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --after Member Kama I'll come back to you --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and give you five minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Fair enough.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. So, you mentioned, Karla, that the monies from the golf course will now go into the General Fund, yeah?

MS. PETERS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And, you know, in the past for the longest time it operated as a separate fund and we also subsidized it to the tune of over a million dollars. So, when is the subsidy for the upcoming budget?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, I'll refer to the Budget Director.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember, so all the fees now are being deposited into the General Fund. I'm not sure what the golf course operational cost is. But now, so there's no supplemental funding required. Everything is just being absorbed by the General Fund. So, I think one of the big costs for the golf course was the overhead.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Uh-huh.

MS. YOSHIMURA: And so now, you won't see an overhead charge to the Parks Department because everything is just absorbed by the General Fund costs.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. It's just a little bit deceiving because there isn't that information, yeah, in the budget, you know, readily available. Okay. That's fine.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Now, is that the same with the PALS Program, too? I mean, is it generally self-sufficient or is just absorbed by the big budget?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Thank you. PALS is absorbed as well. And we have a...it's a little bit dated but we have a per child cost per the Department that I can provide.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: At some point, I think we're going to need to know, you know, because that way we know, you know, how to charge with regard to fees, how do we trim expenses to keep it in line with revenue. And so, my last question is, for all parks, do you use potable water?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, not all of 'em. So, we have wells within for irrigation. So for irrigation . . . excuse me, let me clarify. So, we have potable water within all of our

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parks for the restrooms and drinking fountains. Some parks have wells that we utilize for irrigation as well as in South Maui we do R-1 for irrigation.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, is that . . . okay. That's leading down the CIP trail. Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. You still have four minutes and 20 seconds left.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Don't tell everybody how much they have left.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. So my first question is about the Kulanihakoi Greenway. So, I heard you say that you are willing to work with Public Works so I'm happy about that. And so, we would keep it under Parks as far as appropriation, if we appropriate that land. Because it's important to the community because there has been a plan for a park, a walking park, up that way and it was done by Jordan Hart, I believe. And it's not the whole place, the whole thing doesn't get covered with mud or water when it storms, which is not that often in Kihei. So, there's the understanding that we need to do the gulch and that's what Amanda Cording is working on with Public Works to do more of a biological type of thing and that's why the park fits in really well with it, if we do that. So, I just wanted to clarify that we would, if we can do an appropriation that we would keep that under Parks Department.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Would that be considered a CIP or is this like a management of that. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's kind of a management master planning of that area, so.

MS. PETERS: Chair? And so, Member King, so putting it into the Parks budget I would just ask that we would be able to assess and make sure that we have operation funds for it. So, as far as a purchase, you know, acquisition and then being able to fund the operations, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And then my next question goes back to those rotary mowers. How much do they cost if you bought them outright?

MS. PETERS: Chair, I would have to get back to you on the outright purchase price for them. We pay on Treasury index curve so that amount, that percentage it be increased. It's pretty insignificant yearly on how much we pay for the lease, but I can calculate that for you. We did look into all of that prior to implementing this and it

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was just that it made more sense with these mowers that we utilize every single day throughout our parks that we use this lease process.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But you're trying to figure out, so how many years have you been into it so far and when will you know if it's worth it?

MS. PETERS: So, now we're on our third year.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And you don't know yet if it's worth it to buy? Have you decided?

MS. PETERS: Right now, we would have to do an assessment. As far as I know in looking at the current work orders, there hasn't been much repair that was needed on them. So, it would just and, again, it's just basic use in how we're again, you know, ensuring that our tractor-mower operators are picking things up and not running them over, and just implementing standard operating procedures.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: But I can get that for you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then my third one is just going back to the towing is that if there was a way we could work with, I mean, you guys could work with DEM then we can put that into proviso in DEM's funding. I don't know if they need to...and I'll ask this one when we get to DEM but I don't know if they need to just be allowed to tow cars that aren't totally abandoned. But if you guys are doing it, I don't know why they couldn't do it and they have all the money for towing cars. So, that's my thought is that take that 50,000 and proviso it out of DEM. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes, we would be open to looking at whichever way is best, the funds are best housed, and then utilized. We would just want to make sure that if it is impeding an ingress or egress or creating a safety issue within our parks that we definitely need to get rid of it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, I understand that. I understand the designation of abandon. But if they were allowed to pick up vehicles that were impeding and not just abandoned then that would be a more efficient way of doing it, I think.

MS. PETERS: Absolutely.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. That's it.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. I just have about three questions I'd like to ask the Director and the Department. Okay. Quickly, regarding this whole thing

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about abandoned vehicles, yeah. I think we should look at you might want to consider looking at the County of Hawaii they defined both abandoned and derelict. Okay. Derelict is when there is damage to the vehicle where it makes it inoper...inop...cannot work. Okay, let's say it simply – cannot work. Okay. So, it comes under public safety, welfare, health components. Kauai also makes it under abandoned, it has to move within a radius of one mile. Okay. So, part of it is we should amend our ordinances and you might need to have the appropriate Corp Deputy to assist you in drafting a proposed legislation for us to consider. So, I would ask you if you would consider following up on that, Director?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Yes, Chair, and Councilmember Hokama. Definitely we would like to work with Corp. Counsel and DEM on identifying the proper language so we can get rid of these inoperable vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That's the word. Thank you. But the key point of all this, you know, as the other colleagues of mine have been mentioning we have also then through the ordinance, if we write it correctly, the ability to collect money back. Okay. So, it's not about expending only our General Fund. It's about collecting the money for our services rendered. Under the Parks and Rec. component regarding the PALS and golf, I know we made that last term the adjustment from Special Fund to General Fund, and I would agree we need to be a little bit more upfront about what is the revenue versus expense component, but, like, I would ask the Members though tied in to human concerns under healthy communities I think you also need to balance it out and give us a comment back because part of our savings down the road is the cost of less health care that the County has to provide for our residents. I believe there is a savings there. I don't know how we...and you need to ask appropriate people how to quantify that for us because I would rather put up the facilities, have our people stay healthy that enter into health care programs that are more expensive and only insurance companies and doctors make the money. My last one for you is, has the Banyan Tree program been audited or been audited recently in your knowledge or understanding?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, Member Hokama, is that . . . are you pertaining, referring to the Lahaina Restoration Foundation entity?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Has the State required us to report back to Land Board or anything about how we're using the land and fulfilling with the parameters of the transfer?

MS. PETERS: Chair, currently, no reports were given to the State or DLNR; but, again, we are working actively with DLNR on coming up with a program for the. . .not only the Banyan Tree area but that entire old Lahaina Historic District and ensuring that it's brought back to more cultural, the host culture use.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Is there a difference in the area we're talking about between what the State has designated as Historic District versus the designation of the National Historic District?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so Member Hokama, what I'm referring to is what the State had designated. So, we reviewed our EOs and, again, it does state that it was Executive Ordered for public park use.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Are we in any issues or concerns with the National Park Historic designation within the area? Is there any concerns that we should be made aware of?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, I would have to go research that, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Because I am open and I'm happy to work with you, Director, for the County to pursue a full audit on the operation and compliance of the terms and to ensure that we provide the appropriate, if it is the cultural component, then let's follow through because Na Kupuna is calling me up a lot, sending me a lot of communications, okay. And I don't need all those kupunas hounding me down. Okay. So, I want us to be proactive in this, Director, 'cause they're looking at us for some guidance and leadership, the Department and the Council. So, I would ask that if you can work with us on this, please.

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes, Member Hokama, definitely. And we're also. . .thinking of utilizing the Cultural Resources Commission more as an avenue to get out information into the community and be able to vet those processes that we want to look into – audit, change or amend.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. One of the concerns is similar to Councilmember Lee and Councilmember Hokama but it kind of goes beyond just golf and Summer PALS. Like, you also get like the usage fees for the civic for like first birthdays or pool usage fees like sometimes clubs from the Mainland would come and then they like "x" out the pool for so long for them to train every day when they're from the Mainland. Or I guess also, how do you...like, the entire budget is 428.2 million but we're not able to see all the money that the Parks Department is bringing in with all these various things that they collect fees on. So, I mean, it's kind of difficult to assess how much of each activity is subsidized by the County not to say that we don't want to subsidize them but just to get a picture of when we're doing budgetary processes. Like even the vendor's fees for the Banyan tree, if we're paying 191,000 to Lahaina Restoration Foundation to manage it, are we covering our cost by the vendors'

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fees that we're taking in? And like how are rates set for a pool usage? Like, you know, you have your high school teams that might use our pools and their coaches get manini pay but then you have like private swim clubs where they use the pool for like two hours and they pay a set rate but then they might have a hundred swimmers paying like 60 bucks a month, 80 bucks a month so the percentage that is it based on like a set rate of time and then people are then making a living off of us providing this pool or are they, is it like comparable like if a public swim team, MIL or something, uses the pool or a private club or a private lessons and how do we track and measure those types of things, and how much money we're bringing in versus how much money we're subsidizing for each program? I can stop now, if you want to answer any of those?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But I got more.

MS. PETERS: Thank you. Thank you, Member Paltin. So, the rates and fees that are charged are identified in Appendix B. And on that Page 25, it shows where the visiting swim team serves a charge of \$500. It's a deposit to reserve the full, the pool, and then there's a daily fee of \$4.00 per swimmer. So, most of our rates or actually all our rates and fees are identified in this Appendix B. And we would be willing to work with the Department of Finance and come up with these reports that show the revenue generation for our Department.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you see like an advantage to having it all on one system like iNovah versus like, oh, this comes in on this credit card, this is check, and all like that, like one system for all these programs that collect revenue?

MS. PETERS: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: A one point of sale system would be very advantageous in being able to monitor, track and report. So, those are the three areas that we need to be able to look at, and by having that one system is definitely advantageous.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are you interested in iNovah as the one system?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so, yes, we are looking at iNovah, well, we utilize iNovah at the golf course. Unfortunately, the current contract we have with the current permit reservation system is that we have to utilize their point of sale. So, it gets a little tricky there and then that's why we're wanting to end the contract when the term is up and then implement the new system, which then we would work with Department of Finance in utilizing the iNovah. So, iNovah is advantageous because it's Countywide and you can get assistance from Department of Finance on the reporting mechanism.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: How much longer is left on the contract?

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MS. PETERS: So, we have approximately two years on the contract.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then. . .so how you mention that the beautification guy goes out around, do you also take advantage of that SeeClickFix Program for general public to report things that they see?

MS. PETERS: Chair? Yes, absolutely. We do monitor the SeeClickFix. We monitor our Parks Department general email. And we monitor the office system through KIVA. So, and then just, you know, taking in phone calls and inquiries in through a lot of our permit offices, our frontline staff.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And that one too, do you see an advantage to try and limit the ways like RFS and SeeClickFix just do one kind of online option for streamlining the process?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes, we do see an advantage to that one opportunity for the public to give us their input or concerns because again right now we're utilizing time to check, you know, five or six different software systems, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then the Park Security Officers, would you be in favor of decentralization?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One more minute.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, 'cause I know Councilmember King had thought that one security officer was designated for Cove Park. And, I mean, to have all the guys check in at War Memorial and then, I mean, our furthest out park D.T. Flemings, Nakalele, it doesn't seem cost effective to have everyone check in Central.

MS. PETERS: Chair, so, yeah, so, you know, looking in long-term for substations that would be most efficient. Right now, we don't have areas or capabilities for staff to get their assignments. Or we don't have that method in place. So, right now, our goal is to get these seven new employees through the hiring process, through the training process, and then out into the districts and then being able to see how it actually works because we've never had these many positions. So, we're excited to see how we can better utilize and make it more efficient.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Peters.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, teamwork. Second question: Could they fall under the District Supervisor? Helping my neighbor.

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MR. PETERS: That's always a possibility. And it's just that the district supervisors wouldn't be trained in that type of code enforcement that I believe they need. And, you know, we could train them; I just think it would be more efficient if we have someone who has that code enforcement knowledge and the connection with our Prosecutor. We have one point of contact now through Prosecutors, MPD, Housing and Human Concerns, we have that one person as our point of contact. So, and we can always look at it and we want to get these staff on board and then it will definitely be a work in progress. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Don't talk to long. That's her question. Anyway, so I wanted to know regarding Upcountry. So, thank you very much for doing the skate park. When I go to Foodland, I drive down and I see a lot of kids using it. Appreciate it a lot. Regarding Upcountry, I've met with Billy Amaral, you know, it was regarding this and other things. And the East Maui District is so huge, I just wondered if Parks have ever looked at maybe breaking it up into two. I mean, I love my...Shane Sinenci and I a lot of times we have, you know, similar issues going on, but I just wonder if that was something that you might entertain?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Yes, we are looking at that. So, we have looked at the Hana District and, you know, it might make sense to take that into its own district. Right now, our staff there is a Rec. staff running it and she falls under Billy. So. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Mice.

MS. PETERS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: She's awesome.

MS. PETERS: She's awesome, yes. So, it might make sense to, you know, to make it its own district being that there are a lot more challenges there and, you know, just being so far out and getting her the supplies. And the things that she needs that she can maybe have more authority and supervision over. I would see that, you know, looking at that in the future as a possibility, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, as a long term keep in touch with us on that then. Also, with Upcountry, I did get a request to see I think you've done such a good job with the skate park and, you know, that whole complex with, you know, Hannibal Tavares Community Center there and everything as it ties into a unit. I got a request

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for a soccer field. Just plant that. . just think about it. And, of course, being Upcountry I have to mention pickleball. Tennis courts, the Kula tennis courts, are a lot away from my house. That's how close I live to the Kula Community Center and all the tennis courts. And I love the pickleball players. I love the sport, and I just want to put that out and just find out from you what is being done. It's probably islandwide and not only Upcountry. But your thoughts on pickleball and tennis.

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: So, Member Sugimura, so there is \$40,000 that's in the Fiscal Year '19 budget that we were looking and locating an area. It's designated for pickleball courts at Eddie Tam Complex.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, it's still there.

MS. PETERS: It's still there. So, we've identified a site. We want to ensure that we make it in an accessible area so we're not dealing with the challenges of providing accessibility to the site. So, those were a little site constraints that we're working on. As far as reaching out, and we're trying to do an assessment of, again, Waipuilani, we added pickleball, the striping to Waipuilani tennis courts. We're looking at in West Maui at Napili Park when we resurfaced that tennis court there maybe incorporating some striping, court striping there for the pickleball. So, what we want to do is as we renovate or build new identifying whether it will be shared use or, you know, both of 'em they want dedicated use so which is a little challenging in trying to accommodate everybody's needs. You know, we'll try it out and see how it works. And again, community engagement is huge and that's two communities that will need to pull together and try and, you know, work together so they can play well on the courts together.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. One last one. This is about Planning. So, I went to the Iao Park, State park meeting, community meeting, which was really a State park meeting and it really joins with Kepaniwai in terms of coming up with a master plan after that September 2016 flooding, right. And then we heard from Wes Lo regarding Hale Makua and Kahului park, and I just want to throw out there that in your great scheme of plans that there is a need then to kind of incorporate things with what Wes Lo was talking about in terms of his Hale Makua, Hale Mahaolu and the park users, and I hope you will join in on both. I don't know if you guys have already started talking about that so I just want your comment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair. Member Sugimura, yeah, so actually we did miss a meeting, a second meeting with the State DLNR with the Hawaii Nature Center and with the Planner. So, the State has Chris Hart & Partners they have a Planner for the master plan, and the meeting was at 1:00 today. So, we had to reschedule. But we did meet with them

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after that public meeting that we were also in attendance and realized the greater need for us to partner. We are neighbors and so is Hawaii Nature Center. And so, we are coming to the table and coming up and helping with that master plan process collaboratively. As far as Wes Lo, yes, I've been meeting with Wes and the master planning for that Kahului Community Center component is very important to us. We see the need, like Member Hokama said, to provide and build healthy communities. And, you know, if we can get our kupuna in the parks along with our keiki and our PALS Programs it's a win-win for our community.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Don't forget my Multimodal Committee. Right? That's a big part of that so as we embrace our whole community. I've gone over my seven minutes but that's because my neighbor.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, no, you didn't.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I didn't? Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You have ten seconds.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Teamwork.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, very good. Then one last, PALS. I'm always...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uh, times up.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. You ask PALS, do we need to have more slots for PALS?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. I want to be a good neighbor.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Do we need to have more slots for PALS?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Members Sugimura and Kama, yes, so, again, that assessment of the online registration closed on I believe it was yesterday on the 15th. So, what we can do now is identify...people have to now come out and then, in person, to pay. So, we can assess to see what the need is and then take it from there. Currently, in last year's program, it was sufficient to what we provided. Again, it's just, you know, what we find out is the keiki come one day, then they don't come the next two days. So, it's not where every day you have the same amount of children in attendance.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Let us know if you need help.

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: For sure. Let us know. Let us know. So, I was thinking about what Member Hokama was saying about the Lahaina Restoration Foundation. And it says in our budget that while we gave them money four years in a row and now we're going to also give Maui Community Correctional Center Workline Program four years in a row but we're not giving anybody else. So, my question is, how do you determine what programs you all fund under your County grant subsidy?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you, Member Hokama. So, I'm sorry, Member Kama. We are . . . so, those are ongoing grants and then what happens is, as entities, you know, like the Haiku Bowl, in Fiscal Year '19 we have that, we have a grant request from them for the repair of the Filipino structure up at Kepaniwai. So, those are not ongoing grants. Those are just one-time grants. So, what you see there are the ongoing. The one-time grants, again, we are working with those applicants in Fiscal Year '19 to get all of the requirements satisfied.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay, so for the Maui Community Correction Grant, what exactly are we funding?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. So, we fund the Workline Program and they assist us with, again, it doesn't fall on the work that our union workers do. And they do projects where they assist the other Departments in whether it be relocating of an office. They clean areas that are...union workers do not or are not within their scope of work. And it's a program that we, is very well utilized. Where we use them, for the most part, been very active is helping us with our clean-ups of homeless areas and they'll be out there on Thursday on the West Side helping us clean up that debris at Malu Ulu Olele.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: That is my next question. So, whatever happened to that because if that's a historic site district, then the most important part of that district, to me, would be Malu Ulu Olele Park. So, what's going on with that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair. So, again, that's what part of our whole discussion with Lahaina Banyan Tree and Kamehameha Iki, with DLNR on making sure that it's meeting the needs of the host culture and not being commercialized, so to speak. So, yeah again, it's a discussion that we're going to be bringing to Committee as well as being able to utilize working with the Planning Department and bringing that out to the Cultural Resources Commission where they should oversee part of that . . . or they do oversee part of that activity.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: One of the things I thought when Shane became Chair of his Committee was that there's nowhere that I know of, unless somebody wants to help me to find out if there is a cultural center for Native Hawaiians. Is there one here on Maui? Because if there is, I'll stop. But if there isn't, shouldn't there be one? So . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. Member Kama, we absolutely agree with you. And identifying a location for that and working with DLNR I believe we'll be coming up with some exciting solutions to all our questions and concerns.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Is your work with DLNR also open to other entities or agencies? Because I will tell you history for Hawaiians with DLNR is not a positive one. I mean, I just came from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and we're speaking to Hawaiian leaders they're not very happy. So, whenever you talk about talking to DLNR, it's like you're talking to the wall. Nothing bounces back. So, I would just venture to say if you could just...and are able to open up that discussion to a wider leadership.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Peters?

MS. PETERS: Chair, the reason Member Hokama that we have them in the discussion is they're the landowners of that area. So, the properties are Executive Ordered to the County for public park use and that's why we're working with them. And it's been very productive.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Well, that's because they're only talking to you. When they talk to us, it is not productive and that's part of the problem with DLNR. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good job, Member Kama. Okay. My questions. Okay. Got the timer? Okay. Here we go. Okay. Mahalo, everyone, 'cause your questions were...answered a lot of my questions. So, okay. Does the proposal for a Planner VI position moving from Parks Program to this Administration Program include fringe benefits?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes, it does. And so just to reiterate on that, that position is currently in our organizational structure in the Admin. Program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. On Page 446, we talked about the 19.4 E/Ps, but it shows a change of 20.9. Would you be able to explain—446—the difference? Yeah, Page 446.

MS. PETERS: So, the 19.4, Chair, would be the golf course movement over. And then the additional would be the expansion position that we're requesting in the Parks Program for the computer application support tech.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then under . . . okay, and so, regarding that, would this service be provided . . . I'm sorry, okay, on Page 447, you explained the repairs and maintenance grounds budget transfer. Can this service be provided by one of the 19.4 E/Ps assigned to the golf course?

MS. PETERS: Chair, those are for materials and supplies that they utilize. So, the transfer was of the repair and maintenance funding of supplies and contracts that we don't have in-house workers to do.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then *under Materials & Supplies – Small Equipment*, can you explain the deletion of the \$200,000 for replacement of tables and chairs for all districts where parks are already identified for these replacements?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. So, that was a one-time appropriation in Fiscal Year '19. We went out to public bid for that and it is in contract right now for Department-wide replacement of tables and chairs for our community centers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Under budget changes – wages and salary under the Recreation & Support Services Program, Page 453. So, I've been finding a lot of other numbers not matching up when adding them. And so, if the new transfers are to match the transfers listed on Page 447 from the Parks Program, would you be able to explain the difference of 151,590?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: What are you referring to, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 453 and the transfers from 447.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: 453.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, if you add up the numbers, they don't equal. There's a difference of 151,590. Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, okay, so you're looking at Page 447?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, when we transfer one position from one area to another area, it's usually a Fiscal Year '19 transfer . . . the position would transfer from Fiscal Year '19, Fiscal Year '20 and it takes into consideration the bargaining unit increases. So, in Fiscal Year '19, if a person is in the Parks Program, let's say \$40,000, when we transfer that position to the Parks and Recreation Program we might be transferring \$45,000 or making the position now \$45,000 because it takes into consideration, if it's a Bargaining Unit 1 position, the increase that the collective bargaining agreement called for. So, you might not see a one-for-one transfer because, in Fiscal '19, they may have been paid lower but they're going to see an increase in Fiscal Year '20.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura, it wasn't regarding the E/Ps. It was regarding the --

MS. YOSHIMURA: The salaries, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --RM . . . R . . . R&M.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry. I thought . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry. On 447, the Repairs and Maintenance transfers here, if you add them up, do not equal the . . . when you add up the transfers on 454, the Repairs and Maintenance supplies transfers from Park Program.

MS. PETERS: Chair, we're going to have to get back to you on that and look better through it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And so, when I added up . . . so this has happened in multiple departments, Ms. Yoshimura, so I'm not sure if . . . I also added up the . . . and I have nine seconds left. We can talk about it after but, basically, I added up all the collective bargaining from the Budget Details and it didn't equal to the collective bargaining lump sum. And so my time is up. So, we'll talk story about that after.

MS. YOSHIMURA: We'll talk about it after.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members, so it was good for you as it was for me? Okay. So, it's 3:31 we went through the Operations Budget for Parks, which is a really large department and lots of questions. The next one we have on the list is Water. Perhaps I can get some feedback on how you felt that process was. Okay. And then for Water, you know, I'd be willing to adjust a little so that we can make the process as...to get and make it as best as possible. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. For my first comment, well, I'll make sure I do it myself but make sure as we go down that each Member reminds everyone what page we're on, what sub-object code we're looking at, so it's a little easier so we're not fumbling through all the pages --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --trying to figure out what is what. So, if everybody can do their part to state when, you know, Page 447, Sub-object Code 601, and so. So that will make it a lot easier for the rest of us to follow. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I agree. Okay. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I felt like we were on a roll once we got started.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, we might want to continue because, I mean, I mean, we can take a break, I mean, we can take a break but I mean to come back and do it because my sense is that, you know, once you go home then it's like you forget by the time we come back the next day. So, I just think if we take our break, come back, and then we can holomua some more.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, interesting process. It makes me look at budget very differently. I just want to say I like this teamwork from Tamara and my partner here helping us each go through this. Seven minutes is really short. So, I'd like to try and ask for more time, maybe.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're getting nos. Objections.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Anyway, time for dinner.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think, yeah, we're getting into the swing of things. As long as you keep us in that box, we'll try and stay in the box. But, you know, it may not be as easy going through the rest of the departments. We were lucky that Karla has the answers right there and it's quick and it's concise. I have a feeling we may not have the same reaction with some of the others. Then it will get a little trying. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. And yes, mahalo, Ms. Peters, for really making your responses concise and to the point. And if you can get back to us on the questions that you weren't able to answer as quickly as possible, we really appreciate that. Thank you. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, do we have the Water Department standing by to come in after dinner, our dinner break? Yeah. I think it would be helpful, too, to make this first pass by a little bit quicker by indicating whether you have a yes/no answer so they don't...because a lot of the details are in here and if you repeat it two or three times, it takes a lot of time. And, you know, I think where I get confused is I was, you know, my team was going through the Budget Details and now we are on this book. So, I don't have pages on this book. I have pages from the Budget Details on a lot of the questions. So, if we need to find it in . . . if this is the book we're going to go through, then we need to find the pages and some of us might need a little more time. But I just wanted to clarify that you want to stay on this book and not the Budget Details. Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We have Water and then what after that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Water and then Management, Personnel and Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, that's pretty easy.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Fire.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, it's only Water and Fire are the harder ones, yeah, the bigger ones.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Should be quicker.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, if we get there.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seeing no other mics lit, if there are no objections, oh, sorry, so it's 3:36. I'll ask Members to return at 5:00, yeah? Okay. So, Members, please return to your seats at 5:00. Please enjoy your early dinner. If there are no objections, I'll now call a recess. It's 3:36, April 16, Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 3:37 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:07 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order? It is 5:07 on April 16. Aloha `auinala, everyone, I hope you enjoyed your dinner break. So, Members, that first review of the Department of Parks I thought went really well and I'm going to take in some of the feedback that I got. And I'm going to tweak it, fine tune our process a little bit, try to make it a little more streamline and faster. And I'm going to take the advice to read

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the questions first and have our Department respond to the questions that was transmitted via written correspondence and have the Department respond to those and then we'll go straight into the seven minutes, offer each Member to ask their question and then that way you can have your follow-up question right away in that seven minutes. And in the Parks review, not all Members used their seven minutes so I think seven minutes will be good for both the initial questions and the follow-up.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No carryover?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Rollover time. And then from there, I'll ask if any Members have any proposed amendments to the budget. Okay. So, we'll get started. Any questions? Good. Okay, great.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Starting with WS-11. Mr. Pearson, please explain "Explanation of Changes: New hire (or incumbent) Step A, effective January 1, 2019, Step A eliminated" and the resulting decrease in salary. Did the new hire move to Step B? And that was a question from Member Paltin. Mr. Pearson?

MR. PEARSON: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Jeff Pearson, Director, Department of Water Supply. And with me is Deputy Director Helene Kau. We have all the questions in front of us and our written answers. I don't know, would you just...I'd rather you...rather I just read this written answer that I know you have?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think we just received it today so --

MR. PEARSON: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --I'm not sure if Members had an opportunity because we've been in our meeting reviewing the Parks Department if Members had an opportunity to review the response that we received from WS-11. You did? We just received this this morning, the response. So, is there any objections to just having Mr. Pearson read the answers?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No objections? Okay. All right. At least it will be concise, yeah.

MR. PEARSON: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

MR. PEARSON: WS-11, question No. 1, *for the first part of the question regarding Step A eliminated*. For Bargaining Unit 3, Step A was eliminated as of January 1st this year

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per the union contract. Therefore, everyone who was on Step A automatically moved to Step B. Please see pages 16-20 of the attached salary schedule. *For the second part of the question regarding a resulting decrease in salary.* If a salary is decreased, it's usually because someone with a high step left the position and was replaced with someone with a lower step (a new hire).

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Pearson. The second question is – *what is the disposal plan for all of the machinery and equipment, including vehicles and other items being replaced?* And that's a question from Member Paltin.

MR. PEARSON: We referred to WS-9, EDB-1, Item No. 6, that was dated the 8th. But we publicly auctioned the machinery and equipment at the baseyard.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. *How much of East Maui Watershed Protection goes towards Miconia removal?* And another question, so the next three questions are going to be from Member Paltin.

MR. PEARSON: Okay. So, that's Question 3. The Mayor's budget allocates \$550,000 to the East Maui Watershed Partnership and the Nature Conservancy to control Miconia and other invasive weed species and invasive ungulates. So, not just Miconia. 260,000 is allocated to the Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) to target primarily Miconia but also other priority invasives and incipient invasive plants.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. *Why weren't services secured for Miconia removal in FY '20? It seems the need is still there and yet \$240,000 is being removed from efforts to ramp up Miconia control. What has historically or what has historical/scientific information shown to be the result of abandoning efforts to control invasive plants?*

MR. PEARSON: MISC requested a grant from the Department of Water Supply of \$275,000 and the recommended allocation \$260,000 for FY '20. The additional \$250,000 appropriated in FY '19 was not requested by MISC or recommended by the Grant Analysis Committee to be funded by the DWS. The Department has no intention to abandon these efforts to control Miconia. On the contrary, the requested Countywide funds would support bio-economic model to cost-effectively control Miconia in East Maui to address incipient and remote populations. We hope that this method will slow the dissemination of the seeds and ultimately reduce the number of the Miconia plants reaching maturity.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. *Has the Department budgeted for or taken into account the importance of working together with the area residents to maintain vehicular access to water intake in Honokohau Valley as well as the wear and tear to County vehicles by traveling in severe substandard road access regularly?*

MR. PEARSON: Yeah. It's DWS's policy to work well with the public and residents in order to have the appropriate access. Procedurally, DWS can obtain a right of entry with the assistance of Corp. Counsel. County vehicles are often driven off-road with four-wheel drive which results in these vehicles taking a beating in hauling products up and

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down mountainous in all weather conditions. DWS has requested funding in FY 2020 to properly address these needs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Pearson. And the last question is, *has the Department begun planning for costs associated with moving waterlines . . .* okay, I think that's a CIP. Okay, so we'll review that after. Okay. So, that was all the questions from WS-10 . . . sorry, WS-11. WS-12 are CIP questions. And then WS-13, and this is regarding the Meter Replacement Program, Phase 1, in correspondence dated April 8, 2019, the Department stated that "residential meters should be replaced every 15-20 years." *Did the Department establish a meter replacement fund in anticipation of these costs? If not, please explain.* And this is a question from Member Molina.

MR. PEARSON: Excuse me. I missed something here. It says WS-12?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thirteen. WS-12 is regarding a CIP.

MR. PEARSON: Helene's chomping at the bit so I'll let her answer, please.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. KAU: Thank you. The Department did not establish a Meter Replacement Fund in anticipation of these costs. And the reason being is that we need to complete a scope of the Water Meter Replacement Plan before we establish a Meter Replacement Fund. We support the establishment of such a fund. It's a necessary yet costly initiative but we're currently working to determine the scope. So, you know, we don't know now how much is going to be involved. We know it's going to be expensive, so we need to determine the scope first.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. And second question on WS-13 also from Member Molina also regarding the Meter Replacement Program – please summarize the scope for the comprehensive Water Meter Replacement Plan.

MS. KAU: We're currently working with Water Industry consultants to develop the scope for the Water Meter Replacement Plan. It's anticipated that the scope will include but not necessarily be limited to: a review of all DWS metered services, including meter sizes, manufacturer, type, historical readings, register type and dials. The scope should also include a review of the most recent American Water Works Association annual water audit, a review of water meter accuracy test data, a review of the DWS leak detection program, an evaluation of DWS production meters, a review of current meter reading technology, a review of the different types of meters currently on the market, a review of the manpower requirements for an efficient and effective meter replacement program, and an assessment/estimate of the volume of unmetered water and the associated annual value of this water loss being experienced in the DWS system.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, Members, this time we're going to start with Member Kama with the seven minutes of questions, follow-up. And, Department, just

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go ahead and respond to the Councilmembers' questions. That way I don't take up their time giving, yep, yep, yeah. Okay. Ms. Matthews, you ready?

MS. MATTHEWS: I am.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I am, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Let's go.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, I'm going to take all the questions that I have one time, right? Okay. So, for my colleague, Mr. Molina, on Page 631, under the Water Administration. Under Key Activities Goals and Measures – Goal No. 1, measure No. 3, complete Maui Water Use and Development Plan. With success defined as in-house completion of WUDP, why is the estimated FY 2020 result is N/A? On Page 632, for Goal No. 4, support a sustainable water supply where Objective No. 1's measure is the number of actionable watershed management plans in place, the stated result is 11 for FY 2018, '19 and '20. The result is hard to interpret and are there only 11 watersheds in Maui County? This would be a better measure of the total number of watersheds. And I'm going to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama, if you would like them to respond after each question, you can.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, okay. Yeah, I think better.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I should have made a copy so that they can just go . . . yeah, but that would be good, if you can. Thank you.

MS. PEARSON: Okay. Thank you, Member Kama. Good to see you. Good evening. The first question you had – *Goal No. 1, Item No. 3, complete the Water Use and Development Plan*. That goal has been successful just recently where it's gone in front of our Board of Water Supply. We've received their comments, and I think once it leaves the Board of Water Supply we have 60 days to submit it to this Council. So, our Planning Department, Water Resource Planning worked pretty hard through those 60 days, addressed the issues that were brought up at the Board of Water Supply, and it has been submitted within a day or two of the deadline. So, it's going to be on your agenda. Of course, this Budget hearing is now, so it's going to be probably after the Budget hearing. Your second question – I don't have all the specifics. *Do you know how many watersheds specifically are in Maui County?*

MS. KAU: I don't know that we can answer specifically how many watershed partners are in the County; however, the manner in which these entities receive grants involves a grant application process. And so, the entities that apply end up being reviewed by a

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Committee. Many of these entities, as near as I can tell, are actually one particular entity may cover more than one watershed partner. So, I believe that's how it's handled. But if you require further elaboration, we can follow up in writing.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. That would be good. That would be great. So, can I continue, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, when they speak, the clock is turned off, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, it's still running even when they answer?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MR. PEARSON: We'll try to make our answers short for you for all your sakes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Let's go. Okay, Page 637, Equipment. Machinery and Equipment – 953158C7040, replacement of one SUV hybrid all-wheel drive at \$38,000 *what vehicle is being replaced and what is it being replaced with?*

MS. KAU: Better ask the next question while I'm looking.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Ask the next question? Go on?

MR. PEARSON: Yeah. We're not as good as Parks as far as having everything right there. I apologize.

MS. KAU: Member Kama, I do believe it is a Jeep that is 10 years old and it's not very reliable or working properly. And the vehicle that the Water Resources and Planning Division is requesting is to replace that unreliable old Jeep.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you. So, Page 643, under Water Operations – under Key Activity, Goals and Measures, Goal 3, water loss prevention to ensure service lines are efficient and reliable and ensuring minimal interrupted service. For both objectives and all of the measures, the measures are stated in absolute values by providing a relative measure in addition would help understanding how well the program is doing. For example, it is stated that the program would like to inspect 900 miles of water main line for leaks. Is 900 miles of water main line 90 percent of all the water main line or only 10 percent? And my clock is still ticking while you're going, so let me just continue on so we can get it on the record. Page 646, Operations. Utilities – 953471B, 6120. So, WS-4 asks for an explanation of the increase in electricity costs

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for Phase VI pumping. No response has been received so I just wanted to let you know that. I didn't get a response from that. And that is all, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Department, do you have a response for Member Kama? There's still a minute on the clock.

MR. PEARSON: I think it would speed things up I think it would be better to give an answer on the 900 miles in writing after our meeting. And you're working on the pumping?

MS. KAU: You have that WS number for that...the request number for that electricity? What is it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama, the question that you asked that was submitted via written correspondence, do you have the letter code that the question was on?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: For the 900 miles, no.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you have it? Okay. Please be sure to get that --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I will do that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --answer to us right away. No, no, the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You can stop the clock, Ms. Matthews. Okay. Department, to maximize our Councilmember's very limited amount of time, if you don't know the answer or if you don't have it on you right at this moment, will you please just let the Councilmember know that you don't have that answer and that you'll get it back to us as soon as possible. Okay. Member Sugimura, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I had a question also about the, and you answered it, regarding the Water Use and Development Plan. I'm glad it's done. I'll wait for it to come before Ms. Lee's Committee. Are you also going to hold more community discussions about it or is that all completed? I think you had meetings on it.

MR. PEARSON: The community sessions and the community meetings have been completed prior to submitting it to the Council.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. PEARSON: So, no.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Page 638. This came out of our last meeting or our testifiers. East Maui Watershed – what they said was in our budget is the amount for \$550,000, and you probably don't have to look this up, but East Maui Watershed said that they get three hundred something thousand and they share it with Nature Conservancy. So, can you explain that? Are all the watersheds sharing money with Nature Conservancy? Is that kind of an arrangement?

MR. PEARSON: No. Nature Conservancy is not working with all the watersheds. I'm sure of that. I can give you more details later but I know that answer is no.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, there any other watersheds that share that, I would be interested in knowing. I did want to know if the West Maui Watershed also takes care of the Wailuku Water Company lands and I got an answer from them directly, and the answer is yes. That is part of who they take care of. On Page 630 under Services, it went, there is an increase of 2,363,000 for this fiscal year from last and I wonder if you could explain that – on Page 630 in your Detail, Department Expenditure of Summary by character and object. So, under Services is a 45 percent increase.

MR. PEARSON: Let's save time and we'll give you a breakdown of what that increase is.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Then under Utilities is a 22.8 percent increase. It went up \$2,000,000 almost \$3,000,000. So, \$2,945,309 from '19 through the new fiscal year. Oh, I'm sorry. That was Debt Service, yeah?

MS. KAU: Yes...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm sorry. Utilities went up 22.8 percent and Debt Service went up 71.6. So, if you don't have an answer, you can let me know.

MS. KAU: The debt-service projection is primarily based on anticipated increases in debt service. As projects are completed, we have to pay additional debt service including monies due on SRF loans. So, it's bonded debt, it's SRF loans but all of that is part of this debt service number. So, for example, that Iao Water Treatment Facility has been completed recently, so we're, you know, the debt service is increasing.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, that's a good sign then?

MS. KAU: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. And then maybe you can tell us what projects they were then associated with it?

MS. KAU: I'd have to get back to you. I don't have that detail right now.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Transfers out on 630. I just want to know what that means. Transfers out – what is this for? Reduce funding for the Upcountry Water Reserve Fund on 633. What is transfer outs?

MS. KAU: That is a transfer out from the Water Supply Fund to usually General Fund. In this particular case, I do believe that that was for the Upcountry Water Reserve Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Yeah, that's correct. And for reduce funding, oh, this next one is 636 – Operations continued...or Operations – it's Professional Services additional funding for Meter Replacement Program, Phase 1.

MS. KAU: That's what we alluded to earlier, many of the meters need to be replaced.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, this would cover . . .

MS. KAU: That covers the initial phase. We need to replace most of the meters in, you know, the whole County areas that we serve.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. I guess I have more general things so that doesn't qualify under this . . . your program section so I will wait.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: General in CIP or General as in Operations?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: General as in Operations.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I can. Okay. So, this last one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You have two more minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The last one is . . . so because Upcountry has the highest number of cesspools that has to be converted to septic that when a person does—I want to know your opinion on this what I wonder if this would be a policy change--but when a person is doing some kind of improvement to their home, let's say they're going to change their kitchen that doesn't necessarily affect, you know, their water system or doing some kind of carpentry work but they have to get a building permit and then at that time they would be required to change from cesspool to septic? And I'm just wondering if you think that it's unnecessary or you think that people should now start changing. And I will tell you my general feeling is that I think Department of Health is still doing studies to find out, you know, more information on and all the information is not out yet. We're waiting for studies to be revealed from the Legislature and so I wonder if we can kind of hold off on doing some of the things until we have more information so we don't infringe upon or excess costs to our residents.

MR. PEARSON: Sometimes I'm afraid to provide my opinions and all and I'll defer to –

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: To Corp. Counsel?

MR. PEARSON: --Department of Health. I think, you know, they're the lead agency on this --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. PEARSON: --so they should be the ones that, you know, begin the process. And I don't really want to say much that will infringe on their direction on what's going forth now.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That's a very safe answer, as I see Corp. Counsel nodding in the back so that must be the correct answer. I will continue on with that process so we don't have to change their cesspool to septic and only to find out it's not necessary to that degree. So, I will wait. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's go.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If we can turn to 19-11 in our Details, I was wondering how come like the doubling in funding for that newsletter? Why we doubled the amount of money we gotta put for the newsletter? Do we double the amount of newsletters we're sending out?

MR. PEARSON: We'll respond in writing. I'm sorry, we don't have the specifics in front of us.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Right below that - 35,000 for additional funding for audit. Wondering what are we auditing?

MS. KAU: The Department of Water Supply has its own independent audit every year and we pay for it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, you're auditing your...self-audit of the Department?

MS. KAU: Correct. It is an independent audit so we pay, you know, the same auditor that does the County audit, but we're required to pay for our audit.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, no way.

MS. KAU: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then, 15,000 for Miscellaneous studying, wondering what is the study?

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MS. KAU: I believe that's a contingency. It is that funding is in the Administrative Director's budget so in the event that it's determined that, you know, something becomes necessary, that's a contingency.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then I was wondering if it's, for the time we have left, if it's okay if you kind of walk me through how your guys' Department relates with Finance and interacts? Like the money goes to Finance . . . like when you collect the money it goes to your own fund? You guys collect the money or . . .

MS. KAU: We collect the money. The money is part of our Water Fund. In terms of investment, those funds are invested with County funds but they are accounted for separately. The Department of Water Supply is required to generate its own revenue and pay its own expenses.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, they just keep track of it as they're making the investment and then the person comes back to you guys for all...

MS. KAU: We believe that is the case because we do have...receive interest income from the County as well.

MR. PEARSON: I know the definition, I'm not the accountant, but I know the definition is the Enterprise Fund where we can only spend what we take in that services our customers.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then Finance bills you guys for doing your payroll?

MS. KAU: Part of the overhead cost that we pay includes an allocation to cover the services that are provided to Department of Water Supply. That includes legal services, it includes services provided by Finance, services provided by Public Works, et cetera.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like even Corp. Counsel, you guys gotta pay for your legal services?

MS. KAU: We pay a portion of it, yes. We are . . . that's part of our overhead costs that we pay to the County.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then on the other side the folks that go out and check the lines and the pipes that is under a separate program, like Operations vs. Administration?

MS. KAU: Yes. We have two programs – the Administration Program and the Operations Program. And within the Administration Program is Jeff's office – Admin. We have Engineering, Water Resources and Planning, and Fiscal. In the Operations Program, we have water treatment, we have plant operations, and --

MR. PEARSON: Field operations.

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MS. KAU: --field operations. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And how close does your guys' Department work with the Environmental Management? Do you have to buy the R-1 water off of them if you're going to provide it?

MR. PEARSON: Well, right now, they're real separate issues. They produce the R-1 if it's, if they have R-1 systems at Kihei and Lahaina side. They meter that and they charge for that. They store that. Whatever has to do with R-1 is under Environmental Management not Department of Water Supply.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, you don't collect any revenue from the R-1.

MR. PEARSON: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thanks. I think I got it.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Director, we know that Lanai is an independent private system. But by County ordinance, we still have a Water Use Development Plan that Council adopted. So, Lanai can understand it if there is an issue regarding compliance with the adopted Water Use Development Plan, who does the resident go to and complain? They go to you? They go to CWRM? Who do they go regarding any concerns regarding the adopted Water Use Development Plan for Lanai?

MR. PEARSON: If it was a compliance issue with the Water Use and Development Plan that was produced by the Department of Water Supply, I think that would be the first direction they should go. If there's a source issue, which would, obviously on Lanai, just be groundwater issues, then they can still come to us but again, as you know, the Water Commission manages that source and has the permits and so forth. So, I would say, Water Commission on a source issue.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you for that response, Director. On Page 628, I just want to go through couple of points that you state for us regarding external factors? So, in your first paragraph, you're already telling us that in 2003 because of the Iao Aquifer being designated, the Department has concerns about adequacy of supply for Central Maui system. Can you give us a little more clarity of . . . you have a specific concern that we're already at capacity of what we can get out of that aquifer?

MR. PEARSON: The sustainable yield for the Iao Aquifer is 20 million gallons a day. It was designated because the trigger was hit that the water use was I think the moving average for a 12-month moving average was over 80 percent. So, that trigger is what makes it being a month...designated today. We're pumping right now. The 12-month moving average is somewhere around--I don't have it in front of me--but it's somewhere around 16 sometimes 17 million gallons a day. So, we're under the sustainable yield, which can go up to 20 even though the trigger was at 80 percent.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Correct.

MR. PEARSON: The surface water treatment will, of course, reduce the strain on the aquifer. We can also look to the north and Waihee Aquifer, which we do pump right now, and maybe someday to the south the Waikapu Aquifer and additional source there. I say maybe because, you know, there's other issues that are out of our control.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. So, further down on the third paragraph of external factors, can you share with us the 2008 State decision regarding surface water? And you already given us indications that the decision may impact Department's future use of surface water as well as the decision that the State can to amend the interim flow of streams. So, in plain English for those of us that aren't water people what is this saying to us?

MR. PEARSON: It's a mess. It's in contested case right now. I can't give you all the specifics of what was the trigger for the designation of the surface water. It's the only surface water designation in the State. Like I said, it's under contested case now. It's on the CWRM website. The Hearings Officer made a recommendation with his, well, the last part of the contested case responses the Decision and Order that's on the CWRM website. At this time, the Water Commissioners are meeting and determining where they're going to go with the Decision and Order that came from their Hearings Officer. Hopefully, that decision will come out within this year, within 2019.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. PEARSON: And that decision definitely affects Department of Water Supply, which you can consider domestic use and that's the use of the water that's being treated at Iao Treatment Plant right now. I don't know if that's enough but I'll stop because you don't have much time, unless you need more.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, no, I'm asking that because it will impact my decision on how much I'm willing to allocate for certain things in --

MR. PEARSON: In other . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --in the aquifer, okay, and whether or not we really do have sufficient capacity.

MR. PEARSON: May I elaborate one second on the Decision and Order that was proposed by the Hearings Officer would allow up to 3.2 million gallons a day to be treated at Iao for surface water. Right now, with the contested case in place, we can treat 1.7. You can assume that the treatment plant is designed to treat much greater than 3.2 million gallons.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Uh-huh. Again, yeah, I agree. But couple terms ago with I think Mayor Tavares we chose not to move forward on the treatment facility that A&B

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had proposed. Okay. On Page 636, my question is again what other Members have kind of hinted to me but under Professional Services, you know, this two million for additional meter replacement, Phase 1, is that because you miscalculated how much money you really needed the first time you coming back with this revision?

MS. KAU: Member Hokama, the meter replacement in and of itself is just very...it's an expensive undertaking. That's all it is, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, for me, the word "additional", yeah, so obviously someone calculated that you needed . . .

MS. KAU: Well, on an ongoing basis, you know, we replace broken meters on a regular basis. But this is a fairly large-scale effort to be . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, this is not something that you didn't anticipate then?

MS. KAU: Oh, no, we anticipated this.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. That's the main thing. On that 105,000 for Himalayan ginger, is this a last-minute thing that because we already noticed how much money you've put into the watershed programs. So, this additional professional services that I'm assuming you folks decided to add in because it hit a critical point?

MS. KAU: I apologize. We'll have to answer that in writing.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. No, that's fine. Not a problem. Chair, you just wanted to stay with Water Admin. at this time?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Water Admin. and Program . . . and Operations.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Oh, we can go to Operations. Okay, great. Page 646 under Ops. Oh, okay, that's fine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's my fault for not clarifying that we're going beyond Administration and Operations. So, I'll give all the Members an additional one minute to ask additional questions for Operations. I'll go back after and then come back to Councilmembers. I'm sorry I wasn't clear.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You can have your one minute now, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Oh, okay, thank you, Chair. 646, again, this \$1 million for electricity for Phase 6 pumping, is that something that wasn't anticipated, Department? That's a big chunk for power. Under Utilities.

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MR. PEARSON: Member Hokama, I'm looking at WS-4, the question asked...the request for additional electricity appropriated. Under ideal normal conditions, surface water flows from the Koolau/Waikamoi rain forest and Haipua`ena intakes into Waikamoi and Kahakapao Reservoirs to Olinda water treatment plant.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Pearson, since we have that in writing, I'll allow Mr. Hokama to ask another question and then we can refer to that response.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: The only reason I bring it, 'cause if you go 647 under Utilities, Electricity you get Phase 6 pumping again at 1.7 million. So, I'm just kind of confused. Is this the same thing or not, since you've asked . . .

MR. PEARSON: I'll follow up in writing but to be brief now, if it's Phase 6, it's the same thing. But I can follow up with better details in writing, Member.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Great. And the last one because you said you work with other Departments, what is the advantage of purchasing that motor grader – 210,000 instead of leasing or renting the motor grader when you need it?

MS. KAU: If I recall correctly, we have to rent one on a regular basis and it's very expensive for us to rent it. So, we've determined that it would actually be more cost effective for us to have it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: To purchase it?

MS. KAU: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. I was going to ask a question on Utilities also on Page 644, under Utilities – Maui Electric must really love us – 16,209,848. That's an increase of over \$3 million. Are we looking at other ways to generate energy besides buying it from Maui Electric?

MR. PEARSON: Member Lee, yes, the trouble with these other ways especially solar it takes . . . these pumps are higher powered, higher horse-power pumps and to meet the needs, the electrical needs of these, you need quite a large area for solar and due to that if we don't own the property to place the solar, it's hard to put solar. We're looking at one right now in the Wailuku Well 1 to do solar on an adjoining property. So, we're following up on that right now but it's difficult to power these high-powered pumps and motors with solar at a minimum.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What about hydro-electric technology?

MR. PEARSON: Hydro-electric, you're talking about pump storage and inline hydro?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Uh-huh.

MR. PEARSON: The inline hydro it's possible. You need...a 12-inch pipes is better for a minimum size pipe and of course you need enough delta head change from elevation to meet the needs of to generate enough hydro. But we're looking at that in West Maui Mahinahina the line that feeds the existing two-million-gallon tank right below the Mahinahina Treatment Plant. But we're not real far along on that but it's a consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: All right. Also, I see you have 5 million plus in the budget for new water sources. Can you say where those new water sources are going to be?

MR. PEARSON: That's in our CIP budget. I don't know if I can answer that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't know. Everybody has been asking CIP questions. So, Madam Chair?

MR. PEARSON: I'll defer to Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You can go ahead and answer that question. 'Cause we're not asking...I'm taking up your time, go ahead.

MR. PEARSON: Most of the source that we're looking at right now is in West Maui. We have two wells – West Maui 1, West Maui 2. I think West Maui 1 is also called Kanaha and they're both drilled and we're moving towards the development of those wells to offset use on the West Maui side. Also, due to Water Commission actions at Kanaha stream where there's going to be a requirement to replace a certain amount of water in Kanaha near Lahainaluna. We're looking at two wells. We call 'em the Launiupoko Wells to be drilled except that we haven't even begun yet. So, it's going to be kind of a longer process to offset the water that's going to be required by CWRM to be returned to the streams.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Is West Maui designated right now?

MR. PEARSON: No. Only designated is Iao.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, when was the last time the County developed a new water source for Central Maui not counting the replacement wells for Shaft 33? When was the last time new sources developed for West Maui, I mean, Central Maui?

MR. PEARSON: I don't have a specific answer for that so we can answer that in writing.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. And one last question would be . . . you mentioned that we are designated, yeah, in Central Maui, the Iao Aquifer, right?

MR. PEARSON: Correct.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: But this is the first time I heard that we can pump up to 20 million gallons a day because the reason why we were designated is because we were pumping too much, right. So, now, we can pump up to the maximum? Has something changed?

MR. PEARSON: Nothing has changed. The sustainable yield is 20 million gallons a day and we can, I can double check that and provide a clarification in writing. But nothing's changed. The trigger allowed the designation which allowed more stringent evaluation and review of actions taking place at Iao Aquifer.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Because my concern is in 2007 a bill called "Show Me the Water" was passed, yeah. Presumably because there wasn't enough water in Central Maui. But having over four million gallons a day is a lot of water. Plus, when the Iao Treatment Plant is operational and ready to roll, that's another 1.7 million gallons a day, which means there will be 5.7 million gallons a day. And once the contested case is over, there's going to be instead of 1.7 it will be 3.2 million gallons added to the 4 million; that's a lot of water, don't you think?

MR. PEARSON: Well, the math for the Iao is pumping correct 1.7 and if the contested case Decision and Order that came through from the Hearings Officers is accepted by the Commissioners, it will go to 3.2 so that's an additional 1.5. That's correct. And again, I'll clarify these numbers at Iao Aquifer as far as the 20 million gallons a day available for pumping.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Director.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. My questions relate to Page 636, Water Admin., Sub-object Code No. 6132 Professional Services – the \$100,000 for a rate study. My only question is to the Department is, why we need a rate study? Because, you know, I presume, you know, you folks I guess are the bean counters, you know what you're going to need in the future and is it more you need this rate study to validate the day when, you know, the Department may have to approach the Council about increasing rates? Can I get your thoughts on that?

MS. KAU: The manner in which we estimate our rates each year involves a rather complex rate model that takes into consideration several factors, you know, the existing consumption, growth, the extent to which perhaps raising rates sometimes actually involves a reduction in consumption. There are a whole bunch of factors that are considered in this rate model and the rate model needs to be updated if I recall correctly. The last time that it was evaluated was in 2013. And so, what the consultant does is, you know, evaluate current conditions, project what they anticipate in the future, and you know, all these factors are taken into consideration to develop a sound basis for determining appropriate water rates.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. I just wish they could do it for less than \$100,000, though. Well, I guess I'm not a rocket scientist so I guess I don't know this stuff. But when would you be starting this rate study, as soon as everything is approved then? This year you're going to begin commissioning out?

MS. KAU: You know, I can't speak to exactly when they anticipate starting that. We do need to proceed with . . . the Fiscal Division needs to proceed with getting that Meter Replacement Program started first.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Nice segue for my next question. I'm just following up on that. Once this program is initiated I guess, so, you know, like, you had mentioned several times in your responses, costly, will this Department be able to absorb the cost or is this going to be passed on to our users down the road?

MS. KAU: Well, initially, this...every year we want to anticipate some degree of meter replacement. Needless to say, what we have proposed in this budget includes this anticipated cost; and in the future, to some degree, you know, rates may be affected. But it shouldn't be substantial because every year we're anticipating, you know, a fair expenditure.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, maybe worst-case scenario just a minimal increase, a slight bump, as a worst-case scenario, you know, customers have to pay for some of this?

MS. KAU: You know, I can't really answer that. 'Cause to some degree sometimes we would offset other expenditures to accommodate this.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right. Thank you. That's all I have. I think I'm well under my seven minutes, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You sure are.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I can give mine to Mr. Sinenci if he wants it. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. My first question is on Page 636 under 6132 Professional Services – additional funding for USGS monitoring and WUDP – 80,000 and Molokai – 150,000. So, is this data collected by the USGS available? And what does the Department use the data for?

MR. PEARSON: The US--thanks for your question--the USGS does stream monitoring data and they do some ditch monitoring data on Molokai. The information is always made available. I don't know if it's always on the DWS website but it is available through USGS, you know, they're transparent, so it is available. I don't know the specifics right now.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So, it's mainly for the instream flow standards? That's what it's for?

MR. PEARSON: I don't want to conjecture too much because I haven't seen the specifics of the contract with USGS.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And then further down, Professional Services – additional funding for conservation boundary fencing, increasing volunteerism, and eco-tourism partnership for 35,000. Can you explain the eco-tourism partnership?

MR. PEARSON: Not in good detail. And I won't waste your time so we can give you a better written example. We don't have all our Division heads here, but I'd rather follow-up later to help you with better time.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. And then just a clarification question on Page 638, down at nine . . . on the list of grants - Miconia containment and removal. So, under the Water Administration Program, it specifically says, Miconia containment and removal for 260,000. And whereas in the Budget ordinance it refers to it for grant for eradication for Miconia and other invasive plants. So, it includes . . . in the budget includes more than Miconia and here it just mentions Miconia.

MR. PEARSON: I would think that the table is just being brief but, again, if we need more information, you know, the longer description would be a better description of the specifics of the monies used for the grant.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. That's it for now, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. Members . . . Member Kama, Member Sugimura, and Member Paltin, I'm sorry I wasn't clear about us going through both programs and so if you had additional questions for the Water Operations Program and not the Administration Program, I'll give you an additional minute to ask those questions if you have.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I actually asked my Operations question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Me as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura? Or I can come back to you and I can do my questions, if you want. Okay. Okay, ready? Okay. Let's go. Okay, here we go. Page 635 under Operations, okay, please explain the reduced funding of 3,882,143 for the Upcountry Water Reserve Fund? Oh, okay, and it was explained or was it in writing?

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

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. We'll go to the next question. Okay. The combined amounts of Other Premium Pay listed added up to \$143,087. Will you explain why the request at the bottom of Page 633 list 137,387 as the total of Other Premium Pay being requested? So, there's a discrepancy of \$5,700.

MR. PEARSON: Better we follow up with a written response on that to save time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. On Page 636, Professional Services additional funding for Meter Replacement Program, Phase 1. Please justify the increase in this proposal as well as more information about the program in your response to this Committee's request in WS-9. Your Department asked for an extension on time to answer up to and including yesterday, April 15th. This Committee would . . . would you mind sharing that information with us today? WS-9.

MS. KAU: Yes, Chair. At Fiscal Year end 6/30/2018 about 93 percent of the water, which is 33,598 of the water services maintained and managed by DWS were smaller size meters, which are normally in the single-family dwelling or residential rate category. About 70 percent were nexus of 15 years of age. With age comes a diminished ability to accurately record actual water . . . water use and this leads to a loss of revenue for DWS. Typically, at this age, it has been determined that the cost of meter replacement is less than the loss of revenues with the continued use of the old meter. Most studies performed by the industry have concluded that residential meters should be replaced every 15 to 20 years. Of the 2 million being requested for the Fiscal 2020 budget, approximately 200,000 to 300,000 is being requested to fund a comprehensive water meter replacement plan. We're currently working with the industry consultants to formalize a scope for this plan. The balance of the funds would be used to hire an outside vendor to provide needed labor and resources necessary to assist our two Water Meter Tech positions in the actual installation of the new meters.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay, so regarding the invasive Himalayan ginger, is the East Maui irrigation going to be providing funding to match County funding for services on the expanded easement?

MS. KAU: Chair, I do believe we're going to have to answer that in writing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And will you also include the rationale since the County is paying for this service?

MS. KAU: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: On Page . . . oh, same page, the \$150,000 that Member Sinenci referred to for the Water Use Development Plan for Molokai, is that funding allocated so that the Molokai community can complete its Water Use Development Plan?

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MR. PEARSON: I know that while talking with my Water Resource plan . . . Resource Planning Division Head that we're going to have the consultant work on the Water Use and Development Plan for Molokai, so that's consultant fees. But I can clarify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. On Page 644, will you please explain the change amount proposed under Premium Pay? So, 47,853 does not match the other Premium Pay proposed to be deleted – 113,200 on Page 645 and 6 on the bottom and on 646 at the top.

MR. PEARSON: Yeah. Again, it's a . . . it would be better if we can follow up --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In writing.

MR. PEARSON: --and provide a written response.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And under Materials and Supplies – 644, why does the change amount proposed 975,786 on the same page – Page 644, not match the total Materials and Supplies line-item proposed on Page 646. All other items in that section do match and cancel each other out, except for the four items in the continuation and expansion request total 928,286 for a difference of \$47,500.

MR. PEARSON: Again, we'll follow up with a written response.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We asked about water . . . electricity and . . . Okay. Will you please explain the necessity of purchasing 92 emergency radios for \$300,012?

MS. KAU: Chair, after the last fairly large emergency that we had on the West Side where we had encroaching storm and the fire, it was determined that our existing radios were substandard. And at the time, Police Department had strongly advised that all of us obtain better communication. As a result, very recently we purchased 12 of the radios that are able to use the same bandwidth--I don't know if that's the correct terminology--that Police and Fire use. And we found those to be far more reliable. And so, what we intend to do is to replace our existing antiquated radio system.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Chair King asked one question. Is there any objections if I ask her one question?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Start that timer. Nah, I'm just kidding. Okay. On the questions and the written communication, under WS-9, Chair King asked, besides the \$4,362,357 in Carryover Savings from the Water Fund, are there any other Department of Water Supply Carryover Savings from Fiscal Year 2019? And so her question is, is the 4,362,357 all Carryover Savings? I hope I said that right.

MS. KAU: I do believe that that is all Carryover Savings and we do not anticipate any further Carryover Savings in Fiscal 2019.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mr. Pearson?

MR. PEARSON: I will give an, although, but it's not a CIP discussion but if there's issues beyond our control where CIPs doesn't get spent, there's going to be Carryover Savings and I know that this group is...the Members are well aware of that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, that was her only question. Okay. Okay, Members, we're now . . . so there's quite a bit of questions, Mr. Pearson, if you can get back to us on for all the Members that you said you would provide additional details or a follow up to, if you can get that to us right away so that we can make decisions accordingly. Okay. We're going to the next phase of this process and that's if . . . that's for Members' proposed amendments to the Operations budget. And I'll start with Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. My first question was on Page 637 – expansion budget request under Machinery and Equipment – 7036. And the question was how large is this new office area of two vacant positions? I was just wondering of the Engineering's Conference Room and what would be the 20,000 mainly used for.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci, did you have a proposed amendment?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I was going to ask of it if I just needed the square footage of the . . . just to calculate square footage cost per square feet of the Engineering Conference Room.

MR. PEARSON: The Deputy is looking for it. I know there was a detailed response in one of the WS responses but I don't know which one it is right now.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. I can look for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You want to move to the next one?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. So, that's it for now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that...that's the one? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Member Molina? Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Nothing for me. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Amendment to the Operations? Amendment to anything?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Member Sugimura, I forgot to give you a minute? Did you still --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm fine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- need that?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm fine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm fine. So, if I could make an amendment? This is like a dream, but can we get rid of the water meter list?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No dreams, that's the next phase.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We cannot have dreams? We can have dreams.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that's the goal.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You're serious -- amendment to the Water Department. I have a CIP one but we're not talking about CIP, right; that's the one I mentioned before. Okay. Pass.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I am serious about the water meter list.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We are, too.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I have no amendments, either. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we found the departmental response for the square footage of the Engineering's conference room.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: What number is it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That is on Page 637 under Machinery and Equipment. Member Sinenci?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I did get the answer. The Engineering Division renovation includes the following: demolition of an interior wall between two existing storage closet, demolition of an interior wall to one of these storage closets and an existing office. The two existing storage closets and an existing office will be converted into a new meeting room – 230 sq. ft. currently we're using an open partition cubicle with a conference table – 72 sq. ft. as our meeting area. So, it looks like the scope of the work including demolition would probably compensate for this number. So, no amendments from me. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. And my proposed amendment for this Department until we get a response from the Department is to adjust premium pay back to flat with last year. Okay. Okay, that was awesome. That was one hour and ten minutes for this Department. You ready for the next Department – Management? Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Pearson and, yeah, Ms. Kau. Thank you so much.

MR. PEARSON: Thank you, Chair and Members, for the brisk pace.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And we look forward to your written responses and follow ups to our questions . . . as soon as possible.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Based upon the responses that we get back, will we have another opportunity to amend?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: During I think Member Sinenci and I were talking about adding to that Miconia and invasive species, are we supposed to talk about it now with the Department or we just assume they heard what we said?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, your question would have been to . . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Is this considered when we tell them our amendment and if they would agree or if they have concerns?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, that would have been part of your questions.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Now . . . now?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Right. Well, not now but before . . . during your seven minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, my god. Does it mean that it doesn't qualify anymore? Shane Sinenci, you and I messed up. We didn't talk about the \$240,000. There's 260 in. But we didn't talk about it now. We talked about it before.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No, Chair, we did.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, my sense in asking the question was without having so many answers to the questions, we're not sure if we want to leave the budgets the way they are or do some form of exchange, take from here to put there. But there has to be a replacement somewhere. So, I would think that the Miconia discussion is still on the table until...because that's one of the things that I was looking at, too, 'cause I don't want to not give enough money because they gave money in '17 and '18. They gave a lot of money in '19 and then they decreased in 2020. If we want to eradicate, we have to go high or go home. I don't know but, anyway, for discussion's sake, that's what I would think.

MR. PEARSON: Chair, may I suggest that --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Pearson?

MR. PEARSON: --could be provided in writing and we can also respond to that? Is that...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, absolutely.

MR. PEARSON: And the other . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did you hear the question during deliberations? Member Sugimura, do you want to repeat the question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes. So, basically, for that . . . this was under all the watersheds and it was Miconia containment and removal. And in there was 260,000 so Shane and I discussed it and we basically took it back to what it was last year which was 500,000 and I think Mr. Sinenci also added in another I want to say 100,000 for helicopter assistance. And so, you know, I wasn't clear that we had to put it in here but do we have to give it to them in writing so they know what we're talking about for their comments back?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think it would be clearest if we transmit it in writing, but...okay, yeah. Would you, Mr. Pearson, be able to submit a response by Thursday?

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MR. PEARSON: By Thursday? I honestly can't promise that, I'm sorry. I can try but my Division Head's not here and she's...we're slammed tomorrow, so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura wants to give the Department more money.

MR. PEARSON: I know. I won't promise, but I'll do my best to try and get an answer by Thursday.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. PEARSON: May I also clarify that we're going to get these...the questions that we're unable to answer, they're going to be provided in written form so we can follow up?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All the questions?

MR. PEARSON: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That you said that you would respond to in writing?

MR. PEARSON: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I thought you would have been taking notes.

MR. PEARSON: I was taking notes but I might not have got everything specifically, but okay, we'll do our best and we'll watch the tape.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, wow.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, would it be helpful to the Department to give 'em the questions that we're asking?

MR. PEARSON: That would be fantastic.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay, I can do that.

MR. PEARSON: Thank you very much.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. I will do it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're all learning as we go along.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, I know it's a new process so I'm trying . . . I'm being as flexible as I can but we do have a deadline to pass our budget and I want to get the Members all the information they need to make the decisions for this budget.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Can we go ahead and submit an amendment in writing to the Committee?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So it looks like we're not going to have enough time to collect all the questions and then give it to OCS to draft up to then transmit . . . so I was really relying on the Departments to, you know, come as prepared as possible to answer the Members' questions and any questions that you didn't have the answer to that you would have taken dubious notes to have the ability to respond to the Members adequately.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'll give you my questions, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other questions, Members? Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Pearson, Ms. Kau, for being with us this evening and answering our questions. Okay. We're going to call down Mr. Sandy Baz from Management.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . . *(Inaudible)*. . . no, I mean, who's after...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. After that is Personnel.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Personnel?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, that one should be fairly quick, too, yeah. Okay. So, Members, was that a better process than Parks? Was that a little better? Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, yeah. Madam Chair, just a point of information. After Management, we'll be taking a short break afterwards?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. It's getting late, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Just for your information, I think the process was faster this time because you let us ask more questions, you know, not only confined to Operations. Because the reality of this process is that after these guys ask all the questions, a lot of 'em have been answered that we were going to ask.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, we may as well broaden the scope of discussion because, again, they'll be duplicated . . . a duplication of questions the other way. Okay. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Questions? Okay. So, I'll do the same thing again. I'll ask the Department the questions that was submitted via written communication and that wasn't responded to. Okay.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Baz, you ready?

MR. BAZ: I think so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. BAZ: Good thing I did my yoga today and flexible. Nah, nah. Madam Chair, thank you. We're here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, first question and this is from MD-2. May I please request a written status, oh, sorry, that's CIP. Okay. MD-7, please explain why annual employee appraisals and evaluations are not included as a key goal of all Departments. And this is a question from Member Paltin.

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Madam Chair and Member Paltin. Well, good evening, everyone. That's a very good question and something that I will be working with Department of Personnel Services who manages that process for employee appraisals and evaluations in developing that . . . holding the Departments accountable to making sure that performance evaluations are completed on a timely basis is the joint responsibility between management and personnel, so we'll follow up on that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Next question – please share the vehicle use evaluation and management policy specifically the section on acquisition, replacement and disposal. And this is also a question from Member Paltin as well as the next five.

MR. BAZ: Okay. So, the vehicle usage policy is a pretty thick document so we'll provide that to you in writing. And we can point out specifically which pages relate to the items that you are requesting. Madam Chair, I have a draft of response to MD-7. I'm not sure . . . I know my Department staff was putting it together and compiling it. I just don't think they transmitted it yet so, we'll get it to you tomorrow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. I'm going to continue reading the questions from MD-7 and MD-8 because the Members had an opportunity to review your

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Department's responses for the other questions. And so they haven't had an opportunity to review the draft that you have in front of you.

MR. BAZ: I understand, and I apologize for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. BAZ: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Next question is, please share how much has been saved by implementation of the fleet management system in 2013 and what is the specific cost of this service.

MR. BAZ: Madam Chair, the quantification of savings from that program is not achievable. It's not information that we can necessarily collect. A lot of it is anecdotal related to, you know, vehicles that were take-home vehicles and we can tell you how many were reduced in that process itself. But the actual cost savings because of that program is not something that we can compile and quantify. The specific cost of the service that we've collected, and I don't see it on here, but it is a fairly expensive service – over \$100,000 a year for us to provide that fleet service, which is basically most of the cost is cellular service for the GPS units that are in the vehicles that includes a software that analyzes the data that is collected from those GPS units and provides reports to our Department staff to management to be able to identify vehicles that are traveling beyond posted speed limits or above 60 miles an hour I think is one of the criteria. It also looks at if there are any engine light issue, you know, how your engine light comes on, it tells you basically what the maintenance code is of those vehicles so we can make sure those get proper servicing. And it does also have some other benefits as well, location, obviously, we can log in and identify location of vehicles, idle time, management, a lot of different issues related to that. So, we can get you the total cost of what we spent on that fleet management program. The first portion of it was subsidized a little bit by the Hitachi program so we'll get that to you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Baz. Okay. What are the ten Fiscal Year '18 Departments approved to move forward with reorganization requests? How many of the reorganizations are completed? If not completed, what percentage has been completed?

MR. BAZ: Okay. So, there were 24 proposals received; 16 reviewed; 10 approved; and 6 returned for further study. Those were . . . so, the approved were Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Environmental Management, Department of Water Supply, Department of Management, and Department of Corporation Counsel [sic], each of them had various reorganizations that were approved from the total of those 24 different proposals. I apologize they didn't do an actual percentage, but so a little bit less than half were approved. Most of them were reviewed, some were still outstanding to be reviewed but most of them have been reviewed. This is something that I have directed our staff to expedite that process of departmental requests for reorganization approvals. So, I swear we've had a fairly significant increase in the

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amount of reviews and approvals and coordination back up departments as they have been needed items. I understand that they also require union consultation and so that part of the process has to happen. We have to, you know, send them letters, review their responses, respond to their questions and things like that so it's all part of that process.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. What are the 16 Fiscal Year '19 departments approved, to date, to move forward with reorganization requests? And what stage of the reorganization are they at?

MR. BAZ: So, as of June 31st, 16 of them have been approved from six different departments. Those departments were Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Environmental Management, Department of Management, Department of Public Works, Department of Finance, and Department of Housing and Human Concerns. So, 16 have been approved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, 16 of the 16 have been approved. The second part of the question asks what stage of the organization are they at?

MR. BAZ: After . . . well, the Department of Management's review of reorganization is the first part of the process. Yeah, so the question is a little deceiving. There was 16 approved, yes, we approved 16. And what stage of the reorganization are they at . . . they're beyond Department of Management. Once the Department of Management approves them they go to Department of Personnel Services and then back to the Department for implementation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Would you consider adding "percentage of departments with 100 percent completed employee appraisals/evaluations done on time?" to the success measurements of management program goal – 1.2: evaluate the management and performance of each agency, determine if the departments are being effectively managed?

MR. BAZ: Thank you. So, the answer is yes. Whether or not the 100 percent of appraisals or evaluations are being done on time is a determinant of the department being effectively managed is something for discussion. But, yes, we can add that to the criteria.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Baz. Okay. The next four questions is also from Member Paltin. Have all Departments committed to use SeeClickFix, the work management software, and is this an additional 15,000? What is the total amount spent on SeeClickFix software?

MR. BAZ: So, the SeeClickFix software is the background of our com connect application that is utilized by the general public to report instances or issues that they have. All departments are utilizing that have interactions with the public as far as infrastructure usually, you know, abandoned vehicles. The majority of the departments do utilize this system. \$15,000 is the annual cost of the system itself.

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And I believe we're in the third year, so we probably spent about \$45,000 on this. It's \$15,000 annually.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Please speak to the information technology goal 2.2 success measurement "percentage completion of MAPPS project by June 30, 2020." Fiscal Year '19 estimate is 100 percent and Fiscal Year '20 estimate is 80 percent. Will you explain why the drop?

MR. BAZ: So, I can explain a little bit and I do have our ITS CTO here as well. But the MAPPS program, you know, is a very intensive process, application that is being reviewed. Those of you who's been around understand that it's a very intricate. It's basically replacing a software system that's been in place for over two decades and really takes a lot of effort to make sure that we're doing it correctly. And because so many of our community interactions depend on that software to be complete and accurate, we took a step back and basically took a pause in the implementation of it and reviewed some of the items and decided that, you know, the pause was good, we're going to move forward with it, but it did delay our ability to implement the project as initially desired. But we do plan by the end of Fiscal Year 2020 to be 80 percent complete. And I believe by the end of calendar year 2020 to be 100 percent complete.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. What are the hours and route of the downtown shuttle service? What is the capacity of each shuttle? This directly correlates with the Maui Redevelopment goal of 1.3.

MR. BAZ: Right. So, the discussion on the shuttle for the Wailuku Redevelopment Plan included a shuttle that was actively running every 15 minutes in the morning between 6:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. and in the evenings between 3:15 and 6:00 p.m. That will . . . and the capacity of the shuttle will be based on the need. We're still doing evaluation, still doing surveys of the businesses and residents in that area to be able to identify specifically how big of a bus is needed. And also, that original desired time frames was based on, you know, people starting work and people ending work. But we have heard from the community that some would desire it to be, you know, all day so we're kind of evaluating that piece as well. Once we finish those surveys then that will be put out to bid and we'll be able to determine specifically what the hours will be. And the route is, basically, going to be from the alternative parking site to the Wailuku area and around that area and then back down again. We do have, you know, alternative . . . a couple of different alternative parking sites that will identify and be able to operate between those sites as well. And then we do have a plan on having some alternative sites close enough to Wailuku town to not require a shuttle that they should be able to be walking, you know, from that parking up into Wailuku town to Market Street and Vineyard Street area.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Baz. What was the volume of direct names and the specific geographic areas? This directly correlates to Goal 2.3.

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MR. BAZ: So, for the Wailuku community . . . Civic Complex, we did a mail-out in February that was done in conjunction with Wailuku Community Association and so it utilized their member and their member data base. We can't . . . I mean, identify the geographic location and number that was based on their information. Future mailings, we did approach the U.S. Post Office and will be providing them and utilizing their services to provide direct mailing to all, basically, all businesses, people, residents whatever you want, you know, locations on those routes and it would be about 3,500 addresses for each one of those routes. We decided to do that because the . . . if we choose real property tax system, some of them are owners not tenants. The owners' addresses may be not, you know, locate...they may not be sharing that information. So, we figure if we use the actual mail routes then the mail will get to the residents because we did have that complaint weren't receiving the information we were sending out even though we were sending it out. So, to address that situation we're going to be utilizing those mail routes, and it's approximately 3,500 addresses.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Baz. Regarding Goal 2.4, the number of must-see installations is blank for Fiscal Year 2020 estimate. What are the plans in this category for Fiscal Year '20?

MR. BAZ: So, this is related to the Small Town Big Art. We're planning eight visual art installations to be installed throughout this next fiscal year utilizing a process outlined by the Hawaii State Foundation of Culture and Arts, yeah. So we're integrating their process of providing public art, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. And then last question from MD-7, from Member Paltin, why doesn't the Maui Redevelopment Program employees incur premium pay?

MR. BAZ: So, the existing staff basically doesn't utilize premium pay. If they work additional hours, we either flex their time or provide comp time. Basically, small budget, you know, low amount of ability for us to provide overtime. And then, right now, because the vacancies, we do have savings throughout this year but generally, we were going to try to maintain the project and the program within its means and not have to require overtime.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay, Members, those were all the questions that we transmitted to Management and didn't receive a response back. So, now we're going to move on to the seven minutes for each Member to ask their questions. The questions will be on any of the four programs. So, Management Program; Information, Technology, Services Program; Geographic Information Systems Program; and Maui Redevelopment Program. So, all four programs. And you did such a good job. Please continue to identify the page number, section, the object. Everyone did a very good job with the last department on doing that. So, okay, Member Sinenci, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I'll defer to my colleague.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll come back to you. Okay, Member Molina, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Just basically two questions. Page 375, under Information Technology Services Division – Services, Sub-object Code 6132 and 6138. There's a number of contracts listed for these, I guess, two codes. One of them of course is the Work Day Program, the 500,000. And it's my understanding that, you know, Work Day will not replace ADP time card. Can you confirm that? I just wanted to know for sure. So, basically, are we having two programs right now and paying for both ADP and Work Day at this point in time?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Please go ahead and just freely respond to the Members.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Page 375, Members, for your info.

MR. VERKERKE: Thank you, Chair; and thank you, Mr. Molina, for the question. ADP will only be used for time tracking as a temporary transitional function. We, as you may know, we have gone live with CoreHR and Payroll Production on April 1st. We expect to complete the time tracking component by September 1st while we are finalizing the testing and validating and gradual roll out. We need to continue to rely on ADP; but once that portion of the project is finished, ADP will no longer be used for time tracking.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Verkerke. I was hoping to hear that it's just temporary. Any of these other contracts are going to be I guess long-term, you know, every year we're going to be looking at paying besides the Work Day? Any of these other contracts, recurring annual cost, if you will?

MR. VERKERKE: Mr. Molina, the Category 6138 is used for annual long-term maintenance expenses for the many information systems we have, so, yes. The ones that you see listed here are listed because this is the first year we are contractually obligated to pay these fees. After that, presumably, it becomes kind of included in the baseline funding for this effort and only the new ones, replacement systems, new capabilities that we introduce each year will be identified as an increase in the cost we have. Sometimes, we are able to remove a cost. I don't know that it always gets called out but that's what it is.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, well, thank you very much for your hard work and your personnel's hard work in the ever-changing world of technology in trying to keep up. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Ms. Matthews. Okay, go ahead.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Hi, Ms. Matthews. Just kidding. Okay. I'm going to ask a few questions on Maui Redevelopment Program. I believe you had a public hearing here not long ago when we were at a Budget meeting, District Budget meeting. And I was wondering if anything came up that night that impressed you or, you know, made you decide to make adjustments to the project at all?

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Member Lee. So, that was a very good event that we had here. It was very well attended by many Wailuku residents, businesses that were impacted. We did listen. We wrote down significant amount of notes. We're going to have a follow-up meeting with them in another month or so, and hopefully, the Councilmembers will be able to participate. Just gotta watch out for Sunshine Law issues but the ideas that were presented in there are definitely thought provoking and we are evaluating them. And there may be . . . well, definitely some discussion related to the mitigation efforts and the parking and different things like that during construction. Lot of questions came up about that and issues. Mayor Victorino will be looking at the second phase of the project and analyzing, you know, when it moves forward and the capacity and the different criteria that it will have at that point. We're not really ready to make any kind of decisions at that point on Phase II yet.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I'm sure you've considered early on other alternatives like buying existing buildings, you know, along the perimeter of the property for parking purposes. Have you looked at that as another alternative?

MR. BAZ: Madam Chair and Member Lee, we did purchase two existing lots that were adjacent to the property and those who assist us in developing the ingress and egress to the property as well as additional site for the civic complex itself. And so, the land, there is not a whole bunch of additional land available right around the municipal parking lot. You know, we don't want to demolish existing operating businesses to just make more parking. You know, it's suppose to be an economic development engine not a killer. So, while, you know, more surface parking is cheaper, it does kind of . . . it's a balance that we really need to really review to move forward with not...if we're not going to do the parking structure itself. I understand, you know, the civic complex is more of an issue that we can analyze, but the parking structure itself on the location is something that Mayor Victorino supports.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And then I was concerned that this project, did you or does the project have any component that provides incentives to the current landowners of the properties, you know, on the major streets because many of those buildings have been there since the beginning of time and have reached long past economic obsolescent. So, you know, why put in all the infrastructure and a new economic engine when the old buildings and old infrastructure, you know, make it difficult for tenants to thrive because these buildings are beyond, you know, like I said, their economic life.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, I can tell you that even from personal experience on Vineyard Street, a lot of the issues that have prevented those landowners, those building owners from doing renovations is the infrastructure itself. When MEO bought the Cabebe store and tried to renovate that, that was a huge challenge because the waterline in Vineyard Street

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was inadequate and the Water Department was going to require us to put a line in all the way from High Street down to Central, and there was no way that we could have afforded that. But because they had another project that was going on similar time, we waited a little bit. Their project got done and we were able to do that renovation. But there are many other businesses and landowners that would like to reinvest in their area; but because the infrastructure has been inadequate and there's no parking available, they have been unable to get the permits to do those renovations. So, we believe that doing this infrastructure and doing the parking will allow them to make those investments and the businesses will have a nice location to be able to operate in.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do you think in some cases might have a reverse effect like driving cost up for, no rents up for the tenants?

MR. BAZ: That is a concern and we have been analyzing that and trying to determine how we could possibly provide some relief to not just the landowners themselves but to make sure that it gets down to the tenants that they're housing, you know, and to make sure that if there are incentives and savings that we provide through real property tax exemptions, you know, that's going to have to come to Council for approval and so we're going to be evaluating those in an individual basis and try to make sure that it gets down to the tenants who are actually paying the bills and not just provide, you know, the landowners with extra relief.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Six minutes on top. Chair King, you ready?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think I'm ready. I have basically more over-arching questions that is not really on a specific page but one of my questions is about the strategic planning that you have. And I guess that is on a specific page, Page 364. This is kind of an ongoing beef with me with these strategic plans, because if you look at Goal No. 2, to provide strategic management operational effectiveness and under that Goal No. 1 is improve executive management capacity by providing advance management. So, the way you're measuring this is how many trainings you had. How do you know that just because you've had "x" amount of trainings that you've improved management? Like, how are you going to measure improvement in management, executive management and strategic planning skills by the number of workshops you hold?

MR. BAZ: So, Madam Chair, thank you. The criteria and the measure is actually the percentage of directors and deputies provided at least one advance executive level training course within the fiscal year. And, you know, make sure that they're attending those courses. The actual impact of those trainings will be in the day-to-day evaluation and my performance evaluation of the directors themselves. And I've started the process of, you know, doing an interim evaluation, you know, the three-month mark, you know, we're starting to look. In fact, the Mayor and all of his executive team is required to be, you know, looking at the performance . . .

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VICE-CHAIR KING: So, that's my issue is that that should be the measurement, you know, how effective they are as managers. And if you're overseeing them, would be your evaluation not the fact that they went to the workshop. You know, cause just attending workshop doesn't mean you're instantly, you know, more effective.

MR. BAZ: Correct. Also, doing an evaluation doesn't necessarily mean that they're more effective either. We do have to measure, you know, some criteria --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

MR. BAZ: --you know. And maybe further analysis of this could be the percentage of directors who receive evaluations that are, you know, exceeding a certain level or, you know, that kind of situation. If you're trying to look at whether or not the directors are performing, you know, then it's kind of a yes or no thing for each individual director. And that's something...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, yeah but, let me just stop you. 'Cause that's where the effectiveness of a managing director comes in because, you know, throughout . . . since I've . . . this is my third year and every time I've looked at these goals, they're always measure by processes -- by how many phone calls we've taken or how many meetings we've had or how many workshops you've all attended. But how do you know that those processes are being effective if you're not measuring the end goal which is improve executive management capacity. So, you know, if that's the goal, there should be a way to measure that beyond just how many workshops people went to --

MR. BAZ: Well, . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: --or you know how many opportunities . . .

MR. BAZ: I know you have a short time but, --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah.

MR. BAZ: --you know, it's something that like even the Department of Education struggles with in evaluating whether or not a teacher is successful in teaching their students they test the students, right, to see if the students have achieved a better goal, I mean, other than like SAT tests for the directors, I suppose we could test them on a regular basis and see what their knowledge and capacity is. But I look forward to working with you more on that...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah. I appreciate that, Mr. Baz, because it's, you know, what I, you know, constantly struggling with is how many of these directors actually know how to do strategic planning, and I think that's what is really needed is training on strategic planning then if they're setting effective goals and they're reaching them, then that's a measure. But a lot of these goals throughout every department have to do more with processes and have they gone through processes rather than have them reach the goal

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like, you know, Corp. Counsel having less dollar amounts of civil lawsuits or, you know, the Police Department having less, you know, creating less crime in a situation we have less crime in which you can measure. So, that's kind of an ongoing issue with me because I haven't seen really effective goals and effective measures or really strong goals. Everything has been measured by processes and as long as they go through the process we don't really know if they reach their goal. So, that's one of my main ongoing peeves is Councilmember Hokama has heard about for the last two years. And my other issue is with CIP Management is I just kind of wanted to ask, who decides when items, and I'm not getting into the CIP, but when the CIP items are funded by the park assessment. 'Cause I just got this park assessment encumbrance report, and I don't recall these things being, you know, in the budget and park assessment. But they're also, from my knowledge, not the right types of projects for park assessment fees because park assessment fees, I've always been told were supposed to be for new parks and playgrounds and not for repairs. So, I'm just wondering how that, you know, you can put that in writing but I just wonder who makes those decisions when they're not in the budget as park assessment and then somehow they end up coming up.

MR. BAZ: The quick answer is that they are in the budget as park assessment and Council sets that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I'm going to go back and look at those because these don't appear to me to be, to have been, you know, I think I would have known if the park assessment fee, a park assessment account went from 2.1 million down to now all that's available is 165,000. So, that doesn't seem right to me but so you're alleging that these are all, were all supposed to be park assessment fee?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Council sets the projects that are funded through park assessment.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, maybe you can get me the description –

MR. BAZ: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --of what kind of things are supposed to be funded. So that wasn't my...I remember sitting in Council meetings, in Budget meetings where Councilmember Cochran was told she couldn't use park assessment fees to fix up a park because it had to be for new projects. Thank you, Chair.

MR. BAZ: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. I'll say understand and I agree with Ms. King about her concerns, Mr. Baz, but I would say that's my same concern for Councilmembers. So, Page 360, overtime. I read your narrative. Do you also would apply this to comp. time? Because in my view, comp. time is overtime.

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MR. BAZ: Thank you. Mr. Hokama, the comp. time analysis has been a more recent review. The Finance Director and I have kind of looked at that. We're looking at issuing a Countywide policy that would include not just overtime but as well as the comp. time issue. By collective bargaining, the employees themselves get to choose whether it's overtime or comp. time and so that is something that we need to take into account. And so he has done a thorough analysis, basically a policy, that we could present to all Administrative employees that would encompass the collective bargaining requirements as well as the ability for us to evaluate that. So, it becomes more of a management issue, right, and each individual manager choosing whether or not that to say, you know, that this person is required to . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Would it help if we put it in ordinance and have negotiation of the employers represent understand it and apply it in collective bargaining?

MR. BAZ: That's possible.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. So, for me, overtime is upfront. Yeah, premium pay is upfront. We're going put 'em in the next pay cycle.

MR. BAZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. I get very upset when they wait five, ten years and I got to pay that 300 percent of what it was earned at or whatever the new contract states. That, to me, is a rip off to the tax base.

MR. BAZ: Understood.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, again, I'm glad Mr. Verkerke is here. My issue with the technology component is, why is it taking so long, and how much is it running us with the over . . . the cost overruns? Okay. This is my 20-plus years of Council service. I'm on my fourth payroll system. Fourth payroll system. Something is wrong, Mr. Baz. And it irritates me greatly we cannot get it right because it costs us big money every time we got to change. And now, this is the fourth time the Administration is asking me to pay for something that hasn't worked over 20 years? We got to do the audit. My last one is have your directors, your department heads because my understanding is the State Statutes is still the same regarding inventory sign...verification and sign-offs for each director of each department. Have you followed up and insured that our County is in compliance with that requirement?

MR. BAZ: I have not followed up with the Finance Director. They are the ones in charge of fixed asset management, but I will. We have . . . our responsibility and we need to maintain our fixed assets and make sure that the inventory is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Because for this year our Budget Chair is going to be required, by law, to sign off and put her name on that report to the State. So, you're going to be the responsible person. Okay. Because she's going to have to sign her name to the document along with the Finance Director. So, I just want to be sure that

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we are in compliance with State law to protect our side of the books and our side of the requirements of Statute. Other than that, Mr. Baz, you know, I appreciate your comments regarding the MRA. The one thing I wanted to verify though because of the Statute that authorizes, and we've enacted, it for a redevelopment agency, another way of financing is the agency itself within the area can borrow money and bond it using the County bond rating. They don't need the Council's appropriation approval. They can borrow on their own. Is this something the agency has considered?

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair, the . . . Mr. Hokama, the MR...Maui Redevelopment Agency as an entity has not been created. The Maui Redevelopment Agency Board does maintain some of the responsibilities that are enacted through the State law that created the redevelopment organization. But the actual agency that would allow for that bonding, that collection, that payment has not been created. It is something that I had discussed with Ms. Wade actually quite a few years ago as a model.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, Council's action has never been implemented then.

MR. BAZ: The enabling legislation is State enabling legislation but the agency again the Council never acted on creating the actual agency itself, yeah. So, we can bring that up again for discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I would ask you to bring it up sooner than later.

MR. BAZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Because that's how Mayor Yamashiro got Big Island and Hilo redeveloped. That is how Kakaako got redeveloped.

MR. BAZ: Correct. Waikiki, Kakaako, yeah, Big Island, they have the actual agencies that do the work. Yeah, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate the responses by the Managing Director. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. And regarding your question on overtime, I've drafted legislation to go with this, with our budget bills. And I believe it should be posted tomorrow for your review. And I look forward to deliberations on overtime.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Chair. I appreciate that.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll give it a try.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All yours.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Has there ever been an audit of the MRA?

MR. BAZ: Not that I'm aware of.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The one thing I was trying to understand was when you said that the civic complex all of that was supposed to be revenue neutral. And then you wanted to invest to encourage the surrounding landowners to then invest in their property.

MR. BAZ: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And in the *Maui Time* it said there were two landowners looking at investing in hotels but how does that diversify our economy if we're doing more hotels as investment? And then there was also speculation that the property values going up would bring in more revenue. But if we're going to then give tax breaks, it seems like we're just moving around a lot of pieces but not guaranteeing any outcome. So, I don't understand how the Redevelopment Agency is helping to up the economic?

MR. BAZ: Sure. That's probably an answer that will take the whole seven minutes plus. But real quickly, you know, I did hear from one owner that wants to build a hotel. I haven't heard of a second one but there's definitely one owner that's interested in building a hotel in Wailuku. I can tell you there's a need for it. You know, there are people who the County contracts with or that come and provide executive work in banks and different things like that that don't want to drive out to Wailea or Kaanapali. And the airport hotels are completely booked up and actually very expensive. So, they would prefer to stay in Wailuku town. I have had people approach me about that. But as far as diversifying the economy of Wailuku, there's no hotels in Wailuku right now. So, it would definitely diversify the economy specifically within Wailuku town. Maybe not necessarily in our whole community because we are a tourist-based economy. But there are opportunities that for ancillary services that, you know, the more residents, the more visitors that we have in Wailuku town that's going to provide more opportunities for people to participate in our events and different activities that we have as well as to partake in food and other, you know, service stores that are around there. More activity will generate more revenue. As far as the real property tax valuation increases, those will happen. The amount of credit will be dependent on, you know, Council approved package plan for that and that's something we need to evaluate. You know, is it worth us, for a few years, giving up a little bit of a tax revenue or is it something that you don't want to support and we just charge them in taxes directly. Maybe you only want to give a break to residents. It's really up to the Council in defining what that package is going to be.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks. I had a . . . there was an insisting question without an answer and I was interested . . . what's the Department's plan to collaborate with County Departments - Housing and Human Concerns, Planning, Public Works, Environmental Management to address the County's housing shortage? What will be

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done to support the strategic housing plan being developed by the Acting Director of Housing and Human Concerns?

MR. BAZ: So, I mentioned during Ms. Tsuhako's confirmation hearing that we will be convening a group. Our first meeting is next week Thursday. And that group is going to be responsible for taking the affordable housing plan and the vision that's created by the Mayor and the Department of Housing and Human Concerns Director and their staff, and taking that to the next level meaning that, you know, it's going to be implementing that plan looking and seeing, you know, facilitation of developments that are meeting the goals of providing of more affordable housing units, including expediting different processes and allowing opportunity for developers to come in and meet with all the departments at once. The core members of that team are: Department of Housing and Human Concerns, the Department of Management, Department of Public Works, and Department of Planning. Pretty much the rest of the departments are members that will be participating as we . . . if there's a specific project that will be brought up to the Committee then those other departments will be participating in that to provide immediate feedback to developers who are interested in providing with affordable housing. So, that's something that will be managed from my office.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And probably my last one for the cyber security training for three staff, the 45,000, are those long-time workers and most likely not to transfer out or leave the Department?

MR. VERKERKE: Madam Chair. Member Paltin, we have three positions in the section that's responsible for cyber security. They are full-time regular employees. We are investing in their expertise for cyber security. Cyber security is very much moving target. And so, although I can't control whether or not they will make career changes over time, we have no choice but to invest in their knowledge in order to protect the infrastructure and the data of the County.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good evening. Thanks for being here. I wanted to start off with a question with Mr. Verkerke and then go into other things regarding Management. So, I went to visit the Maui Police Department and I saw their amazing dispatching group. So, I noticed that you are talking about on Page 360 of the Program booklet under Technology System Aided Dispatch Records Management System and it's replacing of the existing system is what you're saying. So, it's in the budget to be replaced and the Police Department, they're asking for it and you're going to be training or can you give us a little bit more background on that? What is the status of it?

MR. VERKERKE: So, what you saw in the tour of the dispatch is the equipment used. We will need to make some minor upgrades to that but the facility itself is largely ready for

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the new software systems that we are implementing for Dispatch as well as record management. That project is starting with a gap analysis between the functionality offered by the vendor. The upgraded products of the current vendor has and the needs of the Department once that's completed we will have kind of a road map of all the activities that we need to perform to get the latest Dispatch and Records Management system in place. We expect that to take about a year. Funding is, for a good portion, provided from the State's E-911 Board, the surcharge is from everybody's phone bill specifically for Dispatch. Behind the scenes we will be upgrading the hardware. The servers are about seven or eight years old. They came in when the current version of the software was implemented. So, there will be an overall technology refresh mostly behind the scenes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. They work very hard. I was impressed.

MR. VERKERKE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: On the Service Center. So this is Page 361, if I could, and I have a question regarding this Service Center. I know that it's under construction. We saw it on our way back from Molokai today, this morning. So, on the Service Center, they're 56,000 square feet. And this is my question, what is . . . the three departments that are going in, just confirm that who they are, what is the cost savings to outside lease that we pay, and are we still on track for this building to be . . . I don't know what the terminology is, repaid in eight years? I think that's what was presented before through the rent cost savings.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, you've seen a better picture of it than I have. I was down there in the mud but not oversight. Wouldn't be a nice picture. So, the Service Center will house the Department of Finance, Department of Public Works, for right now. There also may be an opportunity for OED to be in there as well. Mayor hasn't made final determination on this little bit extra space and who is going in that extra space. So, I can't provide you an exact cost savings, frontage of the rent versus a debt service. But it would probably still be around the 8-10 year basically pay back the difference between the . . . well, it would be that the debt service would be less than rent after 8-10 years, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And what about build-outs? So, are all the departments being planned . . . are all their office spaces, work spaces, bathrooms, is it all being planned now so that we don't have to look towards the future for more funding needs for the different departments?

MR. BAZ: The way that the prior Administration had set forth the actual build-out of the Service Center was that the first floor would be mainly built-out. There wouldn't be any additional requirements to that. The second floor will require the departments to provide the design and funding for their basically cubicles. It's a big shell. The main things like the bathrooms are there, meeting rooms, different things like that. But as far as how their actual layout because we didn't know exactly who was going to be in there and what their layout, preferred layout was going to be. We left that up to the

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departments themselves. So, you will probably be getting a request at a later point for some funding for design and office . . . basically like cubicle kind of, you know, office space.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No walls.

MR. BAZ: No, no those are all going to be done.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Now, am I suppose to make an amendment to this about my veterans or did...we got consensus on it before, so is it done?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you have any questions that you needed answered regarding --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --any of your priorities or concerns.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I got consensus from the Council for my veterans, which they are going to be meeting with you I think this week.

MR. BAZ: I met with them already and I agreed to the increase and we discussed --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. BAZ: --the need for it and utilization.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, great. So, one Molokai Veteran's Council, on Page 368, it was in Fiscal Year 2019 it was for 35,000 and then for 2020 it's now back at 10 'cause it was before. So, I just want to make sure that they're okay. I know they have a beautiful building with no air conditioning. They need air conditioning.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, I believe that the \$25,000 was for air conditioning and PV.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

MR. BAZ: I can double check on that. But it was kind of a CIP grant for that, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, sorry. Okay, good. That's good to hear. They really need the air conditioning.

MR. BAZ: I'll double check on that for you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. And on GPS. So, the GPS system, the \$100,000 for the system, how is that monitored or do you use it so that you check to be sure that the cars are being utilized appropriately or is there somebody in charge of it like yourself?

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MR. BAZ: So, we have, yeah, so Department of Management is in charge of the overall software itself and implementation of the use of it. Each manager or each department is then designates one or more managers that evaluate the use of the vehicles and, you know, their locations and things like that on a day-to-day basis or however they see fit to manage that process. We do have automated reports that are presented to the managers so that they can evaluate the vehicle information and then manage appropriately.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you have rules? You have vehicle use rules or something that ties it to this so that there's consistency?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, the current . . . the vehicle usage policy does apply to and that's one of the tools that is allowed to the vehicle usage policy to be able to implement. There are some ongoing discussions that I'd like to even start more regarding the actual use of that data for, I don't want to say disciplinary action, but actual like management of the employees that are going over 60. Some of it is an anomaly. One report was 113 miles an hour, but it was right in front of the Aikido, so you know they weren't going 113 miles an hour. So, we got to work on those kind of issues. I'm also working with Personnel Services on the ability for Management to utilize that with civil service employees, with unionized employees, right. So, that's an issue we have to deal with.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you're going to utilize \$100,000 a year wisely?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The time is up.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, for asking one of my questions, Member Sugimura. I appreciate that. Member Lee, you had a question?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. I don't know if there's such a thing as a point of begging but my colleague over there, is it okay with you if I ask a really quick question because I didn't ask any previously, Ms. Tasha?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I thought was me. Oh, geez.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It's your turn and I just want to ask a quick question.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I'd say it's the call of the Chair because after me going to have to go back to Shane.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's why. I want to cut in line. Is it okay, everybody?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thirty seconds. Count the clock right now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. If there aren't any objections by anybody.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Mr. Managing Director, the reason why I wanted to ask you this question now before we move on too far on before we forget about the new Service Center in Kahului. I really believe that this Council needs another floor in this building. So, either the 5th or the 6th floor. And we are all squeezing up and I think it's unfair that we're not considered for expansion. But in our case, we need our staff with us. I mean, they can't be, you know, in Kahului or at One Main Plaza. So, if you could think about that or discuss it with our Council Chair, hopefully, that can be a reality in the not too distant future. Thank you. And thank you very much, everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that question, Member Lee.

MR. BAZ: Thank you. Can I really quickly respond?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Really quickly.

MR. BAZ: I know there was discussions with prior Councils about expansion and different opportunities for that and that was always not necessarily supported. But we have the space, needs, evaluations and we definitely need to expand. This building is at capacity on all the floors. And so, we definitely need to deal with that situation. I'd be happy to . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'd be happy to talk to you about that.

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Mahalo, Mr. Baz. Okay, Member Kama, are you ready?

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Isn't it so nice that everybody is so happy?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So I just got a couple of yes/no answers –

MR. BAZ: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: 'Cause I want to get through my questions. Earlier down this side we were talking about the Mayor's housing vision and the plan that he wants to put together with some stakeholders. And I wanted to ask, would it be helpful if the Committee on Housing were part of that discussion? Yes or no.

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MR. BAZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Will you please invite us?

MR. BAZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. I'm going to consider myself invited. Thank you. Second question regarding cyber security, you know, these guys make a whole ton of money and if we want to keep our guys on our side and to protect us, are we paying them enough? Yes or no.

MR. VERKERKE: No.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Then would you consider that in the budget?

MR. VERKERKE: They are . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes or no.

MR. VERKERKE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you very much. Now I have some other questions, Chair. On Page 369 under Management – General Comments. What revolving fund is managed by the Department of Management? Page 369.

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Ms. Kama. This is the parking lot fees that are received from employees that pay for parking around the County building.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh. Cool. Okay, next question. Page 374, Information Technology Services Division – Salaries and Wages – Other Premium Pay. Overtime – 904015A-5205 receives a transfer of \$60,000 that is reported from Premium Pay 904015A-5215 but the reduction in Premium Pay is only \$50,700. Where did the additional \$9,300 come from or where did it go, the difference? And that's Page 374.

MR. VERKERKE: I'm not sure that I completely understand the question but let me tell you the story of overtime in IT. We never have enough money budgeted for overtime because a lot of our work needs to happen off hours if we want to avoid disruptions to operations when we do system maintenance. We also provide 24-hour support to the Police Department and we can't control when problems happen, so we need to respond to those. We have been able to bridge the gap between what we really pay, which is somewhere between 90 and \$100,000 and what's been budgeted because we have been able to use salary savings from vacancies from people that retire or the time it takes to fill an expansion position.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. One more. Page 379, the Maui Redevelopment Program. So, for Key Activities Goals and Measures, Goal No. 3, Manage publicly-owned spaces. Objective 1 – expand the cleaning services in the Clean and Safe Program. The stated

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measure of the number of lineal feet of maintained in trash collection is expressed in an absolute value. While that does show an increase from Fiscal Year 2018, Actual to Fiscal Year 2019, Estimate and again to Fiscal Year 2020, Estimate – a relative measure of the coverage would be helpful. Is the \$4,900 estimated for Fiscal Year 2020 a large portion of the public space in the redevelopment area or a small portion – is it 80 percent or 20 percent?

MR. BAZ: I'd have to get back to you in writing with the exact amount, but this is based on the completion of the construction of the road improvements and then the trash and cleaning around once those are completed.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Baz. Thank you, Mr. Verkerke.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay, my turn. Most of my questions were asked. Thank you, Members. Okay. Ready go. Okay. Under . . . on Page 375, Other Costs, Rentals – will you please explain the additional funding request of \$30,000?

MR. VERKERKE: Madam Chair, this goes back to the MAPPS project. We're renting space in One Main Plaza as a project room where we can have meetings and testing and training for the many project team members involved in this. Because the project is going into 2020, we need to have additional rent for one more year for that space. As you noticed earlier, meeting space or space period in this building is so limited that we need to resort to renting what has proven to be a very helpful room in One Main Plaza.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Verkerke. Okay. So, to follow up on that, is OMP 502 code for the MAPPS project? What is the 502 project room?

MR. VERKERKE: Yeah, Madam Chair, it's the suite number within the building that we use for the project.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, on Page 376, under Machinery & Equipment, will you please explain what type of fire apparatus will be fitted with the mobile display terminals requesting funding of \$88,000 and let us know what the life span of these display terminals are?

MR. VERKERKE: Madam Chair, typically equipment like that is expected to meet the function needs for five years. But the type of apparatus is going to be similar mobile display units as are used in Police cars. The software associated with that is an extension of the upgrade for Police CAD system specific for the needs of a Fire Department that we will hopefully be able to implement so that it feeds the critical information to fire trucks and whatever on their way to an incident.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, on Page 380 under Continuation Budget Changes Wages and Salaries, there's an adjustment to salaries based on position

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reallocations for 59,645. And so, there are four positions in this program. Would you please explain what the positions are reallocated and the rationale for the \$59,645?

MR. BAZ: Thank you. So, Madam Chair, the original proposal that was adopted with the FY '19 budget was a scenario that we were developing moving the, basically, creating the Maui Redevelopment Program. It had been . . . one staff member had been housed in the Department of Planning as a Small Town Planner but utilization of that staff member as a Planner within the Maui Redevelopment Program, you know, it was a lateral transfer. We also had discussions of two other staff within that department, within that program. One of them . . . the difference in discussion we proposed and the reorganization was developed to change one of the positions from a Civil Engineer III to a Civil Engineer IV. The biggest difference in that is the analysis that a Civil Engineer IV and capabilities that they have over a III include, you know, that they have a Professional Engineering stamp, you know, they're certified as a Professional Engineer and we're hoping that, that level of engineers would be easier to recruit than a III and pays a little bit more so we have the capability of hiring somebody who will be able to provide project management on this large facility as it goes through development as well as the Clerk type of position that was originally funded in FY '19 looking at the actual duties assigned to that would be a little bit different than what was funded. It is going to be a Clerk position but more of an Account Clerk versus answering phone, typing kind of Clerk. The analysis of contracts and being able to review financial information is something that, that position is going to be required to do. So, the position was reallocated to an Account Clerk II instead of a Clerk Typist.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that explanation. Okay. On Page 381, under Expansion Budget Request from Fiscal Year 2019 adopted budget, will you, and under Materials and Supplies, will you please explain the contractual service new construction mitigation program and parking equipment installation for \$289,258?

MR. BAZ: So, Madam Chair, in the Budget Details, there is a more detailed description of the utilization of those additional funds. It is based on the mitigation efforts of expansion of, you know, looking at how we are going to be implementing the Parking Action Plan is one of the things. We will be discussing with Council again in trying to get adoption of a Parking Action Plan and developing a Paid Parking Plan for Wailuku Town and possibly for Lahaina if that's an interest of the Council. So, there's some funding required for that. There's professional documentation recording services because the Maui Redevelopment Agency board is going to be transferred from Department of Planning to Department of Management for oversight. You know, they're going to be housed in our Department once this finalization goes through. There is a desire to increase the Small Town Big Art Program to help to revitalize Wailuku in that fashion. There's some other detailed items in there, minor, you know, \$3,500 here and there for different items. But that's basically the gist of it, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Baz. Okay. That was everyone's questions. Member Sinenci, you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I just had one question for the Managing Director.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any objections to Member Sinenci asking an additional question?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Just one. I've been short all this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: If the Managing Director had already filled the position for Energy Coordinator on Page 367?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, thank you. So, the prior Administration actually combined the position of Energy Coordinator and the Countywide Capital Improvement Program Coordinator so that individual does manage both of those programs. They're utilizing the aspect of Capital Improvement Program as the majority of their functions integrating into energy usage, and energy saving opportunities there are for County facilities especially in County operations. So, it differs than the Energy Commissioner type of position that's in the Department of . . . Office of the Mayor.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then to eliminate one of the follow-up questions that you have to get back to us on, Mr. Baz, so last year the Molokai Veterans Center received a grant for a one-time appropriation for a photovoltaic system for 25,000. And so, that was the reason for the 20,000 last year.

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, staff.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, aside from Member Sugimura's proposal, floor amendment, which we did come to consensus on with the veterans, are there any proposed amendments for the Management's Operating Budget? Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I propose a reduction of \$420,703.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What page?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, sorry, Page 380.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 380. Do you know what . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That would be keeping the Maui Redevelopment Program budget flat minus the 18,000 for travel.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, will you repeat your entire proposal again, please?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, my proposal is to keep the Maui Redevelopment Program budget flat minus the 18,000 for travel. So, that's a subtraction of \$420,703.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you want all of my...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Also, proposing eliminating the fleet management system.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What page is that?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That was in the narrative in 359, but I don't think there was a dollar amount given for that. It was just in the hundreds of thousand.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Which page?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The bottom paragraph of Page 359. I don't think he gave an exact dollar amount of how much it costs. That was like a get back to you, I think. And do you want me to say why?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Will you repeat your proposal first?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: To eliminate the fleet management system.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Because you know each Department just does whatever it wants with the information. It's not used for disciplinary purposes and it seems like an awful lot of money if there's no comprehensive way that the data is being used to stem the behavior that is not wanted. And people are responsible for their vehicles, if they cannot be responsible for themselves to check when it's due for service. I think that's part of their, you know, responsibility of having a vehicle.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And right now that's . . . we don't know where it is in the budget?

MR. BAZ: Madam Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Baz?

MR. BAZ: I think it's included in the dollar amounts of on Page 366, and for Fiscal Year 2020 it is \$135,000 not that I want to give you the exact amount to cut out of our budget but that's what you're looking for. And I just . . . just really quickly, there are other advantages to having the location available on our vehicles than just, you know,

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tracking whether or not they're speeding. Actually, you know, having the managers understand where the vehicles are, how long they've been at those locations is something that is utilized on a regular basis.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What was the amount again?

MR. BAZ: Hundred and thirty-five thousand.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Was that under Operations?

MR. BAZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, because I don't see that amount. Is it...I don't...is it folded under Services under that 375, is it inside there somewhere?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Baz, will you please...

MR. BAZ: Yeah, Madam Chair, it's under 6132 Professional Services in the amount of \$135,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, but it's part of that 375, that line?

MR. BAZ: It's part of...correct, Services, 375,000.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. BAZ: Yes. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin, did you have more?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's it, thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Can we discuss this or is it, are we voting on it? What is this, this is...what are you asking? What do you want to do? Are we proposing amendments and going to do it next week for decision?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh I see.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's the plan. Yeah. So, that we can get through all the departments this week. Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. If it's okay, if we're not going to make a decision on this, this is just a proposal from Member Paltin, can we request from the Department that...because Member Paltin wants to eliminate that, what's that called, traffic management --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The fleet system.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --thing. Can the Management provide us I guess what it has accomplished thus far? 'Cause I think one of the concerns from Member Paltin was what's the end result of this other than knowing where these vehicles are, has there been some kind of, you know, how is the Department measuring this device, I guess, if you will? 'Cause for me it would help me decide whether I would want to keep it or, you know, delete it. So, that's...I want to see something tangible that it's actually benefitted in terms of the disciplinary part and how else it has been a tool that's helped the, I guess maintaining our vehicle fleet and where our employees are at. Because that is a good point, I can understand where Management would want something like this because there's abuses in the past of County employees using County cars to go to the beach or do non-County work. So, but, yeah, I would want that from them if they're able to provide some information at a later point.

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Baz?

MR. BAZ: We can provide some in writing. It does provide a AAA service, type of service for us as well, free towing, they'll bring gas if needed, those kind of things. And the...I don't want to say the threat but the implementation of having a GPS unit in your vehicle presents, you know, some activities from happening.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Like a deterrent?

MR. BAZ: By having a deterrent, yeah correct. There was an instance in Honolulu where they utilized that same GPS system to track a vehicle that the, an employee was going home and staying at home all day long. Going back to work at the end of the day and basically stealing county time based on that. And it's something that, you know, because we have GPS units in the vehicles, we're able to track that, the employees know that we have those in there. It does...I do believe it deters a lot of those activities, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair? Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, no, I just wanted to follow up and ask Mr. Baz if...do, so you do take disciplinary action once, when you find somebody that is using a vehicle improperly?

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MR. BAZ: It depends on what the use...improper use is. Some, if it's something related to their job performance then, yes, we can...

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, but I was asking if you do?

MR. BAZ: Yes, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I know you can but --

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --do you?

MR. BAZ: We do.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, 'cause that's the only way to deter other people is if you take disciplinary action.

MR. BAZ: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I actually wanted her to mention or state again her motion regarding the MRA, Maui Redevelopment Agency, if she could restate her motion or concern and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: My proposal...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --did you want to comment on that before you...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So, I mean I guess part of my question with the fleet management system is are directors' vehicles included in the GPS tracking and who would oversee that? Would that be you and the case that Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez brought up with the truck with the Prosecuting Attorney, was that one of the ones with a GPS on it? And if we only pick and choose the lowest level of folks, guys to track then are we doing what we should be doing?

MR. BAZ: So, there's no director-assigned vehicles. That instance of a vehicle being utilized by the Deputy, the Fire Deputy Prosecuting Attorney was an anomaly that we were unaware of from Management standpoint, and that's no longer happening. So, but there's no other like directors that are assigned vehicles. If a director has the need to utilize a vehicle to go do a site visit or something they'll pick up one of the vehicles within the department's fleet and utilize those. Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: All the vehicles in the fleet are under the GPS system and like so even the higher up like the chiefs or the division heads or...

MR. BAZ: Police and Fire are exempt from that. Police, I believe they have their own systems that they manage themselves.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The...like the supervisors that drive vehicles?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, they're all a part of the system so within other departments, yeah, so all of those would be reported the same manner. And so, generally it's a department director or deputy director that get those reports and can follow up with those items.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And who follows up on the directors and the deputy directors using the vehicles?

MR. BAZ: I do get a report that, the over 60 report on a weekly basis and I can monitor that, but there hasn't been...the directors generally don't use County vehicles. They've strayed away from that a number of years ago. There are instances where they'll, you know, utilize it to like I know the Parks Director may utilize a vehicle to come up here for a meeting and stuff like that, but most instances they'll use I guess their own personal vehicles for utilization of County business. So, it's very rare that that, that does happen. You know, this is something that we're probably getting into a further discussion and probably want to take offline or out of, necessarily out of EDB Committee but if you do want to create...if you're interested in creating a Code that we can then implement, we're happy to discuss that with you to be able to make sure that, you know, this is what we're following and if it's in Code, it gives us a little more strength if we do have to deal with a union issue.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I guess my concern is just 135,000 is a lot of money if it's not meaningful information that's being used in the most effective way. It's like you're just kind of checking a box. Like we're doing fleet management but then, you know, like correlating how, like I think Member Molina was saying, like you know, the measurable results that we're getting in return for the 135,000.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, so we can follow up in writing, maybe have a further discussion either in GET Committee to discuss this item. I do believe it needs further discussion and further review. It hasn't really been analyzed recently, it was developed in a prior Administration. They did a good job in implementing it, you know, going from nothing, right? So, I do believe they did a really good job in implementing it. And it does, you know, as every policy it needs to be reviewed and if we can get support from Council on certain actions, it'd make our jobs easier too, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura asked if you could restate your proposal for the MRA.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, my proposal was to keep the amount flat to what it was in Fiscal Year '19 and eliminate the 18,000 for travel.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you're saying that the...any increases...anything from '20 is to be disregarded and just use the 2019 figures, is that what you're saying?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yes, minus the 18,000 for travel.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I wonder if we could get some information back from the Department. I would like to...I didn't spend time looking at the Budget Details which will probably give us more information. We don't have the time to do that. I do know that the...last year we spent time during the Budget which the new Members may not or did not participate but we actually moved the staff person that was, is working on the Wailuku Civic Center Complex to be in Management to work with the engineers and to kind of get the economies of scale for the talent that is ending up to work on this and the service center. And so, I think we need to look, a closer look at that. I wonder what else is in there, the Safe and Clean program, the shuttle program, anything that's connected to the Wailuku Civic Complex as we move forward. We're at the new year with different things going on so I'm hesitant to think that we can move forward by using 2019 numbers without more information. So, if I could, I mean I would look at the details to give you more questions, I would take your advice on how to move forward with this request, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Member Sugimura. Mr. Baz, you heard Member Paltin's proposal, if you could provide additional information later at a...

MR. BAZ: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: As soon as...

MR. BAZ: Yeah, we'll evaluate the impact of a \$420,000 reduction to operation of MRA.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And it would help me also in making my decision a listing of all services encumbered, purpose, vendor, and amount would help me in my decision making.

MR. BAZ: A current report, yeah, we can provide that to you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Mr. Baz.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Okay, Mr. Baz, would you be able to give us a summary of the impacts or consequences of the MRA not being formally created? I thought I heard you say that it has not been created formally so what

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would be the legal and financial impacts of that situation? And can we actually move forward with the project under the circumstances? Okay.

MR. BAZ: So, first, the second question first, yes, we can. The ability for us to move forward as a County project always is maintained and so we can have it be just a regular County project with Department of Management in our Maui Redevelopment Program. The...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Baz...Member Lee, actually, would Mr. Baz be able to provide that information via written correspondence?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, that'll be fine.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that okay?

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: But, Mr. Baz, I'm just saying that there's got to be some consequences in this particular case because the MRA was initiated in the first place to receive certain economic benefits. But if it's not actually formally created, then do those benefits accrue to the County now? I don't think so. I think they fall under certain Federal or State laws that give them that benefit. So, maybe when you have time if you can --

MR. BAZ: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --send us a response in writing. Thank you.

MR. BAZ: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Baz. Mr. Ueoka, did you have anything that you would like to comment?

MR. UEOKA: I'll confer with Managing Director Baz before he responds in writing. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I'm not saying that they shouldn't get the money, I'm just saying, you know, if the MRA or this program is created by the State then should the State then cost share or fund with us, you know, programs that...are we to take the whole burden of them creating the MRA or, you know?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Baz, did you hear Member Paltin's question? If you could maybe include that in Member Lee's response, in writing.

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MR. BAZ: I apologize, I was conferring with Corporation Counsel prior to the response. Go ahead and ask your question again, I apologize.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It was my understanding that this a program created by the State, should they not then cost share or fund some of the expenses as well instead of the County carrying the whole burden of the program?

MR. BAZ: The State actually just authorized us to be able to implement it ourselves. It's not a State program. Basically, the State has authorized the County to create redevelopment areas and as a part of the redevelopment area then there's implementation pieces of that that are allowed by State law and by...and then the...and the details of it are in the County Code. And so, that piece of it has been created and it is working. I mean that's how the Redevelopment Board makes decisions on the area defining, you know, different criteria. They're...do variances within, you know, the redevelopment. They provide design authorization and review building permits of requirements, and there's quite a few of the activities that are authorized by the State law that are implemented by the County Code that we are implementing. It's just the collection of revenue piece of it is what we haven't implemented yet and that's right now revenue collected could go into a special fund that the County Council could create within the County's General Funds or it would go into the General Fund itself because that piece hasn't been created, that redevelopment part of it to collect its own revenue.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Baz, would you then be able to respond to Member Lee's question regarding the consequences? Would that be like a quick response or would that require...

MR. BAZ: No. I...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Alright.

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll...in writing.

MR. BAZ: I think that would be a much longer response. Yeah, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, just so that I get things clear in my head, so in the creation, in the County's creation of accepting the authority to become a redevelopment agency, what kind of authorities actually go with the creation of this agency?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

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MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Let me jump in here real quick. HRS Chapter 53 is an urban renewal law, it allows for counties to create a redevelopment agency in, I believe blight is the word, in areas of blight. We have formally created a Maui Redevelopment agency. The thing Director Baz is talking about is you're allowed to create like it can become its own entity in a sense; however, ours is stuck at...I shouldn't say stuck, it's maintained the level of a board and commission. I don't think there's anything wrong with the way we've done it, but I do understand what Director Baz is saying. So, we're good. I believe the maps and everything regarding the Maui Redevelopment Area was properly adopted in the...a long, long time ago. So, I think the idea that this was a, not a formally created entity is a little misunderstood. It was miss...yes, we'll leave it at that. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, Chair? So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. So, actually what's going on in my head is as I think about the creation of a housing authority separate from the County's Department of Housing and Human Concerns. So, I think about an authority that actually has authority to do bonding and authority to create whatever they need to create in terms of housing somewhere. And it's the redevelopment agency, does that go along almost that same line? That's where my head is going because I'm thinking about that seriously. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Member Sugimura, a quick question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I wanted to add to this discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The housing question? Or...okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No, no, no, just about the MRA.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: But I'll wait.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh okay. She pau.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh she pau? So, December 2000, the MRA, because I was part of it, the MRA passed the Maui Redevelopment Agency Plan and what it did was it...because of HRS--is it 52/53, Mr. Ueoka?--it designated an official map of this slum and blight area which was designated. And it was...if you look at that, it was Section 53-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, pertaining to the urban renewal law and that's

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exactly what at that time I was in OED and I worked on the Maui Redevelopment...I worked on the Commission and we worked on this to figure out where the maps were and the designated areas and we got it through the community. We did all this work and we got it passed. So, I'm not sure what Mr. Baz might be referring to, but the Redevelopment Area Plan which was passed by the Council and accepted by the Council created this, formally created the jurisdiction, the plans, it has all of these action plans in it. One is the parking lot.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, Member Lee's question was in response to one of the questions that Member Hokama had asked about the MRA having the authority to authorize its own bonds. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. I headed that committee that authorized the boundaries, okay, we revised it to include Happy Valley, Piikahana, besides the local...the main core which went all the way down to by Iao School. Okay. So, this is a law from the 1960s, Chair, that the Federal government allowed the states to create redevelopment agencies under HUD. So, the State of Hawaii did its pilot project called Kakaako, then Mayor Yamashiro took the ball and made the redevelopment of Hilo. Maui did its part seeing the need to reinvest back into Wailuku since Wailuku and Kahului was what fed the whole County at that point in time. Like I said, there'd be no West Maui or South Maui without Central Maui. That's who funded everything in this County in the '60s. Lahaina was dying, we had a decrease in population. Okay. So, understand the history on the factors of what's happening and why the County implemented certain planning tools. This...if you look at the statute, if we allow it, the MRA is a super agency, super agency. The ability to bond, borrow, use the assets within the authorized area to secure the financing, to collect including debt service to pay off the borrowing, for the benefit of those within the authorized zone. Okay. So, that is what we've enabled through our legislation. I would agree we didn't allow all of the components because Planning...okay, we got departments that want to hold on to power. Okay. Planning was very resistant on allowing an agency to be greater than them. Okay. Public Works didn't want to give up authority 'cause this authority can review, approve building plans, provide the permits, and allow the construction, one agency, self-contained agency, Chair. So, I would say read the statute, know what we're talking about, and that is why I would say this is not a new project. I've been working on this from 2000, this is my 19th year on this project. Okay. And I worked hard to get the financial capacity of this County to move this project forward because I see this now as the regional project that's going to help us cross Wailuku River and look at Waihee, Waiehu areas for potential housing because we need a third road to get across the river. Happy Valley is not going to cut it and Lower Beach Road is not going to cut it. Okay. So, that is part of what I see is the economic engine. All the components that come in to me is part of what's going to be the beneficiaries. That educational institution, whether it's Saint Anthony or another thing, the ability of putting additional housing within this area for residential benefits. We are going to need to come up with some interesting legislation on how we're going to deal with real property tax credits, whether we're going to give property tax freezes, and then do a scale up, ramp up five-year program to reach full assessment and taxation. But these are the things that is going to need to take to redevelop, and I appreciate the question

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that my colleague to the left of me asked, the State Judiciary, the Chief Justice is very much willing to participate. His biggest issue right now is trying to convince the Legislature that this is a smart fiscal move because the State Legislature is trying to fill a \$200 million puka in their budget. Okay. So, they are not in the same financial situation as we are. We've worked hard so that we have choices, Chair. Okay. The State has very limited choices currently because of obligations, because of debt. We've worked hard for 20 years to put us in a position to look at a project like this. Okay. And I would say, if you look at this as just one project, 80 million, yeah, that's pretty big but if you look at four independent projects that we've consolidated, we have a 20 percent cost savings. We would have spent over 100 million if we did it separately. Okay. But nobody questioned when we put up 50 million for a wastewater improvement in West Maui. Nobody talked about a \$40 million police station in South Maui when we put it up. It was just one project. We're doing four projects at once, Chair. Four projects. So, I say, take a look at the history of why we're doing the scaling and why we're looking at the financial savings and benefits of doing it in this manner. Took us 20 years to reach this point, I worked too damn hard that I'm not...I'm going to keep fighting for this. I believe this is the right thing to do for Central Maui. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Lee and Member Kama, one last time and then we need to move on because we have three more departments.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. Mr. Baz, we're not talking about the efficacy of this project or the good intentions of the people who invested a lot of time in it, I'm asking you specifically, I'm trying to hone in on the question of the completion of the formalization of this agency. Now, actually you brought it up so I'm asking you what's missing?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Baz, can you please respond to and send it via written correspondence?

MR. BAZ: Real...sure. But real quickly it's basically what Member Hokama described, the creation of...there's one very small part of the redevelopment law at the State level that has not been implemented which is the creation of a semi-autonomous organization to make all those pieces put together. We can do everything that we're doing as a County entity and that's what we're doing, as a program within the County government. But it has the ability to have that semi-autonomous and we can talk about it later, maybe at a later point and the details of that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Baz. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I think I sense a lot of hesitancy in moving forward with the project from people outside the community because it is not clear to them how this

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venture is going to improve their lives or improve the quality of their lives. Now, when Member Hokama talks about Kakaako, if you weren't born and raised on Oahu you don't know what Kakaako was or is. I remember what Kakaako was, I mean that was the dreg of that community. My father was born there, he was always ashamed of being born in Kakaako. You didn't even want to tell people you were from there. But what's going on now in the redevelopment of that place, I mean now people all want to go live Kakaako. Oh my God, the hotels that are going up, the investments that are going up in that place. Office of Hawaiian Affairs has bought a whole slew of properties over there that was exchanged to them and they're going to be making a killing on that. So, if that's what we're attempting to do here, then there has to be some clarity about exactly what's going into that project because right now people are only looking at a parking lot. We already looked at a parking lot at our airport and now we're looking at a parking lot and that's what we see. It's like, huh? So, until we can get some clarity into that civic complex and people can walk away feeling that they will benefit, that this is a good thing, it's going to be hard to sell. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay, Members, it's 8:07, we have Personnel, Mayor, and Fire that we're supposed to review tonight. We're going to take a break.

MR. VERKERKE: Madam Chair? I'm sorry to interrupt but if you will indulge me for two minutes? It pains me to see Member Hokama so troubled by the payroll project and I'd like to reassure him if that's possible at all?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can you respond to us in written correspondence?

MR. VERKERKE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. One minute. One minute, Ms. Matthews. Okay, you have --

MR. VERKERKE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --one minute, Mr. Verkerke.

MR. VERKERKE: Versions two and three fell victim of the four systems that you refer to, fell victim to the challenges of internal organizational politics. The core members of the team that were around in those days of the current team have learned from that. We are...we have asked and received funding for this project that is consistent with the negotiated contract price during a competitive process. The funding was spread out over two years. We have not asked for any additional money for cost overruns. We are taking the time, we're doing everything to make sure that we finally deliver the quality on this project that you've been seeking. And we want to make sure that the very same system we implementing now will still produce your pay checks 20 years from now. And that's all I want to really want to say to reassure you that we're doing it right to the very best of our ability. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Verkerke. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, I appreciate you allowing Mr. Verkerke to have his appropriate time, and I appreciate your comments. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Yes, you're welcome, Mr. Verkerke. Okay, Members, is a ten-minute break sufficient? Awesome. Okay, so it's 8:09, so please be back in your seats at 8:19.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, fine 8:20. All right. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 8:09 p.m.

RECONVENE: 8:24 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order? It is 8:24 on April 16th. Okay, Members, we had, have three departments left to review. There's an option for us to review the Mayor's Budget on another day so that we can save some time and not go too late tonight. Is that something the Members would interested in doing, taking up the Mayor's Budget on another day?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And just taking up Personnel and OCS?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Personnel and Fire.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, Fire. Okay. Boy, that's going to be . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, the option is to not do the Mayor tonight.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Personnel and Fire. Personnel should be relatively quick.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You still want to keep the Mayor on? Okay, so you want to keep on Personnel, the Mayor, and Fire?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair, we're on a roll.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We are. Do you want to take Fire before the Mayor's Office?

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

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we have Personnel here and so we'll take them up and then would you like to take Fire up before the Mayor's Office?

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Mayor first? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Is Michele going to do the Mayor's Office or is there somebody else that would come and...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Michele and Deidre Tegarden.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I see. Just go for it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Personnel and then the Mayor?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Your call.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Or Fire?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Mayor.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mayor? Okay. Okay, alright, we're going to stick to the schedule. Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, we have Personnel with us. Okay. Okay. I'll follow the same format that we just did with Management, I'll ask the questions that was transmitted via written correspondence and then we'll go and give each Members up to seven minutes to ask their questions. Okay? Okay. Director, relating to Budget Details Page 13-6, Index Code 908012B, Sub-Object Code 6406, Employee awards program. What were the expected attendance and actual attendance numbers for the previous five employee awards program?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Madam Chair, it's a rather lengthy read. We did transmit that information to the Council. It should be in your possession. Oh, better?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, yeah. I believe that was one that we received this morning. So, the Members...we've been in the meeting all day. But if Members would like to review that since we did receive that written correspondence this morning that we can leave it for us to review ourselves. No objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay. Next question, what is the expected attendance for the Fiscal Year 2020 employee award program? How much of an increase in employee participation would the \$10,000 increase in funding represent?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. That was also part of our answer, but I'll just sum it up. We...over the past few years, we've had three events for employee recognition. We have a luncheon on Molokai, a luncheon on Lanai, and a luncheon on Maui. The attendance on Molokai is about 50 to 60 typically every year. Lanai is about the same, about 40 to 50. Maui is about 150 to 200 depending on the size of the team of the year, sometimes the teams are two people, sometimes they're 70. The additional monies that were proposed for this year were to reformat this program a little bit by changing the Maui event from a lunch to a dinner. Previously, that was how it was in the past, it was changed to a lunch during the recession to save cost. Some of the participants weren't as fond of that format, because they can't bring their whole family and watch them get recognized. They can't bring their kids. It's really only open to the winners. So, we proposed...and last year we were actually, our staff was busy with the Workday project so the Mayor's Office graciously assisted us in putting these events on and they chose to return to the dinner format and they supplemented the budget. And it was fairly popular so we thought we'd put money in the budget this year. So, if the choice is to return to a dinner format then that would be covered. The average attendance for the Maui lunch was about 150 to 200. In the years past when we had a dinner, the attendance was about 400 to 500, so that would be the difference.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Please describe any other programs or activities undertaken by your Department of Countywide employee recognition.

MR. UNDERWOOD: We also have a program to recognize years of service so employees that reach certain tiers of service, generally at five-year tiers, receive either a...I don't want to call it a token gesture of gratitude but it's a small gift. It's a pen of varying metals. And when they reach certain levels, it's a \$50 cash award. We also, you know, I'll follow up, I'll combine it with the answer to the next question which is, we also assist the departments in recognizing retirees. The departments fund that but we assist them in creating the recognition certificates, identifying the employees. And so, employees that, who retire from County service are recognized with a certificate, and if they have sufficient service, a cash award which varies in, from 100 to \$300 depending on years of service.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And then the next question is the Department's pre-Budget presentation of February 26, 2019 makes reference to "700 to 800 hires per year" and "700 to 800 terminations per year." Does "termination" include only involuntary separations? What is the approximate number of voluntary separations?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. We did provide those as a written response previously. In brief, that is all separations from service, involuntary, voluntary, terming out of temporary employees, that's all separations. Last year, we had I believe it was 724 or 725 separations for a various number of reasons from the employee

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dying to being discharged to terminating a contract, and we broke those out in our response, all the various reasons.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Noted in the Department's February 26, 2019 pre-Budget presentation under the strategic goal of supporting a diverse workforce is "hearing complaints/grievances fairly." Please provide a report showing the number of grievances filed by department, included...okay, and the status of each grievement [sic] and settlement amount, if any. And that is shown on your written correspondence PS-5. Okay. And that's the last question for PS-5. And then for PS-7, Administration Goal 1.5, assist departments to provide service to the public by attracting, valuing, supporting, and retaining a fully staffed, qualified, diversified workforce. Minimize the number of formal grievances. Are the success measures number of grievances heard and number of civil service appeals filed Countywide numbers or specific to the Department of Personnel? And that's a question from Member Paltin.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair, that's...those are Countywide numbers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Administration Goal 3.2, support and encourage career and professional development by supporting the County succession efforts and retaining qualified employees who deliver essential services to the public. Retain qualified employees in County service. Have specific positions identified...been identified as chronically hard to fill with qualified applicants, for example in needing continuous recruitment. Are any steps being taken to address chronically open, needed positions? And these questions are all from Member Paltin.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair, yes, I believe we indicated in our response that there are currently 27 classes of work that are under continuous recruitment. As everybody's aware, it's a particularly brutal labor market out there. So, we do have continuous recruitment going on for a number of classes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, I did have a chance to read all the answers to my --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --questions. If anybody else needs it read to them, but I read it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Are any Members opposed to or would there be any objections to us...all these questions that weren't asked...except for PS-9, was that question from you, Member Paltin? Please list civil service positions that pertain to this response.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: PS-9?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay, I'll just ask that question. If Members have no objections, I'll just ask the last question that was on PS-9, and since we received PS-8, those responses which primarily or exclusively contain questions from Member Paltin,

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it sounds like her questions have been addressed. Okay. So, I'll ask the one question from PS-9 and then we'll move on to Members' questions.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Mine was PS-7, Shane's was PS-8 per...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: PS-7, okay. Oh and...okay. Member Sinenci, did you get to review the response PS-8? Or would you like...okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes, please.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you...would you like him to respond to...okay. Okay, I'll ask the two questions from Member Sinenci from PS-8 and then the one question on PS-9 and then we'll move on to Members' questions. Okay. Director, if the County were to develop an archaeologist position in the Department of Management, would we be able to model the attached position description used by the State? A, would the position be a civil service or a non-civil service position? B, what would the pay grade for the position be? C, what are the steps involved in setting up the position and approximately how long would it take?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. I guess the answer is, yes. Using an existing State archaeologist class would be a good place to start. We would just have to make sure that when the...the employing department would have to make sure that those duties are actually what they need, because it will be up to the employing department to actually craft the final position description so it's accurate and it's doing what they need. But it is possible to start from there. As to the civil service status, if the position is created in the Department of Management, it would be civil service. There is no exemption that I'm aware of for that. As far as the pay grade goes, it will depend really on what the duties are that are finalized when it comes to us. If it's similar to the full-range archaeologist that the State has or principle archaeologist, that's currently priced at what we call salary range 24, SR-24. That equates to about 60 to \$90,000 per year. But again, the final would depend on what the actual duties are, so we, when we classify, we look at what the actual duties are at that time. We don't kind of guess what it might be doing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. The next question is please comment on the ten Ocean Safety Officer II positions, five full-time, ten half-time--oh, is that one of yours, Member Paltin? Okay. Being proposed for Ocean Safety Program. Provide a breakdown of personnel costs related to the positions. Other than increasing labor and fringe benefit costs, are there concerns with adding this many positions to a department at one time?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. The starting salary for an Ocean Safety Officer II is about 40, a little over \$46,000 per year, so that would be the cost for a full-time, entry

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level OSO or Ocean Safety Officer. The...of course there's fringes on top of that, but I think the current fringe rate as published by the Department of Finance is about 80 percent, a little...almost 81 percent. As far as adding that many positions to a department at once, it's probably a good question for that department, and they're going to have to deal with the management and the supervision and that type of stuff. It would be, probably be fairly difficult to recruit that number of ocean safety officers at once. I think our last recruitment we had 41 applicants and 8 wound up passing all the tests. So, it's, it will be a challenge to fill that many at one time. I don't know what the demand for a half-time position would be, whether that would be something that people would be seeking or not. That might be a little bit problematic to fill those.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And the last question is in your correspondence dated April 8, 2019, you stated "there are a small number of civil service positions where initial hire is permitted above the entry step, but this is only allowed when we are having difficulty in recruiting." Would you please list the civil service positions that pertain to this response?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. Currently, we're recruiting above the minimum for Civil Engineer IV, Electrical Inspector II, Information Systems Analyst IV and V, Land Surveyor II, Electrical Engineer IV, Planner VI, and Transportation Systems Analysts. There may have, I think there might be a few others that we have previously approved that might still be in effect but we're compiling that list now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, Members, that was the last question from our departmental transmittals. We'll now move...oh, Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Before you move --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --can I ask more question? Dave, okay, does the Mayor have to fill those positions if they are put in the Budget?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair? I'm not aware that that's a requirement, no.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, the answer is no, right?

MR. UNDERWOOD: As far as I'm aware, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, we're going to...up to seven minutes starting with Member Kama, if you have any questions. Okay, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, I am, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Just one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: On Page 467, under Administration and Management Support Services, it says for Key Activities Goals and Measures, Goal No. 4, enhance the quality and efficiency of service delivery through technology and by maintaining trained, qualified staff. Objective 2, develop and retain qualified, efficient staff. There is a measure, HR budget to total budget ratio. The value reported is 0.2. Does this mean that the County spends 20 percent of its budget on HR and how does this compare to other jurisdictions within Hawaii or a comparable mainland jurisdiction?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair? Thank you for the question, it's a good question. It doesn't mean that we spend 20 percent of our budget on HR, we spend 0.2 percent of our Budget on HR. And the reason that we kind of chose this metric is this a nationally benchmark.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Most...I think the national average is about .5, .6, between .5 and .6.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, all yours.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I actually had questions regarding, you know, the employee recognition and different things which you already addressed, which is on Page 468. And I just was wondering on 466, you talk about grievances and I wonder what Personnel does or what you do with Management to eliminate or decrease grievances and improve, it's really communication so I wonder what the departments do?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: We try to minimize grievances through a number of routes. One is we are in constant communication with departments, so if they have questions we're

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always there to ask. We do advocate that they call us before they make a decision, stuff like that. We also have a number of formal, more formal methods. One, we have what we call a uniform disciplinary committee that meets once every month, which has representatives from all the departments, our staff, and Corporation Counsel. And they bring, everybody brings their particular issue that they have or something that they're facing, and we try to go around and kind of brainstorm it to make sure everybody's consistent. And then we also offer a number of classes in labor relations, both from our in-house staff and from people outside. We offer classes in conducting investigations, so the investigation is conducted well. And then we have a, what we call a supervisory academy which is a series of I think it's 15 courses that supervisors can take. And it goes through the gamut of labor relations, employee...dealing with employees, investigations, all that kind of stuff. So, we kind of try to approach it from a number of ways.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. That's it.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks, Chair. What is other non-exempt mean?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: In reference to?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The hire...the positions.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Oh, okay. It's a way of classifying what type of pay employees get. Most employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, so you see Bargaining Unit 1, Bargaining Unit 2, Bargaining Unit 3. Some are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, but they're exempt from overtime under Federal law, so you'll see exempt. And then you'll...or other exempt. And then you'll see some that aren't covered by a collective bargaining agreement, but they are...they do receive overtime under Federal law. And you'll see those are usually other non-exempt.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Why would you promote without exam?

MR. UNDERWOOD: The...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: The civil service procedures are designed to encourage career growth within the service. So, one of the mechanisms that is available to departments is if the department has a pool of qualified individuals that they want to promote from within, they can choose to go...use a process called promotion without exam which means they'll take the applications, they'll do the interviews, and they'll select who they're going to promote. It's only open to regular civil service people in their department that meet the minimum qualifications.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: How come on the list of vacancies, there's plenty NRFs? Is it like a timeline of things, like they don't post the request to fill until like a month after the person vacates or how does that work?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: NRF stands, as you know, for no request to fill. That just simply means we haven't received a formal requisition from the department to fill it as yet. They may be in the process of deciding if they're going to reallocate it, they may be undergoing a reorganization. There could be a number of reasons, but it just means they haven't asked us for a list.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: In your answer to PS-7, number five, it seems like the lower the grade secretary, the more duties and minimum qualifications they have than say like secretary level III or a Private Secretary. Are Secretary III and Private Secretary appointed positions or civil service?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair? Secretary I, II, and III are civil service. Private secretaries are appointed.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If someone took a part-time Ocean Safety Officer position, could they also work part-time at the swimming pool or another County function, department?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. UNDERWOOD: Currently, no. There's a County directive that prohibits dual employment, and that arose out of several situations a number of years ago where we had people working in multiple departments, and neither side knew what the other one was doing so we wound up being liable for quite a bit of overtime as a result.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then for number four, the...just letting you know the question was regarding within your own Department.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I had a question about like say I don't have the list, but there is one no request to fill that seemed to be like two years old from 2017, and I was wondering if it's not being request to fill and the position has been vacant for a couple years, why do we keep it?

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MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: By Charter only the Mayor can abolish a position, so what we typically do every year is we'll generate a list of positions that have been vacant for a long time and we'll distribute it to the departments and the MD and ask hey, do we...should we keep these positions around? And they'll indicate no, no, no keep it or yeah, abolish it, and then we just abolish them one time.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then when you promote without an exam for a transfer, that means you think the person in another department is sufficiently qualified in that one and you can transfer them over without an examination?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Promotion is movement from basically the same salary level across. Regular civil...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You mean transfer?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Transfer yeah. Promotion is going up, transfer is going across. Transfer is available to civil service employees. They have to meet the minimum qualifications and it's up to the department head whether they want to entertain transfers or not.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like on Page 28 it says, promotion without exam, transfer for a Police Sergeant, so is it transfer and promotion?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Typically, what will happen is for the ranked police, they probably had promoted somebody to Captain which is an EM position, they'll do promotion without exam. Then they'll fill the Sergeant's by a transfer, and when they're done filling all the transfers then they'll promote.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. For the Director...you know I appreciate my colleague from West Maui, her questions. Page 465, Director, I'm glad you mentioned the Civil Service Commission. I understand their role, they're an adjudication panel like the labor board, State Labor Board. But what is intriguing for me and again I'm just curious as it relates to the appointing authority that can take other employment actions taken against civil service employees who are excluded from

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collective bargaining. Can you, again, for us non-Personnel professionals if you could maybe give us in layman terms a simpler understanding please?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Sure. Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director, please...

MR. UNDERWOOD: There are...under the Hawaii collective bargaining statute for public employees, most employees, about 85 percent are covered by or included in a collective bargaining unit. That means they're covered by the contract and they're entitled to union representation. There are certain types of employees that by law are what we call excluded. Typically, that's employees that are involved in sensitive employer/employee relations, department heads, people in the Office of the Mayor or certain places like that. So, if you're a union member and your boss decides to fire you, you can file a grievance and the union will represent you. If you're excluded like say an administrative officer in a, in the department is typically excluded because they deal with employer/employee grievances, investigations. If that department head decides to fire that, the administrative officer, they don't have access to the grievance procedure because they're not a union member. So, in that case, their right of appeal would be to the Civil Service Commission rather than through a union.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you for...that personnel so go to the State Labor Board, HPERB or Circuit Court?

MR. UNDERWOOD: The...Chair? The appeal would go to the Civil Service Commission, if the Civil Service Commission does not render in their favor and they wish to appeal it further, it would go to Circuit Court.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, thank you, Director. We've been having, over the last I would say two terms, some special considerations for a certain bargaining unit regarding pay adjustments which is again outside of the negotiation process. So, I'm wondering since a lot of them bring up what they actually do versus what they were actually hired for, are we having issues with keeping our job descriptions current and updated sufficiently so that when the contracts do get finalized and the Council ratifies, you know, what we're agreeing to is actually what the employee is doing?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair? I would say most departments do a good job. I would say like any large organization it's not perfect. And we have had unions file grievance for that particular issue that the position description is not current. So, there are avenues available to try to force that issue when it does happen.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And I ask this 'cause I really, as a legislator, choose not to do this work of a department, but would you recommend the departments to do spot desk audits to ensure that what we're asking the employee to do is within the job description? Or amend the job description because then, for me, are we upholding the integrity of the classification?

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MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Excellent point. The classification is based on the assigned duties. So, it all starts with an accurate position description. So, we do stress that strongly with the departments, it is...they're the ones that know the duties so they're the ones that have to create the position description.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Right.

MR. UNDERWOOD: So, and typically a lot of times when we get a position description, we do a desk audit. We'll go down and talk to the supervisor, talk to the employee to make sure the classification action that we're taking is correct. But you're right, it is incumbent upon the department to make sure that position description is timely and correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Director. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No questions. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Just one quick question with regard to Page 468, Premium Pay. I notice a big drastic drop from 2019 from 50,750 to 13,000 in 2020 so it's something, you know, good to see I guess depending on which side you're on. Can you tell us why it, there was so much, a lot of overtime the previous fiscal year and now why the drastic drop?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair? As I'm sure you're aware this last year was the implementation of the Workday system. So, that burdened our Department quite a bit and we're a small department, we don't have a lot of carrying capacity to add a workload like that during normal business hours. So, and there were a lot of time-critical tasks in that project so we knew it was going to stretch us so we budgeted for overtime. We don't anticipate that kind of stretch next year so we're giving it back.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Just one question on Page 464 under Services, there was a, just a change amount of negative \$20,000, and I was just wondering what was the cause for that 7 percent decrease?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Sure. Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Again, that was related to the Workday project. As part of that project, we were tasked with providing training to all employees, so we had an expense to actually get our training or trainers to develop the curriculum and teach a large number of classes that were outside of the scope of their normal training. But again, we don't expect that to occur again this year so we're phasing that out.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. The Members asked my questions, so I don't have any additional questions. Members, any proposed amendments to this Department? Okay, seeing none, if there are no objections, I'll thank Director Underwood and Deputy Director for joining us this evening, tonight. And I'll call Ms. Deidre Tegarden up and we'll take up the Mayor's Budget. Okay, no objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Members. Okay.

MR. UNDERWOOD: And thank you all for your support, very much appreciate it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Mahalo for being so concise, everyone. Okay, so...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We're getting tired.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You know I didn't bring coffee this time, only last night to the Molokai meeting. Maybe I'll...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: But we have malasadas.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have malasadas?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: We have malasadas.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, who brought malasadas?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Evan.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No, just the malasadas. That was your job. That was your job.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We have Ms. Deidre Tegarden with us now. Okay. I'll again start with the questions that were not responded to via written correspondence, and then we'll open it up to Members' questions. Okay? Okay. Aloha, Ms. Tegarden. Mahalo for joining us.

MS. TEGARDEN: Aloha and good evening.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. As it relates to the proposed Office Operations Assistant II, Secretary I, and Administrative Assistant II positions, in Budget Details Page 11-3, A, what will be the duties and roles of these positions and how will these positions differ from the current administrative and clerical positions in the Administration Program? B, how is the work being performed now? And this is a question from Member Molina.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you for that question. For the Office Operations Assistant II, that individual will be...is working as a community liaison specifically for the East Maui District. That individual attends meetings, briefs the Mayor by memorandums, e-mail, or face-to-face meetings on subject matter or community concerns. That individual assists in reviewing grants and monitoring OED-funded community functions in East Maui and acts as a direct liaison between the Administration and the Maui County veterans community. Specifically, the community liaisons participate in the planning, monitoring, and implementation of special projects under the Office of the Mayor. They provide oversight on such projects to ensure orderly performance and completion. They collect, maintain, and analyze various data to evaluate the consistency and quality of services provided, and ensure maximum efficiency of time, resources, and equipment. They prepare and submit periodic evaluative reports and make recommendations for change and improvement. They additionally draft directives, memorandums, guidelines, and other instructions as directed by the Mayor. They review various reports submitted to the Office of the Mayor to determine adequacy of the data and information provided and monitor to ensure required reports are submitted to the Mayor in a timely manner. They assist to ensure that objectives, policies, procedures, initiatives, and instructions established by the Mayor are implemented and enforced. They additionally keep abreast of current community issues and needs and compile information and data to keep the Mayor informed on such needs and concerns. They serve as the liaison between the Office of the Mayor and various community organizations and civic groups, maintain linkages with groups...such groups to identify critical issues and needs, and facilitate forums and partnerships to develop appropriate community action plans. They regularly disseminate information to such groups to assure that they are being kept informed of actions being taken and provide responsive...response and follow-ups as required, and other duties as assigned. For the OM Secretary I, this individual works in tandem with the Executive Secretary to the Mayor in processing invitations, meeting requests, and travel for the Mayor. They organize and maintain files for the convenience of the Mayor. They receive and route telephone calls to the community liaisons according to the nature of the call, using discretionary judgment as the disposition of the call, in conjunction with each community liaison's assignments and responsibilities. They

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draft, edit, revise, and type in final form correspondence, reports, memorandums, forms, meeting minutes, and other written material from oral and written instructions; prepare agendas and minutes of meetings, public and internal meetings; arrange for and/or coordinate clerical services to meet fluctuation of the office workload. They keep the calendar of the Mayor and the community liaisons; schedule and adjust appointments and conferences accordingly; make all necessary arrangements for meetings, including time and space requirements and the notifications of persons to attend, and other duties as assigned. How is the work...the expansion...did you ask about the expansion position as well?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MS. TEGARDEN: Yes. The expansion position for Administrative II, fiscal responsibility to our community both allows and necessitates us to pursue the abundance of available Federal, State, and private foundation grants. This new position in the Mayor's Office will be responsible for researching, identifying, obtaining, and managing said grants for the various departments within the Administration. B, how is this work being performed now? The Office Operations Assistant II and Secretary I positions have been filled since the beginning of the term, and each individual has been doing the work as stated above. As for the expansion position, there is no one in the Mayor's Office actively seeking grants for the Administration at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, please explain how the requested appropriation for Airfare Transportation in Budget Details Page 11-5, Index Code 903013B, Sub-Object Code 6201 would be expended? That's a question from Chair King, and in the same line of questioning, in particular please explain why the amount has doubled from Fiscal Year 2019 and that's a question from Member Molina.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you for that question. The appropriation may be used for travel for Legislative and Administrative purposes. Mayor and his staff may travel for purposes of attending State Legislature sessions, training conferences, meetings with the Governor and other State officials, Congressional visits, sister city visits, and other related purposes. In past fiscal years, recording of expenditures for travel by the Office of the Mayor was not limited to Index Code 903013B. In Fiscal Year 2020 however, Index 90313B [sic] will be inclusive of all travel costs for the Office of the Mayor, thus resulting in the increase from Fiscal Year 2019.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Please provide a breakdown of the requested \$6,000 for Miscellaneous Other Costs under the Hawaii State Commission, on the Status of Women, Fiscal Year 2020, in Budget Details Page 11-39, Sub-Object Code 6221. It's a question from Member Molina.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you for that question. The grant from the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women was received in Fiscal Year 2019 for the purposes of domestic violence, the Domestic Violence Fair, as well as the committee's advocacy and

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education efforts. For Fiscal Year 2020, the grant was included in Appendix A.1 in anticipation of receiving grant funds for the same purpose.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Page 17 of the Program Budget states that “most of the Department’s goals and measures were new.” Is this a warning that goals and measures may be “ill defined” or a “work in progress?” Do departments have a deadline for completing the development of goals and measures recognizing that we should strive for continuous improvement? A question from Member Kama.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you. With the change in Administration on January 2, 2019, the departments reviewed their goals, objectives, and measures, and made revisions as they saw appropriate for Fiscal Year 2020. Moving forward and with most of the directors confirmed, the departments will continue working on their strategic plans and the development of long-term goals and measures to meet the strategic vision of the Administration. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Also from Member Kama, Page 17 of the Program Budget also states “a policy was established to increase the Emergency Fund to 20 percent of the General Fund operating expenditures.” How much is 20 percent of the General Fund operating expenditures and has this County accomplished this goal?

MS. TEGARDEN: The Fiscal Year 209 [sic] adopted General Fund operating budget is 417,326,000 of which 20 percent is 83,464,005. As of March 31, 2019, the Emergency Fund balance was 35,449,172 which is 42 percent of that target amount.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And, Members, I’m sorry, there’s a lot of questions because we didn’t receive any answers from the office. And it sounds like you’re reading something, are you planning to transmit that to the Council?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? It was transmitted this afternoon.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay. Please explain the meaning of the last sentence of the revolving fund paragraph on Program Budget Page 57. Member Kama.

MS. TEGARDEN: The last sentence of the revolving paragraph [sic] on Page 57 of the Program Budget book states the balance remaining in each Appendix A.11 of the annual Budget Ordinance refers to Section 14 of the General Budget Provisions. Section 14 of the General Budget Provision reads the special purpose revenue set forth in Appendix A, Part II attached hereto and made a part of hereof are expected to be on hand as of June 30, 2019 or derived by the County during fiscal Year 2020 from the programs or activities described in the revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended. The Maui County Code or the Hawaii Revised Statutes at the references

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set forth under A through V therein. The balance remaining in each of the revolving or special funds as of June 30, 2019 is hereby reappropriated to the particular fund. Revenues derived from the particular program or activities during the fiscal year shall be deposited into the applicable special purpose revenue fund. Expenditures from a fund shall be through appropriations set forth in Appendix A.2 of the annual Budget Ordinance.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Are the provisos for Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund accurate? Budget Bill, Appendix A.2, Pages 46 through 47, it appears provisos one through four are duplicated as provisos five through eight, and this is a question from Member Molina.

MS. TEGARDEN: Yes. The provisos under the Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund, numbered five through eight were inadvertently duplicated and should be deleted.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. How does the County expend the revenue generated from fees collected at the Lahaina parking lot concession, Budget Bill Appendix A.2, Hawaiian Cultural Restoration Revolving Fund, Chapter 3.38, Maui County Code, and Appendix B.I, Page 3? And this is from Member Sinenci.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you. Section 3.38.020A, Maui County Code states the Hawaiian Cultural Restoration Revolving Fund shall provide funds for the preservation and restoration of Hawaiian historic and cultural sites and artifacts relating to Moku`ula and the ponds of Mokuhinia at Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, including maintenance of the sites. As of March 31, 2019, the Hawaiian Cultural Restoration Revolving Fund is showing zero expenditures.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. On Page 35, the language discussing the appropriation of annual revenue to the Affordable Housing Fund suggests this is a "choice" or "option" for the County. It should be noted that the 2 percent allocation of real property tax revenue is the minimum amount mandated by the County Charter. I guess I don't have the...you have the question. Would you please respond to the question?

MS. TEGARDEN: The comments made on the Program Budget as stated in your letter have been duly noted.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and that was from Member Kama. Okay. Comments were made on your Program Budget, the first paragraph on Page 86 references Figure 4-16, the paragraph should reference Figure 4-15. On Page 390, Administration Goal 1.1, encourage public accessibility to County government, provide assistance to constituents with concerns or issues relating to County government. What is the Fiscal Year '20 estimate for the number of correspondence? And this is from Member Paltin.

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MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you. I'm sorry we did not include that. It's 35,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Is there a problem with the budget narrative software? If so, what would be the cost to acquire budget software that works? Member Paltin.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? So, there is no budget software. In order to put the books together, the Program book is done in Word and the Details are done in Excel. We also use the CBS system which keeps track of all the capital...CBS stands for capital budget system and it keeps track of all the Capital Program projects. And of course, then there's IFAS, which is the accounting software. So, it takes a lot to put that Program Budget book and a lot of cut and paste from other programs and other documents. And because there's no one software that the Budget Office used in the past, in order to put the Program Budget book together in Word, it took a lot of links from Excel worksheets and multiple entries of the same data. So, moving forward from lessons learned in this Budget, moving forward, we will look for one system or something that would be comprehensive to put together the Budget document. But that was one of the issues that we had faced in putting these...in putting the two documents together.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. I'm really happy to help you with that. I'm proposing the Council look at purchasing Open.Gov [sic] which is a comprehensive budget software. Okay, next question. Please provide minimum qualifications for Budget program positions. Is an accounting background required? Budget Program Goal 3, attract and retain highly qualified and energetic individuals to carry out the mission of the Budget Office. Question from Member Paltin.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, there's different levels of budget specialists so there's Budget Specialist I through V, and the minimum qualifications would be a combination of experience as well as education. Do we...to attract highly qualified people for the position, we will probably go out for recruitment. Do we look for energetic people? Of course, so we can all sit here together. And we will...it depends on the, and again it just depends on the level of qualification. So, like right now we have a Budget Specialist II and we have a V. And the Budget Specialist V was actually a Budget Analyst over at Maui Electric who joined our team in February.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay, the next two questions are in regards to OED, which will be taken up on another day. Okay. HTA...oh shoot. Economic Development...okay, HUD. What does HUD define as low to moderate income? And this question is from Member Paltin.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you for that.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Want me to answer?

MS. TEGARDEN: Yeah, go ahead.

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, this was a question that was directed to CDBG, and the HUD definition of various income levels, extremely low 30 percent of median income, low 50 percent of median income, and moderate 80 percent of median income. Please note that the above income limits pertain to the CDBG program, other HUD-funded programs have their own income limit guidelines.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, on Budget Narrative Page 426, to clarify equipment purchased in the Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation is land? A question from Member Paltin.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? Yes. On Page 426 the land purchase is classified under Equipment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, in the Budget Details Page 11-14, please provide position descriptions, summary of duties, and minimum qualification for expansion positions. Is that something that is included in what you transmitted to us this afternoon? Okay.

MS. TEGARDEN: Yes, it is.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, so we'll review that when we get that. Okay. In the Narrative, Page 427 and Budget Details Page 11-60, is there a missing table for the Emergency Fund?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? I don't believe there is a missing table, I think there's just one table that's on Page 426, but I will look into that and then if there is I will forward it to you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Are annual employee appraisals and evaluations done on both civil service and appointed positions? Who conducts these evaluations for the Mayor's staff? If they are not done, how is job performance measured? And that's from Member Paltin.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you for that question, Chair. I cannot speak for civil service because the individuals we have up in the Mayor's Office are appointees, but yes, we do have employee reviews. We utilize the County's performance evaluation manual and they are done annually. And they are done by the Chief of Staff at the direction of the Mayor.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And that was the last question from the questions that were transmitted via written correspondence. And now we will take up the seven minutes for each Member. And I think I started with Member Kama last yeah, so we're going to go back to Member Sinenci. Member Sinenci, you're ready?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: For my first question, let's see, on Page 410, 410, under Grants and Disbursements for Culture, Arts, and Tourism, there's a couple times...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, Member Sinenci, we're going to take up OED on Wednesday, tomorrow, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry. We'll reset your time.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. On Page 402 under Other Costs, there's a 19 percent, .3 percent increase for Other Costs and I was just wondering what was the majority of those increases for?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? That's also for Office of Economic Development. For the Office of the Mayor, Administration and Budget Program, it goes up to Page 399.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Page 383 to 399.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you. And then I think you, Ms. Tegarden, answered my question on 391 about travel increases proposed for 2020, something about the Office of the Mayor attending some Legislature sessions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes, that is correct. We're putting all of the travel into the Office of the Mayor, so there, that's the increase.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Alright, thank you. That's all for now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're pau?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I'm not going to use much of my I guess seven minutes, but I just want to thank Administration for responding to my written questions. Thank you.

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I have no questions.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Madam Chair. It would be...we are going to get a copy of that list that you read off of earlier. I guess I have a question about the, I think you're calling them community liaisons, but I think those are listed in the Budget Program under the various administrative levels, administrative assistant levels. I just had that page here, where is it? Anyway, I just wanted to see if you could give us the actual pay levels for those positions. It's on Page 392, Administrative Assistant I, three positions; Administrative Assistant I, two positions; Administrative Assistant II, four positions; Administrative Assistant II, two positions; two half-time Administrative Assistant II, one position or...and one position half-time. Do you have the salaries of those people? Can you just...I mean you can...I don't know if it's in your letter, but I didn't hear it asked earlier, so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? In the Budget Details Page 11-2, 11-3 we did provide the salaries for the appointed positions in the Mayor's Office.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. What page was that again?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Eleven-two, 11-3.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Earlier we decided we were going to go off of this book so I've been working off this book and I know there's some discrepancies between the two so I want to make sure we work off of one, get it straight, and that's the one that we make our decisions on, so. Okay, you mentioned that you had a position that was a grant writer in your office and I just wondered what kinds of grants you have to write for the Mayor's Office and why you wouldn't be able to share a grant writer with OED?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Chair? Thank you. Thank you for that question. Actually, the grant writer that we're looking at as the expansion position for the Mayor's Office is going to be a grant writer for the...not only the Mayor's Office but the Administration. There are so many, for the different departments, there are so many grants as you know that are out there that that is what they will be focused on. The grant writer for OED is

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going to be focused on the OED programs, whether it's through energy, agriculture, the other specialties that lay within that office, but ours will be for the Administration.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so none of the other departments have grant writers?

MS. TEGARDEN: No one who is actively out there dedicated, looking for grants, no. And I think we feel, the Mayor feels, that there's a lot of money out there that we could be bringing back home here and that's --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. TEGARDEN: --what this position is for.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, and you can't do that with the OED grant writer, so you need an extra one?

MS. TEGARDEN: That is correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you for that. And my last question is when you talked about, in your performance measures, about the fulfilling the mission of the Budget Office, and what is the mission of the Budget Office? 'Cause I saw in your...I think you were talking about your goals and objectives, and the one that I'm speaking of mentions the mission of the Budget Office but I didn't see the mission of the Budget Office as an actual goal. So, is it in here somewhere as a goal?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, on Page 396. So, the mission of the Budget Office is to provide timely, accurate, and unfiltered information and analysis regarding budgeting, forecasting, and fiscal policy issues to the Mayor, County Council, and the departments.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, but it's just not...it's not one of your goals?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, our Goal No. 1 is to provide the highest quality budget management for the County to protect its fiscal integrity.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. All right. That's most of my questions for now. I'm just, I'm...I don't even know if it's a question, but I just have a concern, Chair, about the duplication of department heads with the administrative assistants, so I'd like to see the written report of what these people are supposed to do. And if you can give us some background of why you consider them experts in these various fields that they're supposed to be experts in, that would be helpful. Thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you. For the Administration on Page 392, I'm trying to figure out why go with two Secretary I's at three-quarter time? Did it make sense for not one full-timer and one half-timer?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for that question. This is based on a few things, including the schedules of the people who are performing these positions. They are...have other family commitments that they have to see to and we respect that and as a result they have the three-quarter-time salaries or the three-quarter-time position.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, we hire on the family needs first, then the County's priorities?

MS. TEGARDEN: It is a...thank you --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: --for that question. It is a combination of the Mayor wants to respect the, their rights of the, you know, people are working mothers and want to make sure that we're ensuring that they can also have time with their families. That's very important to him, and being one for gender equity, he wanted to make sure that people have that ability to spend time with their families as well and they do get their work done.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That was a good add-on, so I appreciate that. Again, we're not doing OED, correct, Chair --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --this evening? Okay, so --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --I just had a couple of questions. Basically, a lot of it is consistent requests. Technology Business Promotion on 407, you have a new request for \$50,000. You look at 409, opportunities to focus on technology base for ED for the County. Is the Mayor making now a dedicated attempt to make this another strong economic leg for the County?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Chair? Thank you. Yes, he is, that is part of the OED budget; but, yes, that is very important to him. And as we diversify and make sure that we have jobs for our...that next generation to come home to clean jobs, that is important to him, yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, I think for us we're more concerned about the ability of our residents having one good paying job so they can be at home and take care their families. You know the County shouldn't be the foster parent. But I, you know, I'm wondering whether or not we put enough resources because this is one way to increase the County's bond rating is by diversifying our economy. And so is \$50,000 good enough?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I mean we have MEDB, we've got the high-tech park, what is the intent of \$50,000?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you. I know that our Director Kay Fukumoto will be down here tomorrow to speak to this; however, that is what we are looking at, trying to be frugal while at the same time diversifying our economy.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I appreciate that very much but being too frugal is useless money to me, yeah. For Page 410, I was there, it was King Kekaulike's Performing Art Center, beautiful State facility, beautiful State project, why are we paying now for their operational budget?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you. Again, that is within OED; however --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, fine.

MS. TEGARDEN: --we will...we are so thankful to the students who are Maui County students who are able to utilize that facility.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden, I'm going to give Member Hokama back his time.

MS. TEGARDEN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And again yeah, Chair, I mean I'm just trying to understand why we doing what I feel is the State's responsibility. So, again I can wait for, you know, the OED Director to come and give comments. So, I thank you for that. But the last one I would say for me is, on Lanai, we are definitely using the ag support monies and Soil and Water Conservation monies so I appreciate the Mayor continuing to fund those programs for Lanai. Are we going to push...again I'm assuming that the Mayor has filled the Ag Specialist position? Is that a good assumption on the Committee's part?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you. Yes, that name is forthcoming, that individual is ending another job at the moment, and so as not to share too much information but your...the answer is yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that. Any concerns with the CDBG program that we should be made aware of? Because the regional director told me that salaries and whatnot is kept within the local office, so we don't follow Federal guidelines on pay scales for employees within this program?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden?

MS. TEGARDEN: Thank you for that question. I know that Joe Pontanilla, our CDBG Coordinator was down here a few weeks ago. I'm sure he is better able to answer that question, but in calls with the CDBG group, they're very happy with how we are utilizing the funding and the various programs that are being funded by those CDBG grants.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I'm wondering since we're not following the Federal guidelines, how are we basing our salaries for positions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Tegarden? Oh, Ms. Yoshimura? Sorry.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, so the positions are...we're still using classified positions that are on the, that follows the...although they're exempt from collective bargaining, we use those positions and we use those salary scales to pay for three employees I think in --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Correct.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --CDBG.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. And then I got to deal with being old but real fast, what is the amount for Emergency Fund, on Page 427? 'Cause I understand the intent and the use, so I'm just wondering how much 'cause I can support proper funding levels.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Member Hokama, is that the amount that's going to be put in for 2020?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Correct.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, the 2020 amount is \$6.5 million.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Six point five. Very good. Thank you very much, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks, Chair. So, I kind of am going to cross reference on the Budget Bills, Page 46 under the Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund, number four, just kind of cross reference that one with the response from Finance number four. So, just wondering the status of item number four, acquisition of Lot 6 to the Hamakualoa Open Space Preserve, because the answer in Finance on the table says that the appraisal has been completed and currently negotiating with seller; but upon talking to the seller, they haven't heard back from the County for over six months. And part two of the Finance response is, as of December 31, 2018, the total funds expended for the acquisition of Lot 6 was 1,456.66 for the status report and appraisal costs. So, I'm just wondering if you have any update about what's going on or if there's an estimated of when we can anticipate the appraisal being transmitted to the Council along with a proposed purchase amount?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So, I will follow up with the Department of Finance to find out more information. If we are going to purchase this parcel, then we would have to send down a resolution authorizing the acquisition. So, at that time, we would send down the resolution as well as the appraisal for your consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You pau?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm done.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, your question was cross referencing Finance's response FN-4 on the Page 3 regarding the acquisition of the TMK so you have that information. Okay, just wanted to make sure. Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. I actually don't have questions on this, but I will save questions for Office of Economic Development which is coming tomorrow. So, thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair, I have no questions. I want to eat malasadas.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Okay, my turn. Okay. Okay. And my first question is, which employees in the Mayor's Office would qualify for premium pay? There is money allocated for premium pay.

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, in the Office of the Mayor, there's no funds being requested for premium pay for Fiscal 2020. In the Budget Office the funds being requested is for the budget specialists. I would not qualify for premium pay or comp time for that matter.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so Budget Specialist II, III, V but not the Grant Specialist. So, Budget Specialist II, III, and V --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --is your response?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry. It's...yes. It's II, III, V, and the Grant Specialist --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh and the Grant Specialist.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --would qualify for premium pay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay. Okay, on Page 398 would you please explain that 49.6 percent increase on the Other Premium Pay?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, in Fiscal Year 2019, there was adopted \$11,700 for premium pay. I requested to increase it by \$5,800 to the proposed 17,500 just to bring it back to historical expenditures.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And on Page 399 under Wages and Salaries, would you please explain why the change amount for this line item listed in the summary, 51,951 is different from the total listed in the regular wages on Page 399 as 52,956, a difference of \$1,500?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, on Page 398, the net change amount was the 51,951, and that was based on there were some reductions, some increases to the existing positions, as well as a request to fill an unfunded position at 52,956. So, on Page 399, the request for 52,956 is the amount for the unfunded position that we're requesting to have funded for Fiscal Year 2020. And in 393...oh, 398, if you go back to the Budget Details, Budget Details on Page 11-9, you will see the reductions and additions to some of the positions and that will net out to be 51,951.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay, and then on Page 398, you mentioned that all the travel, or maybe Ms. Tegarden did mention that all the travel would be consolidated under one, but on Page 398 under Operations Travel, there's a 91.9 percent increase to the Travel in this Budget.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, just to clarify, on Page 398, the travel request is for the Budget Program. The travel budget that Ms. Tegarden referred to for the Office of the Mayor was basically for the Administration Program. So, it would be Mayor, his executive

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assistants, his communication team, and the administrative assistants. So, it would...two different programs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay, those are all my questions. Mahalo. Okay. Okay. Okay, so we'll then we'll go to our proposed amendments and we won't go into discussion, we'll just propose them and in preparation of discussion next week.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I do have some amendments I'd like to make, but I want to wait until I get the written response from the Department --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --so I had, I did have one question that I neglected to ask so if I can just...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: On page...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any objections --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, is there any objections?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to Chair King? Okay, go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR KING: On Page 390 the number one goal is...under the first objective under Goal No. 1 is to provide assistance to constituents and the measure is number of correspondence. And I just wanted to ask the Chief of Staff if she could note that I don't think the number of phone calls means that you're necessarily serving constituents, because my office, and I've talked to other Councilmember offices who get a lot of referrals directly from departments and from some folks in the...in your staff, and people are calling us for things that are supposed to be handled by the Administration, implementation or enforcement. So, I would ask that you would find another way to measure whether you're being effective with your customer service. And also I don't know, I mean I don't know if the answer to this is to start keeping track of how many phone calls we get, because we get calls where people say, I've called the department or I've called the Mayor's Office and they told me to call you, and it's an enforcement or implementation which is strictly in the...what those high-paid people, the administrative assistants are supposed to be doing. So, yeah, I have some proposed cuts to those positions, but I would like to see what the justification is for them and line them up with what the salaries are first. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Okay, Members, any proposed amendments to the Department? Okay, seeing none, we'll move to the next department, Fire. Are the Members needing a quick...five minutes? Just five minutes? Okay, five minutes. Okay. Okay, that'll probably lead to ten minutes. Okay, so it's 9:46 on April 16th. Mahalo to Ms. Deidre Tegarden for joining us. We're going to take a quick five-minute break so please be back in your seats at 9:51. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 9:46 p.m.

RECONVENE: 9:58 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 9:58 p.m. on April 16.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have with us the Department of Fire and Public Safety, and I'll again follow the same format since it seems to be working pretty well. Okay. There's some responses that we received, FS-9 that we received today, this morning. And so would...so it's about three pages. One, two, three, four, four-and-a-half pages of questions. Would Members...if Members did not have a chance to review the written correspondence, would Members like for the questions to be asked on the floor and have the Department respond to them or are Members okay to review the written correspondence on your own? Any objections to allowing the...so there's two questions that we didn't receive a response to and that's FS-11. So first, are there any objections to us allowing Members to review FS-10 on their own if they have not yet done so? Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh, we have 11? Oh, okay. Okay, and we also received FS-11 this morning.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No objection.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, so we received written correspondence answering all of our questions. Yeah. So, we'll go right into Members' questions. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Okay, we'll start with Member Kama. You ready? Ms. Matthews, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I'm ready. So, did you want me to --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: --go through all the questions and...or go one by one? What is your preference?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You have seven minutes and whatever is your preference.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Let me prioritize all of these questions then. Okay. Let's...can I pass and take back whatever time I have left, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We didn't start the clock. Members --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --any objections to coming back to Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: 'Cause I got to prioritize this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have a great Council. Member Paltin, you ready?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure. Are you supportive of the proposal to add additional ocean safety officers?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Please answer freely. Mahalo, Chief Thyne.

MR. THYNE: Absolutely. Thank you for that proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Right on, no further questions.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Chief, just one quick one, follow up as far as the ocean safety component. We are all squared away with Makena State Beach Park and our full reimbursement of services provided to the State of Hawaii?

MR. THYNE: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief Thyne?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: You knew I was going to ask you that.

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MR. THYNE: Well, that's a loaded question, Member Hokama. Thank you for that. So, we have penned a couple letters to the Chair of the State Land Board and we'll continue our efforts to do so. They have expressed to us that there's limitations on their funding that they basically expect us to comply with the MOA as it was signed. So, in conversations with the new Budget Director, because recently we billed for the first three-quarters of the fiscal year and they returned...actually it was two quarters, I stand corrected, and by the time all the paperwork went back and forth it became three quarters. They declined to pay the amount that was actually paid out which is how we previously used to bill --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Right.

MR. THYNE: --was the actual cost that the County incurred because of CBA increases and whatnot.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Correct.

MR. THYNE: So, they basically wrote back and said we will pay for the amount and we should be invoiced for the amount that's agreed upon in the MOA. And so, I contacted the Budget Director and the Managing Director and said how would you like me to proceed? Because I know that this means that we are going to pay above and beyond what's in the MOA. And so, she encouraged me to...they encouraged me to bill for the MOA amount and then when we negotiate the new MOA moving forward, we will come before this body and the decision will be made whether we continue those services or not, so.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Or just provide the services that the money covers, Chief. Yeah. Again, I'm just looking at fairness and equity, Chief, yeah? It shouldn't be a burden on your Department to pay the State's cost, so I support your Department wholeheartedly. The other area, Chief, you know my issues with the accounting in your Department, so I am aware and thank you for making it aware, Chief, 'cause I think that you're very candid and open and that's one of your biggest assets in regards to me. I know you, your Department has an RMS software system, and I'm asking if you're already utilizing it to your Department's benefit at this time?

MR. THYNE: We are. It's able to do a lot more, Member Hokama, as far as the capabilities within...RMS stands for records management system as you --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you for --

MR. THYNE: --probably know.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --sharing that for the other Members.

MR. THYNE: You know so, we track our, primarily our training, our rostering in there, things of that nature, our compliance with the needed certifications that we maintain

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in primarily our training program for our firefighters and eventually hopefully our Ocean Safety personnel as well. And like I said, it's also a scheduling application that we use. One area that I think if...we're hoping for the best with Workday. From what we've heard about Workday and I'm sure you've heard a lot as well, there's a tremendous capability there that we didn't have before as the County, as far as tracking premium pay and different things that people do to earn their premium pay, whether it be as an instructor or a student or whatever have you, and many others. In the absence of Workday being that, I guess, solution, we look to utilize RMS as well. And even if Workday is the solution, we may also look into RMS for tracking especially the premium pay that is always a concern just to make sure that we have a couple different layers of redundancy I think in regards to tracking our premium pay, so.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Again, Chief, you know, I understand, you know, we have new collective bargaining agreements coming up for finalization, ratification, so I appreciate that effort on both our firefighters as well as your management team. Is there any outstanding reimbursements that you are, the Department is still looking forward to, whether it be FEMA reimbursements or other State, DLNR reimbursements? Is there anything still outstanding in your Department that you should be receiving hopefully shortly?

MR. THYNE: Yes, and we could give you an actual number. Chief Martin is sitting in the back row there and he worked very hard on our Hurricane Lane reimbursements and the other...I believe that's the only one that's outstanding. Nod at me, Chief. Yeah, he's nodding. So, but we also have some State...Homeland Security grant trainings that we conducted that also we get reimbursed for, and we're kind of working with them very closely to try to get those reimbursements in the dedicated fiscal year that we did the training, because in the past it's been delayed. And it goes back to General Fund so it's not a waste but at the same time, you know, it costs money to train our people --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, right.

MR. THYNE: --and that hits premium pay and, you know, all of those things, Member Hokama. So, we appreciate your patience but we will always continue to track that and make sure we get reimbursed in due time.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you. Last question from me for you tonight, Chief, is any outstanding concerns or issues you're dealing with standardization of equipment? Whether it be the coupling of the tanks or, you know, other things such that we were dealing with in the last term?

MR. THYNE: No, we will continue and have continued our efforts with standardization. It does allow us and, you know, even in the bigger picture, our mechanics as far as what they need to service. You know our vendors that service our small equipment, our chainsaws, our extrication equipment, it's consistent, they don't have to have, you know, large caches of replacement parts and repair manuals and things of that nature. So, we will continue that effort. If we do switch to...and we've included Ocean

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Safety in this process, we go through a research and development committee that we formed and we field test equipment. We have two open periods that we ask our personnel to submit ideas if you will for new equipment. And if it fits the program and it has the necessary flows and it has the necessary capabilities I guess you could say for what we do in that discipline then we will field test it with our cadres and potentially look to procure it through this process of the Budget. So, it's a pretty set policy and program and we're going to stick to it because it's been proven over time. So, thank you for that question.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And so like Molokai, I thank you for the watches on Lanai, they do an outstanding job for our island so thank you.

MR. THYNE: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely. Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. A couple short questions, on Page 250, okay, under Success Measurements, it says here you had about 700 fires this year. Were most of them accidental or most of them suspicious or deliberate?

MR. THYNE: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief Thyne?

MR. THYNE: I would have to venture to say that a lot of them are undetermined; however, I would have to look at the actual RMS again and work with our Fire Prevention Bureau to get you the exact number. But typically, it's very difficult to exclude other potential ignition sources. A lot of times, especially like in a wildland arena or a brush fire, and we came across this at pretty much all of our larger fires, we can kind of narrow it down usually by burn patterns and charring of wood and things of that nature, the general area of the ignition. But it's very difficult to exclude what other sources may have been involved in the ignition. So, it...a lot of times even after a thorough investigation, our fires are left undetermined because we can't pinpoint, you know, an eye witness even seeing it. If we're lucky, that's what happens and but it's a lot of times, I wouldn't know an actual percentage, but I think nationwide a large amount of fires are undetermined based on that. So, but I can give you an actual amount if I work with our Fire Prevention Bureau.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, thank you.

MR. THYNE: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Also, on the same note, you had about 600 or 6,900 medical emergencies. Are these mainly beach related or just miscellaneous different types?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief?

MR. THYNE: They run the gamut. EMS calls, we have different codes in RMS again that there's various location history we can bring up, we can look at different areas that are more impacted. Typically, it's the populated areas obviously. But medical emergencies run the gamut of, you know, somebody stubbing their toe to obviously worse. But beach related would typically be coded differently. It would be possibly more than likely a rescue. Potentially though in Ocean Safety, especially because they're there...they're right there at the beach, some of their calls would be related to strictly ocean type of calls. You know, maybe even person having a heart issue because they've...a little bit too strenuous in the surf, right, or in the current, so.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And where do you have most of these emergencies?

MR. THYNE: Oh, they're all over. I mean as far as, yeah, they're...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: More in South Maui than West Maui or?

MR. THYNE: I, you know, our busiest company right now, if we're talking about statistics, our busiest company is Wailuku.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, really?

MR. THYNE: Absolutely, yes. Wailuku is our busiest company, followed fairly closely by Ladder 3 in Lahaina as far as medicals. So, yeah, it's all over the place. You know like I said we have...I think third is Makawao I believe, Upcountry. And then I think again it possibly is Engine 3 in Lahaina and then I think you look at Kihei next as far as the top five if you will for call volume, so. And that's not only medicals but medicals are roughly 70 percent of our call volume, so.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Alright, thank you very much --

MR. THYNE: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --for the information. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. And good evening, Chiefs, Ventura and Chief Thyne. Thank you for enduring the, being part of this marathon. My...thank you first of all for responding--the April 12th memo, Members, if you want to look at it in your Granicus--to my questions. It had to do with the BOBI pay, and I know you weren't able to respond to two of those questions because of based on the HRS you're not allowed to reveal the salaries or I know obviously you cannot tell us the names but you couldn't describe that? I ask this because, you know, all of us here are County employees. The public knows what we make. Now, why isn't the public

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allowed to know what these individuals I guess get for the BOBI pay and so forth? I just kind of like one an explanation and for those who may be watching.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Member Molina, it goes back to the...sorry, it's late. I believe it's the Uniformed Information Practices Act, the Hawaii version of FOIA. We view or the law views salaries as a significant privacy interest. So, because when you look at those positions, typically you can ascertain who the individual in a certain position is. We recommend to the departments to give information giving a salary range so that it does not disclose an individual's...matters relating to an individual's personal finance, et cetera. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Ueoka. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, that's something interesting because I just thought, you know, we all get paid with the public's dollars but yet, you know, but whatever. It is what it is. Just for information, Chief, what does BOBI stand for? I can't think of it right now. The acronym, B-O-B-I.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Bureau Opportunity Benefit Incentive.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Thank you. And then the chiefs, now that's usually, that incentive is more for the frontline, the firefighters versus management typically?

MR. THYNE: I would look through this and read verbatim what it says, but generally speaking it's for the folks that work in the bureaus and it provides them a incentive to stay in the bureaus for lack of a better description. There is actual wording that I could dig up and provide to you, but generally speaking that's what it means.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, it's Fire Prevention Bureau and...

MR. THYNE: Fire Prevention, Training. Forty-hour work week basically is what it's related to, so.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. THYNE: I believe we sent that in the transmittal but like I said I can resend it to your office if --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. THYNE: --you need more clarity --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Alright.

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MR. THYNE: --Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you. And I still got some of my seven minutes left so of course my eternal quest, the Haiku Fire Station, I intend to propose an additional funding to do that study for the Haiku Fire Station. And as I recall when, my first go-around on the Council, the Department had...the Council provided the resources to the Department to purchase this piece of property in Haiku, and then all kinds of obstacles occurred which is why today we still don't have that fire station in Haiku. So, you're, I presume you're supportive of the additional expansion of that study? Because from where I stand, it doesn't appear to look like that the Department would want to go with the existing property. Is it too cost prohibitive, Chief?

MR. THYNE: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief?

MR. THYNE: Member Molina, thank you. And in the interest of full disclosure, I live literally one mile, less than one mile from the property. I live in Peahi, I have a beautiful home there that we just got recently, so I'm very thankful. I was on the original project team with Chief Kaupalolo many years ago because I lived in Haiku behind the school at the time. And, you know, we didn't have access, you know, Member Hokama brought up about RMS and we didn't have access to the geo data that we have now have. To Chief Martin's credit, when we worked through the accreditation process, we had to geo locate our calls and so we could really, literally pinpoint our calls where they are, where the concentrations are and so on and so forth. And so, that may paint a clearer picture but at the time they had what was available to them and so they looked at the different properties available in Haiku and that was selected. After they went through some of the preliminary work with the various architects and draft EAs and whatnot, some of the community members brought some concerns. And it was related to the waterline that would need to be brought in, it was related to some of the work that in their opinion should have been done...should be done to East Kuiaha Road which borders the property on the Hana side. As well as other concerns about view plains and the different zoning as well. And so, I think there's a lot of work to be done. You know, it is a very beautiful property, it's a very large property, it would have to be subdivided. It's about 27 acres I believe. So, we are not opposed to a fire station in any jurisdiction, you know, including, you know, Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, you know, beautiful island of Molokai out in Puko'o. And but at the...by the same token I think we really have to work with the community to determine what is the best location and then obviously from that point on as well what the design of the station is and whatnot. But we advocate...we will support any fire station location that's proposed to the Department to expand our services to the community, absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Chief. I appreciate your support because that was a number one concern for the Haiku Community Association at a recent meeting. So, anyway, thank you.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to mahalo Member Lee for bringing up some of the statistics on Page 250. And for me I have kind of some similar concerns, you know, especially when it concerns our visitors. For East Maui, we have, we just had one in some of the high-risk areas. And so, I think there's been overwhelming support for visitor education in educating our visitors on where to go, more signage, more safety at shorelines and beaches. And so, my question is, do you support something like visitor education when it comes to shoreline access? And the second part of that question is would you be part of it or do you see that there should be input from your Department?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief?

MR. THYNE: Thank you, Member Sinenci. And absolutely, I think we should be part of it. I know that we've all seen or maybe most of us have seen the visitor video that was done many years with the Ocean Safety personnel that plays at the airport and whatnot. And we've been in contact with our counterpart on Kauai, Kilipaki Vaughan who's the Acting Chief, he's the Deputy Chief officially there. And they have a very strong foundation that supports this type of effort. And we have some literature from our Police friends with MPD and their foundation. And so we're looking at actually forming a foundation in our tenure together here with Chief Ventura and myself and the folks that work with us in the Admin, and we think it would be a good thing for that foundation to perhaps create an opportunity for us to educate more 'cause that's what Kauai has. They have a very robust foundation to do this type of work and we're 100 percent in support of it, it just becomes, you know, how do we...what vehicle do we use to get that information out. And so we really want to approach it the right way so we don't end up hitting a roadblock as we start getting momentum. So, absolutely we support it 100 percent.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you for saying that because I think for our community, you know, it's important, because, you know, our community spans, you know, like many miles along the coastline. So, when there's emergencies, you know, it sometimes it takes away from our town. If we have any emergencies in town, it'll take away from some of the...from our local emergencies. So, we're always concerned about that. And also, for, you know, we don't want to put you guys in harm's way, you know, so I think the more education just best for everybody all around. My second question, maybe Ms. Yoshimura can ask...help me, is on Page 253, under Salaries and Wages, and it just has a list of increase based on anticipated need. And it just has a, kind of a blank list of premium pay. Can you explain 5215?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Page 253.

MS. YOSHIMURA: That's on Page 253?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, these are the increases based on the level of position that's being appropriated in each sub-object. So, take the first one, 911024A, that's the sub-object that relates to a specific station. And there may be --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --increases based on the level of the position. So, if it was a Captain and the Captain now is a higher tenured Captain, then you will see a difference in the salary.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Oh, so the first part of the number is for each of the different stations?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. All right. Thank you for that clarification. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, my turn. Okay. Okay, my first questions are regarding the BOBI, the Bureau Opportunity Benefit Incentive. In our written correspondence, in our questions we asked, how is the BOBI amount calculated. Would you be able to share how it's calculated with us?

MR. THYNE: Chair, I'm going to defer our union expert. He was our former union chair by the way, Deputy Chief Ventura. He's kind of specialized in the union arena so I'm going to kind of pass the mic to him if I could.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely.

MR. VENTURA: Good evening. Thanks for the question. So, the BOBI pay I'm not sure which number you're looking at there, is it the annual amount or is it the monthly amount?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Either.

MR. VENTURA: Okay. The monthly amount that is determined through the CBA is \$350 a month. That's a number that they came up with that they thought was fair to compensate the people . . . *(inaudible)* . . . at 40 hours that weren't going to get some of the benefits of the members who are online. So, that's the number they came up with. There's been talk in the past of increasing it, asking for more, because it's been the same number for several contracts, but it hasn't moved off of that over the last three contracts that I'm aware of.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. So, you mentioned wanting to raise it. Has that amount changed since 2005?

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MR. VENTURA: From what I can recall since 2005, no.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And so, this amount is a flat incentive out the base from which to determine all BOBI pay?

MR. VENTURA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. VENTURA: It's not based on their SR rating or anything, it's a flat rate no matter which SR step you're at or what longevity step you're at in the 40-hour position it's 350 per month for all members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And would you share with us where this funding comes from?

MR. VENTURA: That's a good question. I'd have to ask our Business Administrator to find out exactly. It's probably in the operations of that bureau. So, the bureaus that get it are the Training Bureau, the Prevention Bureau, and some in Admin. So, it's probably coming out of their operating budget.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay. My next question is on 240. Okay. Oh, Ms. Yoshimura left. I'll come back to that one. I think it's going to be more for...or unless you know, I'll ask and then if you know the answer. Okay, so on 240 and in the Budget Details 7-6, there's on Page 240 under Professional Services, adding additional funding assessment for Haiku Fire Station and it says 150,000. And on the Budget Details on Page 7-6 it has 170,000, but I, so I see the expansion of 150,000 and an appropriation of 20,000 from Fiscal Year 2019. Is that the...do you know if that's the reason that on Page 7-6, it has 170,000 there and then 150,000 on the Page 240?

MR. THYNE: Yeah, Chair, we stumbled on that too. In fact, Chief Martin and I chased our tail for a couple of days actually, because the property is becoming very overgrown. And so I was telling Chief Martin, I think it was Monday actually, I said, you know what, if we have \$20,000 available, because in the expansion it shows 150,000 but in the Details it shows that we have 20,000 that's already there. So, let's find out if that 20,000 is there and make sure we utilize it to clear the property. That way even when the assessors come in, they can actually walk around the property because it's very overgrown. But then through our research we found out it's not there. So, I don't know if that's a, there was some existing contracts that we disencumbered in talking with the Budget Director when she first came into office. She encouraged us to look at some of the old CIPs and contracts that we had that weren't active and look at, you know, returning that funding. In Haiku because we knew it was up in the air and we wanted to work with Member Molina moving forward on either, you know, moving forward with that station or looking at another location. We looked at those contracts that hadn't been active for several years and said let's disencumber those contracts

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and then start over again if we do decide to move forward. Some of the work obviously has been done. The artist...excuse me, architects' renderings and drawings and stuff, that could still be utilized 'cause they are products of our Department. But again I don't know where that 20,000 actually... 'cause we couldn't find it, we tried for the past couple of days, so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we'll --

MR. THYNE: Perhaps Budget Director --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --figure that out.

MR. THYNE: --Yoshimura will know --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. THYNE: --what exactly that is.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll follow up with her. Mahalo, Chief Thyne. Okay, so on Page 242, there's a decrease of 26,864 under Wages and Salaries and an increase of \$59,850. Would you be able to explain the increase in premium pay versus the decrease in salaries? Okay, I'm going to ask my next question. And then would you please explain the difference between the total amount requested on Page 252, on the top left where it says the change amount there is \$613,650, and then when adding up on the bottom right of 253 and the top left of 254, it's, it comes out to \$617,650 so a difference of 4,000. And...yes. Okay. And I guess I can talk to you, Ms. Yoshimura, after. So, I'm going to quickly ask my last question...oh no, I'm just going to mahalo you for your willingness to work with our Molokai community in determining the most appropriate location for the relocation of the Puko`o Fire Station. I appreciate your willingness to work with our community and with my office, so mahalo.

MR. THYNE: Thank you, Chair. And I know we're in a rush, but we do appreciate the community's input. We long for that. We hope to hear it. We look forward to the community meetings. Chief Martin sent out a transmittal to those who attended in 2016 just yesterday or the day before, kind of updating them on our thoughts and we hope to work very closely with them moving forward. And, you know, we're praying that we're going to have a beautiful fire station in the near future. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chief Thyne. Okay, Members, now we're at the part where we'll collect your proposed amendments to the Department's Budget. Anyone have proposed amendments for the Budget? Okay. Okay, so it looks like...so I'll start with --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I wanted to just ask my question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Member Kama. You have a question?

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah, I have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: She never got her chance.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah, we went right to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh right, I'm so sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay, that's okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and then Member Sugimura also just joined us. Okay. Not just but when it was her turn she wasn't there. Okay, Member Kama and then Member Sugimura, you both have your seven minutes. I'm sorry. Ms. Matthews? Okay. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. So, in this budget scenario there's 38 pages. Is there something within the 38 pages that should be there but is not?

MR. THYNE: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief Thyne?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Time's going, guys. And that, my seven minutes includes your responses...

MR. THYNE: So real quick, I'm not sure. If you have a specific question, we can answer it.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: That is the question. That is the question.

MR. THYNE: Yeah, is...you mean is there something missing that we should be having or we should be getting?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Or would you like to have --

MR. THYNE: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: --that's not in?

MR. THYNE: I see. You know what, I...well, don't ask a Fire Chief that because he'll have a long list. But in all honesty, we've worked very closely with the Mayor and the, you know, we're looking forward to working closely with this Council moving forward. We're a new Administration, we're going to develop a new strategic plan. We're going

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to update our plan and we're going to include Ocean Safety in that. We're excited about that. We're excited as an Administration moving forward with our Department in the direction we're going. So, we look forward to the future and working with you folks. So, we're happy. We're happy with the Mayor, he's a great man, and his staff is very supportive as well. So, the answer would be no at this point, Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MR. THYNE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay, good. 'Cause we want a happy fireman, we do. Yeah. So, that's my question, Chair, thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, while I was out of this Chamber, I heard...I had to talk to my neighbor, are you okay with your lifeguard and I heard you guys passed it so that was going to my concern, because I think that we have a...sitting next to Ms. Paltin and just hearing her passion and understanding her part of your Department, you know, I think that it is valuable input. There probably needs to be a lot of paperwork to follow, but I think she will make sure that the budget item is there and then, you know, it's good to hear the Chief's, you know, your support 'cause and nothing will happen if it...if that doesn't happen. I have one question that last year there was two audits done of the Fire Department and based upon the second audit, Member Hokama put in \$250,000. And I see that on Budget Detail Page 7-6, it talks about...it doesn't talk, it shows the 250 from Fiscal Year 2019 and then it leaves only for 2020, 50...well, 50...\$500. And I wonder if there are more things that you needed to get done that didn't get done based upon the audit? It was very encouraging, you know, the second audit that was done and the results, so I just wondered if we need to help you on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief Thyne?

MR. THYNE: You know, we're very appreciative of that, you know, really stepping forward, and we didn't even ask for it. And, you know, the Budget Chair at the time gave us the opportunity to really look internally in our organization and say what can we do to satisfy some of the recommendations of the audit. And you're correct, it's not going to get everything we need. And we will come to this body when we can really take a look and we can determine where our shortfalls are. And it aligns with what Member Kama said as well, we don't want to just haphazardly throw ideas out at you folks. We're going to do our research, we're going to identify based on what our threats are out there in the community. You know, obviously one of the conditions that we were concerned about is the relief apparatus. We had every single resource that we had available standing by for Hurricane Lane out in Lahaina to battle that fire. That's an example of what we need to do sometimes when the conditions merit that. Where our limitations are if we have the equipment, if we have the backup equipment, if we have relief vehicles that are fully equipped. And so this 250,000 that the previous Council

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provided to us was definitely a very gracious gift if you will and we will prioritize it as best we can. We've done most of the procurement already, and then when the dust settles if you will, we're going to look at where our shortfalls are. And when we prepare our budget for the next fiscal year, we'll be before you with a workup and a detailed project if you will, an explanation for why we need those things. And then it'll be your decision to move it forward or, you know, we all know that there's a limited amount of funding, so I'll just leave it at that, so. But thank you for the question.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, you'll keep us posted on that.

MR. THYNE: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The other thing that I had questions on but it sounds like you covered it, Chair, and it was about the premium pay and the wages and salaries and just looking at the E/Ps and wondering why, you know, certain things happen but --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I ran out of time --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --I think you answered.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and they didn't get to respond.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, if you want to ask that question, you have time.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh okay, don't talk too long 'cause I have more. Just kidding. Go ahead. So, I guess the question is Wages and Salaries on Page 235 under Department Summary is, a change amount is negative 178,000 and then for Premium Pay it's 740,000 for the change amount for 2020 versus 29...I mean 2019. So, Page 235.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, the Wages and Salaries, the decrease of \$178,000 is probably because of the level of the firefighters, you know, whether they're on the longevity step or whether they're at the entry-level step. And so, that makes the difference there in the Wages and Salaries. The Premium Pay, you know, they always come back for a Budget amendment for premium pay and I think we just did one about a month ago. And so, this is just to kind of bring them to historical amounts.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Very good. So, I think that answers both questions 'cause it was...I had similar questions on two different parts of your...of the Program Budget. The last item is...and you can stop me, Chair, but I have to ask this question, Kula post...I mean Kula Fire Station, which is right down the street from my house by the way, so I see it almost every day. But I wondered in your request for CIP things

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that when you had the list of the fire stations that you were going to work on that there was nothing for Kula. So, I wondered if you could just give it some thought and let me know if I need to help you on that for my station.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And we'll respond to that on the 22nd. Mahalo, Chief Thyne.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: She stopped me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But you know the question now.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Either in writing or on the 22nd. Mahalo.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh it's not CIP?

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. His response is not regarding CIPs.

MR. THYNE: Yeah. There is money in this year's budget for painting Kula Fire Station.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay, there's paint...I see a painting.

MR. THYNE: Yes. So, it'll at least look good from the outside. That's half the battle right?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I want to make sure they have all their equipment and everything that...I'm going to go talk to them.

MR. THYNE: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm going to ask them. So, before the 22nd.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I know, we love our Fire Department. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay, Member Molina and Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I guess we're in the propose amendment phase. Now, is this just for salaries and operations, or can we also look at...well basically what I'm looking for is to, based on the Chief's comments to cut or

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decrease, I'm sorry, increase the appropriation for the Haiku Fire Station which I had mentioned for 100,000. So, is this the appropriate time to propose that amendment? 'Cause I know it kind of ties into a CIP but this is just for the study.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It...that's...the funding itself is in the CIP though?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It's...and, Members, for your information it's on Budget Details 7-6, Sub-Object Code 6132 under Professional Services. It lists I guess that 170,000 is the proposed and then you have expansion request of 150 so we're still trying to figure out the mystery of that extra 20,000.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, whichever total but basically the amendment is to propose increasing by \$100,000 for a study.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and then the amendment would be in here?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Proposed in the Budget Details.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The additional 100,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Exactly. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and since Ms. Yoshimura is back, do you know where that \$20,000 came from for the Haiku Fire Station on Budget Details 7-6?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Seven dash six, the 6132 Professional Services, so the Department normally has \$20,000 for professional services to do other things that they need to have done within the fiscal year. So, for the assessment for the Haiku Fire Station we added 150,000. So, it would...with your additional 100,000 it would be 250,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it would be 250,000 and not 270,000?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, the total appropriation would be 270,000, but the appropriation for the Haiku Fire Station assessment would be 250,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see. Okay, so the Professional Services is separate from the Haiku study?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, would that 20,000 then be part of the continuation request?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yeah, the 20,000 would be the flat amount, the expansion request is the 150,000 to make it a total 170,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. But would that cell be filled with \$20,000 under the column of continuation request?

MS. YOSHIMURA: No, the continuations requests, if we had an ongoing contract and we wanted to add additional monies, then we would have it as a continuation contract and put another \$20,000. But because it's a flat appropriation of 20,000 that's just being carried over to Fiscal 2020, it's not going to reflect in the continuation request column. Like the others in, you know, up above where 6012 there's Construction Materials, we'll just consider that a flat and not any type of continuation or expansion request.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay, Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Just a clarification, Chair. Thank you. Chief, on Page 239, your two expansion positions, I'm assuming it's civilian, but you may tell me it's uniform. I just wanted to know if this is a civilian request or a uniform request?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief Thyne?

MR. THYNE: Chair, thank you. Thank you, Member Hokama. Those would be civilian.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Civilian positions.

MR. THYNE: Yeah. Are you talking about the Information Communication Manager and the --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Operations.

MR. THYNE: --Office Ops Assistant?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Right.

MR. THYNE: Yeah, that's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Civilians?

MR. THYNE: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I'd like to propose an amendment to the Ocean Safety Program on Page 270, and, you know, I did a little research and so I'm lessening my amount from 2.5 mil to approximately 402,000. For the Salaries and Wages, I want to increase it to an increase of 277,224 and that's based on Secretary I, SR-14A for eight months of 25,480 'cause it might take some time to hire; Training Lieutenant, SR-19, about D, eight months, 37,544; Five full-time OSO I's at an SR-15A for six months 'cause I figure it might take about six months to get them hired, for 107,100; same amount for six months for OSO I, SR-15A for ten half-time positions. I'd like to increase the Operations category in I guess Services, 17,000 for annual medical exams for 68 uniformed officers. Under Equipment, I'd like to increase it 107,000, up to 100,000 for two trucks and 7,000 for seven EPIRBs for the seven jet skis. So, that brings us to exactly 401,224 and I just rounded up. So, that's kind of more palatable than 2.5 mil.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. I'll have to get those details from you. Okay, Members, any other proposed amendments? Okay. Seeing none, we're pau with Fire. Yeah. Okay. Good job, Members. Okay, it is...well, I'd like to extend a mahalo to our Fire Department and Budget Director. Thank you so much for staying with us all the way till 10:47 tonight. Okay. Members, let's see, tomorrow we are going to be covering Environmental Management, Housing and Human Concerns, Prosecuting Attorney, Police, and possibly the Auditor and OCS and the County Clerk. Okay.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But...yeah, so Environmental Management, DHHC, Prosecuting Attorney, Police for sure.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, where is OED? Ms. Matthews?

MS MATTHEWS: Chair, I think it was OED rather than Police. Police is scheduled for April 18th, Thursday.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have an outdated calendar already. Okay.

MS MATTHEWS: And the consideration I think you said was for the offices that weren't taken possibly or just the questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so Environmental Management, Housing and Human Concerns, Prosecuting Attorney, and OED. Okay? So, Environmental Management is up first. Members, you did such a good job today, we're superefficient once we started

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getting rolling like Member Kama said. So, I think we can be even more efficient tomorrow and we won't be here till 10:49. Yeah?

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. We have a public hearing tomorrow at 6:00 anyway. Okay, Members, any last questions or comments before we adjourn?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Dinner at 5:00.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, yeah, okay

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: In the Ritz Carlton lounge.

ALL: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Members. It's 10:49 on April 16th, the Economic Development and Budget Committee is adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

ADJOURN: 10:49 p.m.

APPROVED:



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

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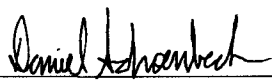
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CERTIFICATE

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 16th day of May, in Pukalani, Hawaii



Daniel Schoenbeck