

BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

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CONVENE: 9:16 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Member (out 6:00 p.m.)
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member (out 5:44 p.m.)
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member

STAFF: Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst
Kasie Apo Takayama, Legislative Analyst
Ana Lillis, Legislative Analyst
Shelly Espeleta, Supervising Legislative Analyst
Richard Mitchell, Legislative Attorney
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary
Jean Pokipala, Committee Secretary

Keisa Liu, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Gabe Johnson
Kate Griffiths, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Gabe Johnson
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Davideane Sickels, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Tasha Kama
Lois Whitney, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Tasha Kama
Axel Beers, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Kelly Takaya King
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King
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Rawlins-Fernandez
Diane Wakamatsu, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Alice L. Lee
Gina Young, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci

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

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OTHERS: Faith Chase
Others (5)

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: ...*(gavel)*... Aloha kakahiaka kākou. 'Umikūmāono minuke i ka hala o kahōla 'eiwa ma 'Umikūmāiwa o 'Apelila I Ka makahiki 'elua kaukani. 'Eiwa ka lua kumakahi e 'olu'olu mai, e ho'omalū ke Komike Mo'ohelu Kālā a me mo'oho...Ho'omohala Waiwai 'o wai ka luna ho'omalū o kēia Komike o Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It's 9:16 on April 19th. Hau'oli Lā Hānau to my māmā. Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please come to order. I'm your Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. And from Chair Lee, from the Cherokee nation, osiyo. Osiyo kākou. I keia lā me kou kākou, eia hope luna ho'omalū, Tamara Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Osiyo kākou a me aloha kakahiaka mai Maui komohana a me aloha Lā Hānau ia kou *(phonetic)* momma.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, and we'll go to Council Chair Alice Lee for the greeting.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning, Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. From the Apache...I mean Apache...Cherokee nation, today we say, "osiyo." Osiyo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Member Shane Sinenci, osiyo.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka Chair, ma ka hikina. Osiyo, kākou. Hau'oli Lā Hānau ke Liko.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Mike Molina, osiyo.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Pehea 'oe Madam Chair? Aloha kakahiaka, and osiyo to you and my colleagues and everyone else tuning in. And of course, a wonderful Hau'oli Lā Hānau to your beautiful and wonderful mom.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Kelly King, osiyo.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Osiyo and aloha kakahiaka. Very, very happy birthday, Liko. I hope you enjoy your day, and don't stress out today.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Gabe Johnson, osiyo.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aloha, Chair. Good morning, Councilmembers, osiyo. Happy birthday to Miss Liko. And it's Monday, so let's get started. Aloha. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Member Yuki Lei Sugimura, osiyo.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning, everybody. Osiyo from Wailuku, and enjoying the beautiful view of the West Maui mountains. Happy birthday to Liko. You know, today is my mother's birthday too. She would be 100 today if she was alive. Yeah, so, I know, special day, isn't it? But happy birthday to your mom.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Happy heavenly birthday to your mom too. And Pro Temp [sic] Tasha Kama is excused, and our thoughts and prayers are with her and her 'ohana. From Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel Kristina Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Aloha kakahiaha and osiyo, Committee Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha and osiyo. Our Committee Staff, Committee Secretary Yvette Bouthillier.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Good morning Committee Chair and Committee Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Committee Secretary Jean Pokipala.

MS. POKIPALA: Committee Chair and Committee...Councilmembers, good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Supervising Legislative Analyst Shelly Espeleta.

MS. ESPELETA: Happy Monday and osiyo, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Happy Monday. Budget Committee Analyst Lesley Milner.

MS. MILNER: Aloha, Chair. Osiyo, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Osiyo. Legislative Analyst Ana Lillis.

MS. LILLIS: Osiyo, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Osiyo. Legislative Analyst Kasie Apo Takayama.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Osiyo, Committee Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Osiyo. And Legislative Attorney Richard Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Osiyo and aloha, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Osiyo and aloha. This online meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Governor's most recent emergency proclamation on COVID-19. Please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. Okay. We have our one item on today's agenda, BFED-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the County of Maui. And we have one testifier signed up. She's a very seasoned

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testifier, so if there are no objections, I will give the abbreviated version of the instructions. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes for our one item. When testifying, please state your first and last name. Oral testimony via phone or video conference will be accepted. And we'll go to our one testifier. Okay, our testifier signed up is Ms. Faith Chase.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MS. CHASE: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Council. I'm slowly finding things on the budget that haven't testified before, and I've heard some talk about the HTA appropriation, and I just wanted to echo a lot of people that I've heard saying that we really need to defund that. You know, while I didn't always agree with Councilmember White, I've actually missed his mention of the TAT, his insistent mention of the lack of fairness of Maui's proportion. If I remember correctly, we used to...when we were at full capacity and operating, we used to create \$139 million in trans accommodations tax, and we would get back something like \$23 million. I hate to use vulgar language, but that just sounds like we're being pimped out, Maui's been pimped. And I really feel like the new energy and attention toward sustainability and agriculture, and all that, that just needs to roll. That just needs to get stronger. And when we did run... before we closed because of the COVID situation, my daughter was a manager of the ground transportation company. She initiated, as you guys remember, the whole Hāna Highway regulation. She put forward a grant to do visitor management. That grant ended up getting hijacked for whatever reason. I don't need to talk about that today, but in there are some really good tools. So you don't need to recreate the wheel, you just need to go back to those leaders in that field and remember, and refresh your memory about what they were saying about how to do visitor management. . . .*(inaudible)*. . . And quite frankly, I've gotten a lot of calls and a lot of inquiries that they miss...what happened to the idea that we were going to implement? And, so if we could be creative and not look at it like we're for Hawai'i Tourism Authority or Maui Visitors Bureau, but be really creative and take a plunge, take this year to re-appropriate or to experiment. It's okay if you go off course a little bit. You have to check that box of we tried this. So I would say, please cut that \$1.5 million to Hawai'i Tourism Authority down somehow. Be creative and don't be afraid. Thank you. That's all I have to say today.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Chase. Any questions for our testifier? Seeing none. We'll thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha.

MS. CHASE: A hui hou.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: A hui hou. All right. I will invite anyone on wishing to testify to please unmute yourself now, and you may proceed with your testimony. Okay. Hearing no one indicate that they would like to testify, if there are no objections, we will now close public testimony and accept written testimony into the record.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

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. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
 OF MAUI (CC 21-30 and CC 21-173)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Okay. So today is the first day of decisions week. We will be starting with the Office of the County Clerk, and then the County Auditor, and then OCS, followed by Corporation Counsel and Maui Emergency Management Agency, and finally with Department of Environmental Management. It's ambitious, but I think we can do it, especially since the first three are relatively small. Okay. I intend to finish the schedule even if we go past 9:00, which I'm confident we won't. Members, the Committee sent you an email containing the procedures for decisions week. And to recap, we will work through each department's ABC accounts and CIPs and Rates and Fees, if any; departmental requests; and Members' priority proposals in the same order as their review...as the department's review, starting with the Office of the County Clerk. We will take up the special purpose funds when we take up the department it falls under. Please pose each amendment in the form of a motion and a second for approval for all revisions made to the department's budget, including allotted time for discussion; further, individual reductions and Members' proposals before each vote. If a proposed reduction achieves the majority, the majority will evenly divide the amount of the reduction. For example, if the budget is reduced by \$700,000, the seven Members that voted in favor of that reduction, each Member will receive \$100,000 for their proposals. For departmental requests, if the item or condition is included in the budget, regardless of the number of Members that vote in favor of the request, we will equally divide the cost and add it to the end total we would each need to achieve. Staff will help track the reductions from the budget and the departmental requests, and on the last day present the total each Member achieved in reductions to fund their proposals. If the Member needs additional funding to fund their proposals, each Member will present their proposal to increase real property tax. And just a reminder to Members to be mindful of where your priority proposal is being funded out of to ensure that the proper reduction is made from the proper funding source. Okay. We anticipate receiving the official certification of RPT this afternoon, and we will receive a presentation from Finance Department tomorrow morning. Any questions on the procedures? Member Paltin, followed by Member King.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just had a quick question. Like say within County Clerk or something, you have three areas of reduction. Do you make the motion separately for each area, or do you make a motion for all three one time?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So is it in the same program and account? Would it be? So if it's in the same program and account, I guess for the sake of time, if you'd like to make the motion all together, then we can first try to take them all together, but if Members prefer to take them separately, then we can separate them after.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, it's like maybe same index code, different subobjects. Just try go

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through all three at one time?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we can try that, and then if Members request to have them separated and vote on each separately, then we can do that. Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. So I...I was confused about when we were going to vote on the Members' priorities because, you know, it sounds like we're making cuts first without deciding what our priorities are. So what's the procedure for that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So the priorities will be taken up in the order of the Departments.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, so we'll do the priorities and then we'll do the cuts in the same department?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. Is it...is it...does it have to be used directly in the same department, or can cuts to the County Clerk's Office be used in the Council budget?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so if it's...it...so we're looking at funds. So if it's General Fund, then General Fund, you know --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- is a lot of the different...but if it's like the Water Department or Liquor Control, those are self-funding, so if we were to reduce something in Water, then we wouldn't be able to use it toward General Fund funded items, right. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Then, if we get a...if we vote on the priority, we don't necessarily have to make the cuts, right, in that department, then. They can come later.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for the clarifying question. Okay, I...Member Molina, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you Madam Chair. And I appreciate the process, what you're trying to achieve. So just to simplify it, so we start with Department A, whatever, and then we make any proposed cuts first and then the priorities. But we all...basically

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going to do this all simultaneously, right, once we get to the Departments. So I guess you'll first ask do we have any proposed cuts and then the priorities. Is that how it'll work for today's purposes?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, yeah. Because I have some proposed cuts for this first department, so I'll just kick it off if someone else doesn't have any. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So as we go along, it's kind of an interesting process because we're dividing conquerors and...so what if, at the very end, we have more shared funding than actual adds that I had in my proposals or priorities? For example, my priorities that I'm proposing, I found...so it's basically I found money in the budget from different kinds of funds to cover it. So I don't necessarily have a lot of priority funding that I'm looking for. I do have, for the YMCA, for example. But as we go along, if I vote along with the group, and I end up with, let's say, over \$150,000, right, what happens to that? Can I...does it get shared in another way, or...what is the...it's kind of an interesting way that you're...you're doing this. It's almost a little bit like...I don't...I don't know what it's like, but we're going to all share in the victors, right. So what is your thought on that? What's going to happen?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay, so we have some Members, like Member Paltin asked if some of her achieved reductions could go toward Item...an item that Member Johnson had proposed, as well as Member King asked if she could help to fund or split the cost of one of the items. So if you would like to do that, then you can do that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So share it with...I'm sorry what?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: With the additional fund. If you achieve more than \$150,000 and there's an item, you know, that Chair Lee proposed that you would like to help to fund, then you can put that excess funding toward, you know, Chair Lee's item.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And we won't know until the very end, when we're done with the complete budget, what the tally is per Member.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll...we'll be tracking it along the way, and I'll...I'll share that with you so that you...we have an idea. So that we don't know at the very end what...you know, what the grand total is. We'll be watching it throughout to see what...what needs to be done.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: How did you come up with this idea? This is creative.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I was trying to be as fair as possible, and to see how we can work together.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Chair Lee, you had a question?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I just wanted to make sure that as we go through the Departments, the Department Representatives are with us, so that we don't cut something that they absolutely need, and we don't know about it, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So we...we won't have the Departments with us this week. We have Budget Director Yoshimura with us.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, that's fine in a sense, but, how would she know what we need for OCC and OCS and Counsel?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, I think for the Legislative Branch, if they're on and we need to ask a question, then we can. And that was part of the questions, you know the review process that we went through. How important is this item? Because if this is something that you're thinking about removing from the budget, then I would hope that the Members would've asked at that time, and then that way we would make that determination before decisions week.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. It's just that some...we're making decisions without full knowledge of the Department's justification for their projects. You know, we don't know, you know, how it's interrelated with Federal funding or timing or, you know State funding, et cetera. So that's my concern, and hopefully...hopefully, they will have a chance, to, again, explain themselves at...at perhaps the end...the end of this particular process. Because I'm very concerned that we don't cut something that is essential, you know, only because we don't know about it. We don't know all the facts. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I know that, in the past budgets, when we...if something was on...up for removal, that the Departments came to testify the next day to let us know. So I'm sure they're monitoring and if we do anything that would jeopardize, you know, getting matching funds, they will definitely let us know. And I think Budget Director Yoshimura also has a pretty...has a very good handle on...on all of the budget items, so I think she'll be able to help guide us to ensure that we don't do anything very substantial. When we had the Departments before us, they all told us that this was their bare bones budget proposal, so we already know that they're...they don't want anything cut from their budget. So if we have them before us, then they're just going to ask us to not cut it. So it's up to us to decide. Okay. Member Johnson, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, in regards to Chair Lee's questions, every cut I made, I called the Department and let them know that this is what I'm looking at, so...I tried to have that open dialogue with them and nobody's head exploded, so we seem to get what we can. All right, thanks so much. That's all. Mahalo.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh I was ready to make the motion already. Are we good to go?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I know both you and Member Molina are chomping at the bit for this. Okay. So if there aren't any more questions on the procedure, I'm going to do one more thing and then we'll get started with the Clerk's Office, okay? Any more questions on procedure? Oh, Member Molina, question on procedure.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, sorry, Madam, just my, last question on procedure. I kind of understand Chair Lee's...you know, she makes a good point, and like hopefully, the Departments, like you said, are monitoring. They've been through this process, so, for them not to be monitoring, I highly doubt that. And if...if say we... for example, I make a proposed cut, but then there's sort of a split amongst us, that some of us want to support it, some of us don't, but we'd still like to hear from the Department. Are you going to allow for that, or are you just, you know, maybe revisit at a later point during the process this week? Is that something that you would consider, or we...or we just make a decision on it today and that's it. And then the Department comes and testifies, tells us that they don't want the cut. But we can always revisit, right? Or is that something not part of the process?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. If there's a majority of Members that want to...so if we hear after...I would like us to make decisions and move forward and not hold everything until the last day --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- and then, you know, end up being here until 3:00 in the morning.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So if we can make decisions as we go, and if we hear from the Department, then we can move for a reconsideration on that item. And if there's a majority for a reconsideration, then we can re-visit in that format.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you for giving us flexibility. And I apologize to some of the Departments, because, unlike my colleague Mr. Johnson, from Lānaʻi, I didn't call any of the Departments because I...my mindset already is okay, it's up to us now. We have to move forward. And I know I...I may have a few proposed cuts that might maybe raise a few eyebrows for some of our Departments, but...but anyway...but it's great...great to hear that we have this flexibility. We can re-visit, so...but like you said, we got to look at a cutting mode. And if we can come up with a budget that's at least the same as the Administration's or even leaner, like we did last year, then I think that's a good thing for all of us, so thank you, Madam Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. And, you know, no apologies necessary. We're trying our best not to bother the Departments as much as possible throughout the...the process, so...but if it...you know, if it...we happen to ask a quick question, then I think it's...as long as we're not bombarding them. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, hopefully it won't take five days to get back to us when we ask these questions. But, no, I just wanted to point out, too, that I...I guess this afternoon after we hear about the RPT, we'll know if there's actually more money in the budget or less money than we got estimates for in the Mayor's budget. Will we...will we have that information from their presentation?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so we're not having a presentation today.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're having the presentation tomorrow. But the certification on RPT is due today, so we will receive that document today, but not the presentation.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. I thought I heard you say...so you were saying it was tomorrow?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The presentation is tomorrow.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And, if there are, you know, increase, if there are more money than was projected, then we would evenly distribute that amongst all the Members. If there's a deficit, then we would evenly distribute that deficit amongst all the Members and, you know, share that responsibility together.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay, any other questions on the process? Okay. All right. Before we get started with the Clerk's Office, I'm going to share my screen so that we have an idea of where we're at with priorities, okay. *(screen sharing)* Okay. Can everyone read this? Okay, how about that? Is that better? Bigger? Bigger? Okay, how about that? Is that okay? All right.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: It... it only really shows the overall total.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: If that's what you wanted.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Okay. So with all the Members' priority proposals for new funding, this is the total. So \$29,726,347, okay. And so, for myself, the total is \$850,000 in new funding; for Committee Vice-Chair Paltin, it's \$755,000; for Member Johnson, it's \$21,277,304; for Pro Tem Kama, it's \$50,000; for Member King, \$531,000;

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for Chair Lee, \$440,720; for Member Molina, \$4,934,023; for Member Sinenci, \$738,300; and for Member Sugimura, \$150,000. Okay. And again, total is \$29 million, and the majority of that is coming from the \$20 million proposal to increase the Affordable Housing Fund. That... that's a...a large portion of the total, as well as the increase of 1 percent to the Affordable Housing Fund, by \$3,714,023. Those two are the largest proposed increases. So if we wanted to do either of those, that's...okay. Any questions on the direction, or on what I...I shared? Good. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Say through our cuts, we don't get enough to fund our priorities, but we don't want to raise taxes, is it okay to pull back? Like, I am putting two MEO ADA buses. Is it okay to pull back and say, okay, well I guess we can only afford one ADA bus, or we can only afford adding the Rental Assistance Program by this much. Is that all right, as well?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's something that you could propose. Or Members that exceed the amount that they needed to lose, could decide to help with that funding request.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. At...at the appropriate time?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: That's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, I saw your hand.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So is that details that you just shared, is it on Granicus, the totals?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Not yet.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You will?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But I can share it with the Members.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, good.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other questions? All right, seeing none we'll get started. Okay. Okay, so the first department that we had...or that's before us is the Office of the County Clerk, and I know Member Paltin and Member Molina had indicated they have a proposal. Member Paltin, if you would like to start with your proposal and then I'll check with Member Molina...it's just like, to put it together.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, thank you. And I'm just going to follow the budget worksheet that you gave us so that everyone can follow along. I'm on page 2-7 of the Budget Details, Index Code 902015B, and I'm looking at Subject-Object Code 6138, 6235, and 6132, for a total reduction of \$220,000. That would be \$30,000 in office relocation expenses, \$185,000 for additional funding office rent/copier, and \$5,000 cost associated with office relocation. Once again total \$220,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Is that a motion, Madam Chair? Sorry.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I move that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member Molina. We'll go to Member Paltin, followed by Member Molina if there's additional information you'd like to share. And I saw Member Sugimura and Member King's hands. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sure thing. Thank you. So I'm proposing this reduction with the addition of the Kalana Pakui Building. We wouldn't need to pay for office rent at the Trask Building. And in hearing Director Baz talking about the historic nature of the outside of Kalana Pakui, and from this past year, seeing that the Clerks, and like our Secretaries have been working through the pandemic, I think it will save taxpayers money to keep the Clerks where they are with the security systems for elections that they have in place. And all of the folks who have been working remotely, when the time comes back to come back to in-person chambers, can then relocate to the Kalana Pakui Building, and thus save the taxpayers money because, being that they're already working remotely, it wouldn't result in like big moving expenses. You know, they're working from home on their own, and then they come back to the Pakui [sic] Building. That won't save us from having to like, you know, renovate it a little bit, but it will save moving expenses for our Civil Service Clerks and whatnot. So that's my proposal, and I'll yield the floor to my fellow colleagues.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Molina, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I support this proposal from Member Paltin. I had something similar, just slightly higher at 225 but whichever the body prefers, I'm fine. But just personally I still have reservations about the Clerks' Office moving, but that's me, only because, you know, we have the two Clerks. They're relatively new, but we have Staff that's been there for upwards of 10 to 30 years. So I'm hoping at some point in the process that we can get feedback from them on what impacts this move could have. And...but like Member Paltin had stated, if it does happen, Mr. Baz did indicate Administration would pay for the cost. I believe in the Department of Public Works CIP, there's a County facilities item, and that is where the

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funds for improvement should come from, and certainly not from the Clerks or OCS. So therefore, I believe this is a wise decision, wise cut on our part, so I'm in full support. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sugimura, followed by Member King, and then Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So Ms. Paltin, so you're basically proposing that the Clerks stay where they are? Did I hear that right? And so that justifies the not a need for this...the rentals. One of the things that I'm just curious about in general, if...and maybe this a question for Departments....because of COVID and this cost of \$15,750 for quarterly disinfecting, cleaning, chambers, OCC costs associated with departmental relocation. So I wonder how much of that is going to be covered by the...our general budget. Do you know?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: For me, if you're asking me the question, like Member Johnson, I did check in with this cut, and how much of that 15 number was for cleaning, and how much was for the relocation --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- and the number that was quoted in that was 5 grand. And so I didn't want to take away from, you know, if they want to disinfect the chambers or the Clerks' side, in case they have a situation. And so for this cut I checked in, like if I want to make this cut, how much from your \$15,000 increase would be associated with the move, and the number that I was given was 5 grand.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. So that was actually going to be one of my cuts. So I agree. Good job.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Low-hanging fruit.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member King, followed by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to follow up on the disinfecting because that's probably happening in all Departments, and that should probably come out of the American Rescue Plan monies. I think, you know, anything related to COVID, which is all that stuff. But I wanted to ask Councilmember Molina, you said you had a slightly higher amount. Can I ask what that...the addition was, or do you want to take that up later?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I'm fine with leaving it at \$220,000 if that's the case, just a slight difference of \$5,000. But if the members would prefer \$220,000, I can go with

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that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That's probably the \$5,000 of the disinfectant then.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. I know, it sounds very nitpicky on my part but, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, no, I think that all that kind of stuff should come out of the American Rescue Plan, because that's basically what it's there for, but I don't know how we --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good point.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah. But I'll vote for it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. The disinfectants is under Professional Services, not Rentals. Okay. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you Madam Chair. I'll be voting no against this. I really believe we need to start looking forward, and not just look for today because there are many people to follow us. We're not going to be in this position forever. This is not a position we deserve or are entitled to and we need to look and plan for the future. And the reason why we haven't received any kind of additional space in 50 years is because the Council always looked at today and not tomorrow. Secondly, my second point is this budget was made before we...the Kalana Pakui Building was even an issue, so I am going to defer to our County Clerk, who did the best job she knew how to put a budget together to plan for the future. Because, originally, they were supposed to move across the street, not next door. So I'm going to support our County Clerk on this one. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. Was there anyone else? I thought I saw someone else's...for a first time. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, this is my second time. Okay. So, Kelly brought up a word that brings up a general question, which I wonder if Corp. Counsel could answer. When you talk about the Rescue funds or Federal funds, the word that we heard during our discussions of the CARES Act funding is the word supplant, so I wonder if we leave...if we...if we're thinking that this is going...is something that we can then use the Rescue funds for, which is future funding which we don't know the...all the conditions of at this point, and if we have it in our budget, I wonder then if we...it will be disallowed from being utilized through the Rescue Funds. And Corp. Counsel...oh, there you are.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, hi.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. This was a question that I had asked early on about...is the difference between CARES funding. And CARES funding came before we knew about the pandemic, and the Rescue Act funding is now during

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this pandemic. Ms. Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, thank you for the question. That is one of the things that I think we're still waiting for guidance on, whether or not it can be used to supplant. As soon as we get that information, of course we'll be giving it and be able to advise you better on how it can be spent.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So a follow up then. Do you advise us not to put in things like this because once...if we pass the budget and the Rescue funds, once we understand what the criteria is, we wouldn't be able to use these funds because we've already included it in our budget and would be like supplanting, right, we would be replacing.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Well, Councilmember Sugimura, that's a difficult question to answer because without the guidance about whether it will or will not be allowed is still up in the air. So I guess my best advice is just, like as we discussed last week, is to really think about it carefully. And then I believe Chair Rawlins-Fernandez did bring up the possibility of doing budget amendments in the future. So that's a question I can't really answer at this point without knowing what the criteria's going to be regarding the funds.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I hope . . . *(inaudible)*. . . question, which wasn't really that much of an answer.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: As best as we know, right, at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Toshikiyo. Are any other hands? Okay. All right. For me, I understand the proposal. I voted or indicated my support for the Clerk's Office moving to Kalana Pakui. I think they would still need funding for some of the renovations and design in moving there, but this is for Rentals. So I'm in favor of removing the Rentals since...if the plan is to go to Kalana Pakui, then they won't be renting that space. So I...I'll be voting in favor of that. But I don't...I'm not sure if we would need to move that money somewhere else to help them fund renovation and design or moving to Kalana Pakui. So we can figure that out. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: For my second and final, I'm not sure if I was making myself clear. So OCS and OCC are under kind of like our purview. The Mayor doesn't make those budgets. We make the budgets, and we kind of decide how to set our own selves under OCS and OCC up. And so my proposal was to let the Clerks and Secretaries stay where they are and have the Analysts, maybe Chair Lee, yourself, folks that need more office space for their Staff move into Kalana Pakui and, you know, then everybody else on the 7th floor can kind of spread out and take it from there. It wasn't...my proposal wasn't to still have the Clerks move down to Kalana Pakui, it was to let them, the Secretaries, folks that have been working...like coming into work physically during the pandemic to stay where they are. And those of us who have been working remotely, at the time

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that we come back, Analysts...I don't know what Ms. Kahinu's job title is...like those types of folks who have been working remotely, when they return, then move into the Kalana Pakui building, because the moving expense would be, not moving from one work site to another, it would be moving from home back to the building. And like, you know, when we move in as Councilmembers, there's no moving expense. There's the former predecessor moving out, us moving in and setting up the offices. So if Councilmembers, the Chair needs more space for their workers, I wouldn't anticipate there being a moving expense. It would be similar to how we move in and out at a term, where there's no moving expenses. I mean, it could come out of your office account if you need moving expenses, and you know it's not holding us back from the future of expansion. It's just taking it one step at a time. So it's... so that was my proposal is to let the Clerks stay where they are and use the extra space and let them, on the 7th floor, spread out as necessary. You know, during--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Okay, so I think you're responding to me, so in response to your response to me, you were clear. And we're not taking a vote right now on whether the Clerk's Office is going to Kalana Pakui or not. So that's not the policy decision that we're making right now with this vote. In supporting this motion, I support not renting the HGEA building. And so... because, unlike Member Paltin, I do support the Clerks going to Kalana Pakui, so...but we're not voting on that policy decision with this vote right now. So right now, we're proposing to reduce Rentals by \$220,000, and then the other decision making we can save for after budget. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Point of information, and I'm not sure if I wasn't clear, but I...that was the three that I said. So it wasn't only Rentals, it was also 6138 for \$30,000 and 6132 for \$5,000. In the 6235 Rentals category is only \$185,000, so I'm not sure if you need us to split that up or what. But that's how it came to \$220,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Paltin, 5,000 from Professional Services?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. And 30,000 from Services and Contracts.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And the 185 from Rentals?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Mahalo for that clarification. Okay, so Members, it's 185,000 from Rentals, 30,000 from R&M Services Contracts, and 5,000 from Professional Services.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair, call for the question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Okay. So if I could make a motion, I would move to amend removing the 30,000 and 5,000 so that there would be funds for them to move, but I'm the Chair, so I can't make that motion. Chair Lee.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So move. So move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, mahalo, Chair Lee. So there's a motion to remove from the main motion the 30,000 from Services and Contracts, and 5,000 from Professional Services, and it's seconded by Member Sugimura to amend the main motion. Discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry, I withdraw my second. Sorry about that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So there's a motion from Chair Lee. Is there a second? Okay, seeing no second...oh, Member Sinenci, is that a second?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Clarification again to remove the 30,000 and 5,000? The original --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Right. So the main motion one more time, is to remove 185,000 from Rentals, 30,000 from Services and Contracts, which would have funded the office relocation expenses, and 5,000 from Professional Services, which are costs associated with the Department relocation.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And then the amendment was to put back the 30 and the 5?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And I'll second because I support the not moving to the HGEA building. Thank you, Chair. Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Mahalo Member Sinenci. Okay. So there's a motion by Chair Lee, and a second by Member Sinenci. Anyone wishing to discuss the motion? Okay. Oh, okay. Member Paltin, followed by Member Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So one of my main concerns in the Clerks moving to Kalana Pakui is the security issue. I think that, you know, election security is a big issue, and that renovations to the external and historic windows and whatnot could have an effect on being able to ensure that the security is secure, and that the current security is working, and...so you know, the issue was more space. And I think this way we can achieve more space for everyone without having security be jeopardized or historic...the historic nature of the windows and the building be jeopardized either. But like you said, it's a policy decision of who is the ones who are going to move and I think just this way would save taxpayers an additional \$35,000 and allow us to still expand as needed. It just depends on who is the ones that are going to move and how much it costs and whatnot. So I'll be not supporting the motion.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I have no other comments. Thank you, Member Paltin.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. I'll call for the question. Seeing no other hands. Okay. All those in favor of the motion to amend the main motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Aye. Okay, I see three. And those who oppose the motion to amend, please raise your hand and say "no." All right. Okay, so it's 5, 3. The motion to amend fails.

VOTE:	AYES:	Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and Councilmembers Lee, and Sinenci.
	NOES:	Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Molina, and Sugimura.
	ABSTAIN:	None.
	ABSENT:	None.
	EXC.:	Councilmember Kama.

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The main motion on the floor. And if there are no hands...no one wishing to discuss the main motion, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion on the floor, please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay, all those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." Okay, so motion carries 7, 1. Chair Lee. Okay.

VOTE:	AYES:	Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.
	NOES:	Councilmember Lee.
	ABSTAIN:	None.
	ABSENT:	None.
	EXC.:	Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Do members...so I was going to...speaking to

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the motion...oh, real quick. Member Molina, followed by Member King. I'm sorry? What is your point?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I was just...a point of process that you didn't...mention that it's one excused as well. I was just going to say that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Mahalo, Member King. One excused, Pro Tem Kama. Okay. So I'm looking at putting a two-minute timer to speak to the motion, so that we can speed up deliberations. Any objections to doing that?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you Madam Chair. I have a quick consideration for the Members. I move to reduce the FY'22 Special Elections from 250,000 to 125,000. And if I can get a second, I'll explain my rationale.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and then when we make a motion --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, moved by Member Molina, seconded by Member King. So that is on page 2-9, Subject Item 6319, Special Election Expenses. Okay. So when we make our motion, if we can just say the page number and the subobject code to help each other figure out where it is. Okay, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. My apologies for that omission, I should've stated that earlier. But anyway, just to be brief...Members, at this time we have not used the \$250,000 for special elections, which was appropriated in Fiscal Year 2021. So in my opinion, if we do not use the 250K appropriation in this fiscal year, I would like to use these funds to offset priority requests. Again, I'm hoping I don't jinx the Council, but we have not had a special election, I believe, since the early 2000s. And additionally, Members, since we're all doing mail-in elections, I wish to reduce this FY'22 appropriation to the said number, which is 125,000. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Chair Lee, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I was just wondering if I could ask the maker of the motion why you would keep \$125,000 if you don't anticipate any special elections?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: You know, good question. I thought maybe at least a slight reduction just in case, if something does occur, whether it be a special election or some other, you know, type of unanticipated issue comes up, just to leave them some funding there. However, if the Members feel comfortable deleting the whole thing, I'm open to that as well, but I thought just out of fairness, as a starting point, a 50 percent

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reduction.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So you know, my question...I guess we cannot ask the Department, but I would really love to hear what Kathy Kaohu, who is our...you know, our elections specialist, I guess, what she may want to say, if there are any requirements that she might've heard from the State. She attends regular meetings on this, so...

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I wouldn't second...or support this motion. I mean, I realize that this is not an election year, but you know, anything could happen to any one of us, the Mayor, any elected official at any time, and that could, depending on the timing of things, necessitate a special election. And so, you know, I think it's prudent of us to be prepared for that type of situation and not scramble when the time comes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Anyone wishing to speak for the first time? Okay. Member King, followed by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I support this proposal. I...you know, I was kind of under the same impression as Chair Lee that...why would we leave partial? I mean, it seems like 125 might not be even enough to run a special election so, you know, I guess it's sort of a gamble. But you know, again, we have American Rescue Plan funds coming in, and part of that is to cover lost revenue, so...which could, in other areas, cover something like this if this happened. Or it could come out of emergency funds as well, because that would be an emergency if something happened to one of us. But...anyway, I support the proposal. I kind of...well, I'll just make a proposal and then see where it goes. I would propose to eliminate the whole \$250,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Great. So then --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion to amend by Member King, followed by a second from Member Molina. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I just...I think I've pretty much explained it. I think to me, it's all or nothing. I think these funds...if we did have a special election, we could find the funds somewhere but, you know, they've been sitting here for what, a decade, and not being used. And it's a really tight year, so having extra money in there is not very prudent, in my opinion. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Molina as a seconder, followed by Chair Lee, and then Member Sugimura.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you very much, Madam Chair. More of a question. If we did have a...an occurrence, such as a special election, a budget amendment could be proposed, right, along with some of the other considerations that Member King had brought up?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, I believe so. Would you want to hear from Budget Director Yoshimura?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, could we? Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura, are you on the line? Okay, there you are.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Hi. Chair...so Member Molina, a budget amendment could be proposed, but you would need to certify funds in order to propose it. The other option would be looking at the Legislative Branch and doing a resolution to transfer funds within the Legislative Branch. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, Chair Lee followed by, I think Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, I'm going to vote aye with reservations because we need to ascertain whether this is a State requirement, or some kind of elections requirement, to have these funds available for a special election. And if there is no such requirement, then I would vote, you know, without reservations, aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, Member Sugimura, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm going to vote against this because I think it's our responsibility. I'm just curious where the money's going to come from if it's not in the budget now. Is it something that the Counsel from the Legislative Branch would have the funding to cover it? Is it, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I have no doubt in my mind that some type of budget amendment could be made. This is not a political issue, this is a necessity, you know, when we replace either a Councilmember or Mayor. So I'm not concerned about where the money's going to come from, I'm concerned that we're not trying to override some kind of State requirement, that's all.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. We can see if Deputy

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Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo knows the answer to that question, if it's a legal requirement in our budget.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Thank you for the question, Chair. I'm actually looking that up right now. I don't know that off the top of my head... *(timer sounds)*...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Toshikiyo. Okay, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I appreciated Member King's comment about emergency funds being used, and I guess my question would be for Corp. Counsel or Ms. Yoshimura. If emergency funds could be used to cover this expense, then I would be more comfortable supporting it, because we're not leaving, you know people in the lurch. So that's my question for whoever can answer.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, I actually just pulled up Chapter 3.96 in the Code. Under Subsection 20, the purpose...a emergency fund is established for the purpose of funding a public emergency, threatening life, health, property or economic viability of the County. So...and I believe that we would need some kind of declaration of a public emergency in order to utilize the funds.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Toshikiyo.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then I guess the follow up is, would an elected official vacating their seat for whatever reason, in time for a special election, qualify as that, or maybe Ms. Yoshimura, if emergency funds could be used for a special election due to death, resignation, whatever. If that would be considered an --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Paltin, I don't know if that would be considered something that you would do a proclamation for, if there was...if it would meet the criteria of using the emergency fund. I think your original question was about using the American Rescue Plan monies. That...again, we would have to check the criteria on what the funds could be used for.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. All right. And to clarify, I think Member King said that the American Rescue fund could potentially release other funds that were allocated for COVID response... *(timer sounds)*... and so that could create carryover savings that could be allocated to special elections. And, Member King, correct me if my clarification of what you said is incorrect. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, that was correct. Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to...just bring up what...my understanding of what...of the time frame that we would need a special election in, because if...if there's a vacation...vacating of the seat that is 15 months before the next election or more...so if it's within 15 months, I believe...and then...and this is what I'm asking Corp. Counsel, that you wouldn't have a special election for a Councilmember. The Councilmembers would decide on the next one. So

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if we..if this budget goes into effect on July 1st, then there's really like 17 months left until the next election, so someone would have to vacate within the first couple of months of the fiscal year. That's my understanding. Is that correct, Miss...Corp. Counsel?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. That...I'm looking that up right now, so I'm hoping to be able to answer your questions. So your question...again, I'm sorry, Councilmember King, is regarding the timing of when a special election would be required and the funds would then be...need to be utilized? Okay, thank you. I'll--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So my understanding is that it...if...that's just something...if someone leaves their position, you know, for whatever reason, 15 months or longer before the next election, then we would do the special election. But if it's within that 15 months, then the Council would decide who the next...who would fill that spot, the remaining Councilmembers.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Okay, if you could just give me a couple of minutes and I will look that up for you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. It's in the Charter and I've looked it up before but I'm just trying go by recollection.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, it's close to our morning break, so I'm happy to take a ten-minute break while our Deputy Corporation Counsel looks up our...I think it was three questions: if there's a legal requirement for this funding to be in our budget; what is the timing on conducting a special election; and...what was the third question? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: If emergency funds could be used.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's the one, mahalo. So those are the three questions that we're hoping Deputy Corporation Counsel will be able to answer after our morning break. Chair Lee, you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. So if we eliminated the 250,000, all of us would get \$27,700 in the plus column. Just thought I'd let you know. Of course we're dealing with an \$828 million budget, but 27,000 does make a difference.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, I divided \$250,000...that's if everybody votes for it, and it came out to \$31,250, but are we...that's with the eight of us, so I'm not sure if we're including Member Kama or not. That was my math.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Shouldn't we include her too? I mean, you know. Yeah, why not?

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Nine people.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Mahalo, Chair Lee. I think over this break, if Members could also think about how we should do the math, whether we would be doing the math on nine or eight. I would also have to think through the math on if...it's such a sensitive issue. So if, you know, we get the certification, for example, and it comes out to, you know \$900,000 more than what was projected, and each of us would have 100,000...oh okay...100,000 for all nine, and then we have Pro Tem Kama, who is excused. That amount of money...if she didn't decide where to allocate that funding, then I don't know where it would go right now. I'd have to like work that out right now, during the break. So if we can decide if we're going to do the math by eight or by nine, and then we can discuss that when we get back from our recess. Chair Lee, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, but I think you said earlier that the...if somebody votes against the motion, they wouldn't get a portion of it. In her case, she's not voting against the motion, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right, but it's the majority. So if you vote for it then you would get a portion of it. But if you're not here to vote in favor of it, then you wouldn't get a portion of it because you wouldn't be part of the majority. But the...so I'm not worried about that one. I'm not worried about that part of the process. I'm worried about what I said earlier about the...if we do the certification of the RPT and there is more money, I said that we would evenly distribute it to all nine members. So...but if Pro Tem Kama isn't here to direct where she would like that funding to go, I have to think about what the process would be for that part. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, thank you, Chair. I...your spreadsheet earlier showed that Member Kama only had one item and it was 50,000. So assuming...if we...when we get there if we approve that item, I would just say that we should be able to cover it somewhere, you know, if we vote in favor of her priority. So you know, I'm okay with just covering that and, you know, dealing with the rest of whoever's here on the rest of the...splitting up the rest of the issues.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. So I would like to take a recess before we discuss this. So I would just like the Members to think about it and then when we get back from the recess, then we can discuss it. Okay? All right. It's 10...10:30. We'll take a ten-minute break. Is that okay with Members? All right, okay, now it's 10:31. Okay, we'll just...we'll just do to 10:45. Okay so it's...we'll return at 10:45. It's 10:31 on April 19th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 10:31 a.m.
RECONVENE: 10:47 a.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It is 10:47 on April 19th. And we will

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first take up the question of Pro Tem Kama's...how we would go about dividing funds with Pro Tem Kama, and then we'll call on Deputy Corporation Counsel for her responses to the three legal questions. Okay. So first, Pro Tem Kama's office contacted her, and she really appreciates everyone's consideration, but she, as anticipated, will not be participating in decisions week. And so the proposal that we came up with that she supported was that we would...if there's excess funding from the official certification on RPT, that we would put \$50,000 toward her priority proposal fund, and we will vote on that when we get there. And the remaining would be divided amongst the eight of us. When we get to her item, we will vote on it. If it doesn't achieve majority, then the 50,000 would be divided amongst the eight of us. Okay. Any questions on how that would happen? Okay. Mahalo, Members. All right. Oh, Member Paltin, you have a question on that process.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Well, just a point of information. I'm not seeing anybody. My screen says no one is sharing their video.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It might be your device. I see everybody.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I just was wondering if you're okay with me leaving and coming back in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, yeah. Do you want...okay...because I'm going to ask Deputy Corporation Counsel for her response on the three legal questions.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I'll hang on for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This is a little unusual, but I was wondering if the body would consider increasing her district funding \$100,000 one time, just this year, only because she's not in the frame of mind right now to make decisions on the budget perhaps, but she will later on, as time goes on, and she's going to regret not having put more money in the budget for her projects. So I was just wondering if...and I'd be happy to give up \$100,000 of what I was going to use if, you know...or if I find \$100,000. Food for thought, I mean, you know.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. So I...you know, since we're talking about the process on how to include Pro Tem Kama, I'll accept that as a motion right now.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seconded by Member Johnson. Discussion on the motion. And I know this...we're not in that Department right now. We're talking about the process, and so we would provide 150,000 if the motion carries, if there's excess in funds for certification. So what Chair Lee motion is, is \$100,000 to the 140,000 under OED for Economic Development and Cultural Programming. So that's...so instead of 140,000, the Kahului District would get 240,000, okay, for this year, because of the

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circumstances. All right. Discussion on that motion. Member Sugimura, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I appreciate this in her behalf because if you look at her priorities, that was before the final, she actually had put in extra for...to help the housing...I mean, the homeless situation if you look at, you know, what she originally had submitted. But her final, she only submitted 50,000 in consideration of the Mayor's flat budget. So this is a nice compromise for her, and that would give her an additional 100,000 to help the homeless, which is really part of her passion. So thank you. Thank you, Chair Lee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, I was just...I was clarifying that this is towards District funds, so if...whatever comes out of...whatever that money...whatever comes out of that money has to be for the Kahului District. So it wouldn't be like an island-wide, you know, homeless project, it would have to be something specifically for that District. And Member Lee is offering to fund it through your priority bucket, I guess.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, I'll be happy to do that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, so --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Or, as the Chair said, you know, if the certification comes out more than we expected, to take it from there.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. All right. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. And I think there is some flexibility in, you know, using the District funds that the Council and the Administration has. There's no, you know, legal requirement to exclusively use it for your District. It's just set aside for, you know, priority for that District, the 140,000 under OED. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . then because, Chair, you did say that if the certification comes out and there is over the budget, and it's going to be split nine ways, then would Member Kama's...get that portion as well as this additional 100. So that's what you're saying.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, it would be 150,000. So the 100,000, which is the motion that we're discussing right now, plus 50,000 for when we get to her priority item.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Correct. And if the certification comes up tomorrow and we hear it over, would she get split still in addition to this? I guess that's my question, the one-ninth of whatever that certification is.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That wasn't my motion. That wasn't --

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, that's my point of information. I'm trying to ask.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, that...since my motion said that for this one time, she would get an additional 100,000 in her district. So she would get 240,000 this one time.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Correct. So what --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: In addition to that, the Chair mentioned that...if we can, we're going to cover her \$50,000 request...her priority request.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Those two things, that's it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. I understand your motion. So this is my point of information to the Chair. What about that certification? When we hear that, would she be able to split the nine person...I'm just trying to divide it nine ways...I just want to get confirmation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So it would be whatever is in excess, \$150,000 taken away, and then the remaining amount would be divided by eight of us here.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So she wouldn't be able to share in that, the excess of the Real Property Tax certification.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, and this is something that was discussed with her, and she supported that...that process.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So you conferred with her on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yeah. I wouldn't feel comfortable moving forward without having her blessing on that because it feels unfair. Okay. Any other questions on the process for this...for the motion? Okay. So again, the motion is for \$100,000 for the OED Economic Development...sorry, one moment. Okay. Staff reminded me that we have a current motion on the floor, so we can do one of two things. We can either withdraw the original motion, which was made by Member Molina to reduce the \$125,000 for special election expenses, and Member King with the second, or we can set aside Chair Lee's motion on...and take that up after we take the vote on Member Molina's motion. Preference, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's fine.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Yeah, Molina's first.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we'll set aside Chair Lee's motion. We'll take up Member Molina's motion. After we take a vote on Member Molina's motion, then we'll take up Chair Lee's motion. Okay. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam. Just for clarification, so I believe Member King made a proposed amendment to the original motion of 250. So I don't believe we took the vote on that yet, right? So that's what we're going to be voting on, the amendment?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for the clarification. So main motion by Member Molina, and then motion to amend by Member King for a total of \$250,000. Okay. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I just was wondering, before we take these votes, it would be helpful to get the answers to those three questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That's...so that's what we're going to do. We're just trying to figure out what to do with...okay. Ms. Toshikiyo, do you have answers on our three legal questions?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. And I thank the Council for allowing me additional time to do some research. Regarding the first question, I believe that's about legal obligations for the special elections, so I'll just try to go in order. So pursuant to the Hawai'i Body Statutes, if it's a County election, the County would be bearing the cost, but there are other situations, for instance if there were a vacancy to a State or Federal level, that we would be sharing in the cost of any special elections. We are responsible for things such as the voter registration, you know, the box for the ballots. So that is a requirement to keep in mind. Number two, the second question was regarding timing, so I have my notes. So for the Council, it's 15 months or more from the unexpired term, so it's not from the date of the election; and then for the Mayor, it would be one year. And there is also the situation if there's any potential for a recall election. So those are all time limits to keep in mind that are within the Charter. I suppose for special elections for the Council or for the Mayor there might be time to do budget amendments, but you know, there's a quick turnaround for recall elections. And then for number three, whether emergency funds could be used...just based on my reading of the Code for Chapter 3.96, I don't believe that you could use that because there's also a prohibition that the revenues in the emergency fund cannot be used unless it's, you know, a public emergency threatening life, health, property, or economic viability of the County. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Also, I think from Member King.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I...based on the information we just got...because I hadn't thought about us having to cover a share of a potential State or Federal election, I...I'll withdraw my amendment to go to 250.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I withdraw my second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So Mahalo, Member King and Chair Lee. So there is no motion to amend on the floor. The main motion from Member Molina is to reduce the budget by \$125,000, leaving \$125,000 for special elections. All right. Any further discussion? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I guess this question would be for maybe Chair Lee or Director Fujita. I'm okay with going along with this proposal. I think that it would be prudent of us...because, you know, we, as the Legislative Branch, can initiate the budget amendment, if we set aside that 125,000 until we pass those dates of 15-plus months or one year out from the re-election, and then we could feel a little bit more free to spend it. And so I just was wondering if us, as a body, can commit to pulling back on our OCS monies in case it's needed on the OCC side until we pass that, I guess, 15 months out, one year out from the election, and that way we're covered. And then, once we pass that, we can spend it with a clear conscience. Is that something that's possible to commit to?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Member Paltin, and everybody, I honestly believe that we're taking a gamble here that nothing's going to happen, right. So I suggest we put this one on hold and come back to it because in case we do have extra money at the end, we don't have to do this. If it...the money's really, really tight where we do need a quarter million dollars, yeah then, you know, we would think about cutting it. But if it's not necessary, you know, I don't think we should because anything can happen. In this world, it's so uncertain what's happening...I mean, what could happen. And if we had to come up with a special election right away, we don't want to be scrambling for money if we don't have to. Why don't we just come back to this?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. So we're going to take the vote on it after everyone is finishing discussing. And if the vote carries...if the motion carries, then there's the option of reconsidering. So that would be the process. I don't want to mark everything a revisit because then, you know, it's...we're going to end up here until 3:00 in the morning on it. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So if there was a election to happen, it isn't from the date of scheduled election, it was...it would be by the occurrence of a death or a resignation, right. So that would start the clock. So just for clarification on...yeah, it's not from election back, it's from the date of the occurrence forward.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The term...and we can get clarification from Deputy

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Corporation Counsel, but it's the term, not election. Deputy Corporation Counsel, if you can please clarify.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes, Chair. You're correct. So for instance, if...for the Council, if the unexpired term is 15 months or more, the vacancy shall be filled by a special election.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I see.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Okay, Member --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Yeah. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Just a quick...I guess maybe I may need a clarification for the need for special election. I was on the County Council, I believe, back in 2001 or 2002 when we lost our Council Chair at the time, Mr. Kawano, and I believe he had less than six months left on his term. And at that point, it was deemed where the Council made that decision to fill his replacement, which was also a former late Council Chair, Mr. Danny Mateo. Now of course, if something happens to an elected official, whether it be death, resignation, or removal, if it's more than six months, then that...that is when a special election would occur, if I'm correct. More than six months left on a term; am I correct?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Corporation Counsel.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I...yes. So if the unexpired term is less than 15 months, the remaining Members of the Council shall appoint a person by resolution adopted by the majority of the remaining Members to fill the vacancy on the current unexpired term. So you're correct, Member Molina, in terms that there are time frames where the Council can select, but it's 15 months...less than 15 months, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you for that clarification. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Again, I'm going to vote against the motion, only because I've lived through this before. I was on the Council Chair when Councilmember Tom Morrow died in a plane crash, and we had to have a special election. So I know it's rare and hardly ever happens, but it could. So I am going to vote no. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just wanted this last question for Ms. Toshikiyo. If the vacancy is of the Mayor and there's more than one year remaining until the election, would the...if the Managing Director steps in temporarily, would they be able to put in for a budget

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amendment?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. So in terms of the Mayor...pursuant to the Charter, if the unexpired term is less than one year, the Managing Director will step in as the Mayor, so at that point will have the powers and duties of the Mayor.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: If it's more than one year though, would there be an opportunity...who would make a budget amendment to move funds to be able to have a special election, or would we just have to work it out within the Legislative Branch and come up with the funds somehow that way? Nobody would be able to make a budget amendment?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. That's a very good question, because if it is more than one year, then I would have to see--maybe research a little bit more...give me a minute--who would be stepping into the shoes of the Mayor during that time period between the vacancy and when the special election would occur. Okay. Oh, actually here, it's the next section. Again, the Managing Director will...shall act as Mayor. Thank you. Sorry about that.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And they would be able to compose a budget amendment if they're the...okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. We're going to get to know the Charter well, going to be committed to memory. Okay. All right. Members, any other questions or comments on the main motion to reduce Special Election Expenses to \$125,000 from 250,000? If not, I will call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay, I see Member King, Member Molina, Member Sinenci, and Member Johnson. Those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I see Member Sugimura, Chair Lee, Member Paltin, and myself. It's 4, 4...the motion would need five to carry...to pass. So the motion fails.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Councilmembers Johnson, King, Molina, and Sinenci.**

NOES: **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Lee, and Sugimura.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

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EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other proposals, Members? All right. Okay. So seeing no other proposals to reduce the Department's budget, we'll go on to that...so there's only one program. It's the County Clerk Program. We'll go to...there's no CIPs, no Rates and Fees. There's one priority proposal, and that is my priority proposal. Okay. So that's number 1 on your matrix. I think...okay. I will first ask if anyone will want...make the motion for me, and if not, then I will step down as the Chair and ask our Vice-Chair to take the rostrum. Okay. So the proposal is new funding on...to increase the County Clerk Program by \$300,000 for mobile voting units, and then that would be one mobile voting trailer and one mobile voting vehicle, which includes the decals for the units.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Moved by Chair Lee, seconded by Member Sugimura. Discussion, Members. Member Paltin, followed by Member Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just a question, is...this is for Lānaʻi?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The trailer is for Lānaʻi, and the vehicle is for Countywide.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: What island would the vehicle be located on?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So that would be kind of...I guess the Clerk's Office would kind of figure that out...would figure out where it would be located. I'm hoping that it can park at multiple locations for, you know, several days at a time. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I wonder if I could have Corp. Counsel answer this. We did discuss this, this is a great idea. In fact, Faith Chase came to my talk story about the budget and basically, she had the same thought, to help the homeless. And then I got another discussion that they think that it's not legal to move around something so secure and sacred like voting, right. So I could...I like the idea, and I understand the intent, but Corp. Counsel, do you have a...could you comment on this, whether we can take our ballots and take it to different places, or is there a security question? That was what came to me after.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. So similar to the ballot boxes, you know, they're picked up and then they're taken to the County Clerk's Office. So there is, you know, transportation of ballots. So that would be my thought on that, but we can ask Deputy Corporation Counsel if there's any legal reason that the...of having a motor vehicle...mobile voter vehicle.

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MS TOSHIKIYO: Not that I can think of off the top of my head, Chair, because you are correct, the ballots are transported. It's a matter of making sure that they're secure. And I believe that...yeah. So I think that it's just a matter of providing the adequate security for the ballots.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Would that be an additional cost? What kind of added security would be required?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I wouldn't know the details on that off the top of my head, but I...you know, I know that the Clerk's Office is really good at taking care of all of those details, and I think that that's something that they would have to work out regarding the specs for the mobile unit.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Toshikiyo. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Any other questions on the proposal? Okay. Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Aye. Okay. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." Oh, okay. Okay. Motion passes unanimously, eight ayes, one excused.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. So for this Department, there aren't any Grant Revenues, Special Purpose Revenues, or bills to vote on. Okay. So I forget how we go to the...so we'll accept the County Clerk's budget as proposed, and we'll go on to the next Department, which is the County Auditor.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair. We have the one --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: We have the cut . . . *(inaudible)* . . . in the County Clerk's budget, in the original --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: We said accepted . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, yeah. As . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- but we --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for the clarification. So the County Clerk's budget as amended. All right. Okay. And before we take up the next Department, I wanted to go back to Chair Lee's motion, and so we'll...we'll take that up now so that we know what we're doing before we get the certified numbers, okay. And so I will ask for...so Chair's Lee motion was to increase the Kahului District for OED by \$100,000 and that would come from any potential increase or excess in funds from the certification of...of RPT. If there isn't an excess in...from the certification, Chair Lee has offered to allocate funding the \$100,000 to fund this, and we can all work that out together too if...if the certification doesn't come out higher than what was projected. Okay. So that's the motion made by Chair Lee, and it was seconded by Member Johnson. And so any further discussion on that motion? Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor please raise your hand and say *(audio interference)* "aye." Oh, Member Sugimura? Oh, okay. All right. So eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay. The next department is the Office of the County Auditor. All right. Are...so there's only one program under the County Auditor. It's the County Auditor Program. There aren't any CIPs, Rates and Fees, priorities, revenues, special purpose revenue, or bills. Are there any proposals to amend the County Auditor's proposed budget? Okay. Seeing none. We'll accept the County Auditor's budget as proposed.

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Council Services Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll now go to OCS. Under the Office of Council Services, there's one program and that's the Council Services Program. Are there any proposals for the reduction of the Council Services Program? Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I'm on page 3-8, just I'll...I'll get you guys on the same page before I make the motion. 3-8, Budget Details, Index Code 901041B, Council Service, Subject-Object character type is 6201. I move to reduce airfare by 20 grand.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: . . .*(Raised her hand seconding the motion)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member King. Member Paltin, followed by Member King, if you would like to speak to the motion.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just was thinking, you know, share the burden and travel less.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member King, did you want to speak as the seconder of the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Just...just that, you know, this is something that personally I don't anticipate much travel by any of the departments in the next eight to ten months, so I seconded it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Would you just repeat the motion? Deducting it from what to what?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure. It's...it's on page 3-8, it's airfare and transportation.

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The proposal is for \$78,999, and the...Member Paltin's motion is to reduce it by \$20,000 or to? Okay. By 20,000.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Got it, got it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other discussion? Seeing none. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of reducing it by \$20,000 for a new total of 58,999, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused. Motion passes.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

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Department Requests

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other proposals? Seeing none. We'll move to the next part, and that's CIPs. There are no CIPs or Rates and Fees under this Department. We do have three requests from the Department. The first request is to amend Section 7 of the General Budget Provisions to add language that states, "Also, funds from the Countywide Self-Insurance Program must be encumbered and disbursed to compensate any special counsel." So that's the request from the Department that we all vote on, and that's adding that language to the General Budget Provisions, which would give Council access to the Self-Insurance Program funding for when Council hires special counsel and needs to pay for special counsel. All right. Is there a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member King. Is there a second? Seconded by

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Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I just had a question for Corp. Counsel.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin, second. Okay. I'll invite Chair...before I call on Chair Lee, I'll ask Member King and Member Paltin if they would like to speak to the motion, and then I'll go to Chair Lee for her question for Corporation Counsel.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So Chair, as I understand it, this is giving us access to another pot of funding for special counsel, so...which I'm in favor of...an existing pot of money so that we don't have to add monies if we don't have enough already in our budget. So I think it's a prudent move, and we should have access to these funds.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I'll yield to Chair Lee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Chair Lee, your question for Corporation Counsel?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Just would like the Deputy to give her response to the efficacy of this move.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. Thank you, Chair Lee. I believe that this section can be amended. My understanding is that the Self-Insured [sic] Fund does provide the funding for special counsel, and per OCS request, we just provide clarification that it's available to the County, and not just the administrative branch.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: But the part I'm concerned about, I'm not worried about this Council, but future Councils. You mean we can proviso the whole amount?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Toshikiyo?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I mean like, you know, let's say there's a big case, and whomever this Council selected continues to charge and charge and charge and charge. You know, I mean, does the proviso have to have a beginning and an end, like X number of dollars, so forth?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I guess I would need a little bit of clarification on the request. My understanding, it was amending the General Budget Provisions that just would say that the Council also has access to those funds, not necessarily to all the funds. So I think that was the question that was raised by...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. As...as long as there's that understanding, because you know, I'm a person who's against extremes, yeah. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other questions on the motion...or any other discussion on the motion? Okay. Seeing none. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the amended language, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The second Departmental request is funding for the MRA investigation/review that previous Council approved of via resolution in 2019. Study funded in 2019 was slightly over 70,000, so requesting 75,000. Is there a motion? You...you all have questions in your facial expressions, so please ask your question.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Can you repeat the motion that you're looking for?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So the Council approved, via resolution, a study in 2019 to investigate or do a review of the Maui Redevelopment Agency. This is something we approved of. But at the time it was approved, there was not enough funding to fund the investigation or review. So the...at the time in 2019, the quote was \$70,000 for this investigation. So to be safe, now that it's been two years, the request is for 75,000. Okay. Any other questions? Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Who specifically requested that? I mean, was it a Member, Councilmember or was it a Staff member in OCS?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So it was discussion that we had. So we, as the Council,

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approved this investigation...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, no, no, but that was in 2019. For this coming --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- budget, who requested that? Somebody had to request that. Nobody requested in the '20...the '20 Budget.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't know if it was in there. It...there...there was funding for it, but it just...it never occurred. Because this is part of the...the audits and investigations pot of money. So it depends on how many requests for investigations that we get, and if we use up all that funding, especially if it's one expensive one, then we only do one that year.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That...there's no way for our County Auditor to do it at no expense?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can request that the Auditor investigate the MRA, but it's...it's...he's independent, so it's up to him, you know, if he would want to take that request.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. That's all I have.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just was...wanted to clarify. My understanding of the situation was we requested that investigation, and then there were some sort of legal proceedings, and then my understanding was something went through the Planning Commission or something, and then I thought that somebody had given something to my Committee about it. Like I thought that there was some progress made since 2019 without our taking action, it was like some independent law thing. And then there was something in the newspaper, I think, about how to remedy the situation. Was that incorrect?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think that's a different issue that you're talking about.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah. So that...that...that's a separate issue. But if...so the...this...well, the 2019 Council approved of this action and wanted to take this action, but we didn't have funding to...to do the investigation. And so right now, it's still something that the Council approved of doing, but we don't...it's unfunded. So we can, you know, keep it on as something that we approved but have no funding to do, or you know, we can take it up later and repeal it or...well, it's not a law, it's a resolution, but it's just...it's a resolution that we would take action that we don't have funding for.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I guess my follow-up question is that if we didn't have funding in 2019

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and we do...we have funding to do like one audit a year, and we're requesting the Auditor to do ZAED or...or Member Molina is, so wouldn't we automatically have funding in 2021 because there's no other audit up on deck that's been approved by the Council in 2020 or 2021? Like do we have to fund each year, or is it included is my question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So if this is going to be the only one that we do, then that's just something that we...we would know that that's the only one that we would do. You know what I mean? So we don't --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, we don't --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- we don't have to fund this.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- have an audit that has been approved by the Council that I know of, right? There's no other one that happened in 2020 or 2021 or 2020...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, not that I can recall right now. But you know, for Fiscal Year '22 that starts in July, then we would just have to know that if this is the one investigation that Council would do, then we wouldn't have enough funding to do like a, you know, potentially...or a second one.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, I understand that. I just was kind of following up on Chair Lee's thing that we didn't do one in 2020 and we didn't do one in 2021. And so if we approved one in 2019, how come we didn't do it in 2020 or 2021? And how come we need additional money for 2022?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's a good question, Member Paltin. Okay. Good? All right.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, to kind of answer part of, I guess, what Member Paltin is saying is that we paid \$300,000 for that housing study, so I...I think that added to why we didn't have money. How much is the audit budget, Chair Lee? Set aside for audits.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You mean the comprehensive plan, was \$300,000.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No, how much is in the...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: As far as an audit, I don't think we have an audit budget.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh. So you just kind of look at the budget and you decide...

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, we don't look...well, when the Councilmembers want an audit, we normally try and put it in the budget, plan for it ahead of time.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So that's why you're...you're being asked right now, you want to put money in the budget for the audit?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. And good recall on the housing study. I knew there was something that took up all that funding, I couldn't remember what it was. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, generally we have a pot of money for audits, and I remember, you know, it used to be like...close to like a million before. In 2019, we cut it way down. But I'm just looking...I can't find it right now on the Budget Details. But I don't...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think it's under General Professional Services. It includes audits and studies and whatnot.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. So we do have money that's in there that's not appropriated yet for any specific project. Do you see the amount, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, what could really help is that we...like we did with the Council's accounts, we did...we do it the same with OCS, A, B, and C collapse, become a program budget. Then, you know, if you run out of money from one thing you can take from, you know, travel or something.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We don't have a motion on the floor right now. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just wondering if the motion can be to proviso from Professional Services? Or sorry, not proviso, condition. Terminology.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. What...what...where are you looking, what page? Is that on page 3-8, that Professional Services? The 543,000? So it...the explanation of those is to increase agenda and meeting management contract, add communications, cloud annual subscription, and one-time appropriation for a communications . . . *(inaudible)* . . . startup costs, and one-time appropriation for Legislative Branch renovations. So I...I think most of that money is...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: My understanding of that would be for the 223,118 expansion request, but that still leaves 320,195 that hasn't been earmarked.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So it's in...on page 3-9, and it's for Audit Services for

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405,000. You...you see it?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. So are you saying rather than Professional Service, condition it out of Audit Services, \$75,000? Could I make that motion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I'll move that on page 3-9, Index Code 901042B, Subject-Object Code 6103, Audit Services, that we condition 75,000 out of the 405,000 for meeting that decision in 2019 to investigate MRA.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member King. Member Paltin, did you want to speak to the motion? You don't have to.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: No, I...I think it's kind of self-explanatory. There's already money in there, the...there's already a resolution thing and proclamation, whatever, and so just filling the gap.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'll vote for it with reservations. I honestly think this is...this issue is like passé, but I guess it's not with some people. So my bigger concern is that...that we consider collapsing A, B, and C, not so much this one item. Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We can take that up as a motion after this. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I think...well, I...I believe that the...the whole issue about the MRA and wanting to investigate it, I also believe that Lance Collins was involved in some lawsuit that I...I...I read in the paper, and that some of the issues that were of concern were...were part of that. I think that's what Member Paltin is remembering, I'm remembering. And just the duties of the MRA I guess is in question and about the Wailuku hotel. I mean it's...but in general, I believe that the MRA serves a purpose, and I'm going to vote against doing an investigation because I think that it...it...it's...it's...it is part of Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 53 that it was created, is doing its duties. I think before Member Paltin...what she's talking about is a...is a referral from the...I guess, the Planning Department to look at the MRA duties in terms of approving the district...you know, the code that...that they're allowed to...to approve. So therefore. I'm going to vote against it because I think the process is in motion, things are in motion to correct maybe what was in question from the 2019 resolution, from what I could remember. So thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. So as I let Member Paltin know, those two things are separate issues. And then if we do pass the proviso, this is under our, you know, authority so we could always change it. I can, you know,

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reschedule it and then that way (*audio interference*) understands the direction that the Council took in 2019. Member Molina, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Just more of a clarification on the difference between an investigation or an audit. Now these funds is to commission an audit or a special investigation? Just trying to determine what the fine line is here with this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. So remember when we were talking about audits having specific...it...it's...it's a...it's a term of art in the accounting world, and...and so it comes with, you know, more requirements than we may intend. And so instead of using the word itself, you know, instead of using audit, the word audit, we're following what the Charter has, and that's investigation or review.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Yeah, I just bring that up because on its face value the word investigation sounds a little harsher than an audit. It's almost like it's assumed there was some type of wrongdoing or something. But anyway, okay, thank you for that clarification.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I...I had the opposite recollection. I had the recollection that we were changing to use the word investigation because we thought audit was too strong of a word. So I don't know, I think it's the same thing no matter what we call it, but it's a review. And I think it actually would be timely to do a review of the MRA because they've told us more than once that they're in the process of reinventing themselves. And so looking at this as a bigger than just the Wailuku MRA, but what the MRA is actually supposed to be doing and could be doing, is really important at this time. So I'm hoping that like, you know, an audit that...that we talk about all the time, we do these audits to help the departments, that this will actually help inform the reinvention of the MR...MRA. And I...and I like the fact that it's coming out of this existing pot of money.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Any other discussion on the motion? Seeing none. I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." Aye. Okay. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." Okay. Motion carries, seven "ayes," one "no," Member Sugimura, and one excused.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, and Sinenci.**

NOES: **Councilmember Sugimura.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair Lee, would you like to make your motion on the accounts?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't know what the exact terminology is, but the idea is I move to eliminate the three ABC Accounts for OCS and collapse it into one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There's a motion from Chair Lee. Is there a second? Okay. Seconded by Member King. Discussion? Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It's like our accounts, you know, there...there are times...many, many times when we really don't need any more equipment or we don't need, you know, any kind of professional services, or sometimes we need professional services and we're just short so much. Rather than doing a...an amendment, we could just move any...move monies. But we could have a reporting requirement so that the Members will know what's being changed.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Any other discussion? Seeing none. Oh, Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And...and I'm not opposed to the idea, and I'm not sure if this is the proper time to bring it up in the context of it, but based on the actual numbers and the Budget Details that we were given from the Administration and the actual numbers that we were given from Administration, I spoke with Ms. Yoshimura, but I still am not clear like why the Workday amounts don't add up to the Budget Detail amounts for Council Services Program. And I just was wondering, you know, if...if she could explain that to us. Because if you pull the Workday amounts from two weeks ago, I would imagine that they would be as accurate as possible.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, is that a question for someone or...

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Ms. Yoshimura.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. So to address Councilmember Paltin's question, you...I had received a request for the salaries, the exact salaries for all County employees, which we had provided to you through a confidential mean. What Councilmember Paltin is referring to is if you look on page 3-5 of the Details that...that were provided to you, it...it lists a dollar amount that is budgeted for each Councilmember executive assistants. And it doesn't break down the...each position, but to comply with the request that you folks had made, I ran a Workday report which provided the number of Council executive assistants per office and the salary for each. And that's the information that we had provided. Now, I...I know the information that was provided to you on each individual salary does not total to what the Councilmember executive assistants' lump sum is on page 3-5 of the original Budget Details, and that's a discussion I guess you folks need to have amongst yourself because you have allowed yourselves to...you...you have your own district offices, which is exempt from the ABC designation. So I'm not sure how you folks are applying your office budgets to (*audio interference*) That's...that's the reason it's not the same, or not in total with what the Budget Details is.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So my concern wasn't that we're not complying with the ABC, it's that we're...some of us are way over the total of the A, B, and C, which I believe is 165,406. So I mean, if we collapse our own A, Bs, and Cs, the total should still remain 165,406. And if we're going above that, I don't see how that is in alignment with the collapsing of the A, B, and Cs unless it's coming from someplace else. And then so if we're going to further collapse A, B, and C with this sort of discrepancy going on, I think we should just straighten that out first before we further collapse is...is kind of my point.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So Councilmember Paltin, so we...the...the Legislative Branch's budget is not modified or changed in any way...altered in any way by the Administration. So the information that is provided to us when we are preparing the fiscal year budget, that's the information that we submit to you folks for approval. Now, how you folks go about and administer your budget, that's something that we also don't administer or have any oversight on. So I will defer any other questions back to the Council on how that's being taken care of. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Yoshimura.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Budget Director. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We can defer this item until Member Paltin gets all of her information. Because my understanding is I'm pretty sure Ms. Yoshimura doesn't have a breakdown of how monies are spent. For instance, sure, you...you can...you might conclude that one Member has gone over his or her budget, but not taking into consideration reimbursements and per diems going back and forth to Lānaʻi, you know,

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for example. Same with Hāna and reimbursement for mileage, and all those kinds of things can make a difference. And I don't know that Ms. Yoshimura has information that separates all these different accounts. Because we certainly don't get paid more than what the...the law calls for because our W-2s show exactly what we get paid, yeah? So in other words, the discrepancy that...that Ms. Paltin is seeing is probably the way you account for our monies, and that...and that needs to be reconciled with our office. So I...I'm pretty sure that will...can be done fairly easily, and we can defer this matter to another time so that we can move on. Because...because I don't think, you know, we have the time right now to...to verify every expenditure of every Councilmember at this point.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee. And the...just to make note since it was such a big discussion last year, that the Salary Commission with the Councilmember salaries the...that increase never...was...was revoked, so that was never applied to the Councilmember salary increases. So since that was such a hotly debated discussion last budget. Okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So I think that what you just said, I think it was deferred to the ending of this calendar year by the Salary Commission. So I guess another decision has to be made. I'm not too sure what impact that has for the budget. But it was deferred, it wasn't deleted or...yeah. Because of the pandemic.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. So it sounds like Chair Lee is withdrawing her motion.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm asking this matter to be deferred until...until this...this issue can be reconciled between our office and the Budget Office, because there is a valid explanation for the discrepancy. And...and if these two have different accounting systems, that is the reason why. Because nobody gets...you know, we don't even touch the money, the money just comes...you know, after so many layers of review, we get paid. So I...I don't believe there's any wrongdoing, but we just need to get our systems in sync at this point. So can we just defer this matter until our office can reconcile their numbers with what the budget...the Budget Office has? I'm sure there's a simple explanation. I just found out about this over the weekend myself. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair. So by deferring, then we need to withdraw the motion so that it's not...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I'll withdraw. In that case I'll withdraw the motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I'll withdraw my second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. All right. Okay. Good? All right. Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. The...the third request...the third and last request is to restore...oh, that's what she was asking me...restore Councilmember salary decreases for December

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2021 to June 2022 approved by the Salary Commission that was removed by the Budget Office for \$8,000...\$8,097 like Member Sugimura said. So I'll...I'll accept the motion unless you have questions on what that means.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So are we asking for...I'm assuming this came from OCS, that they're asking that we...it's kind of like a reimbursement for work already done? Or is this going forward?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Going forward.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So it's just applying it to this next term?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. So is there a motion to restore the \$8,097? That is legally required to be paid to the Councilmembers because of the Salary Commission increases, otherwise we'll be, you know, down \$8,000.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: 8,000 total divided --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- among nine people? Okay. I'll make the motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Second by Member Johnson. Okay. Discussion, Members? All right. Seeing none. I'll call for the vote. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE**

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. There are three priorities under this Department. The first is a priority from me, and that is on your matrix number 3. It's the third on your matrix and it's for the Charter Commission Education and Outreach and special counsel for \$150,000. \$100,000 is for Charter Commission Education and Outreach, and 50,000 is for special counsel. All right. And it's...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Is there a second? Okay. Seconded by Member Paltin. Discussion? I'll reiterate, since it's my priority proposal that this is something that the Charter Commission had voted on and are...is moving in the direction of, and we heard from multiple testifiers from...throughout the County. Thursday's meeting was specifically for Moloka'i, and a lot of the Moloka'i testifiers asked for education and outreach, and this would be for the duration of the meetings of the Charter Commission and...and not solely for at the end when there's an education campaign on what the questions on the ballot will be. So that our electorate will be involved and engaged and informed on how to participate more meaningfully throughout the Charter Commission's process, and not just at the end to vote on it. Okay. Member Molina, as the maker of the motion, mahalo for making the motion on my behalf.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, nothing further to add, Madam Chair. You hit the nail on the end with that one. Full support. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Paltin, followed by Chair Lee.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I just wanted to speak in support of the motion. I had an opportunity to watch, you know, the last hour or so on Thursday night, and I'm super proud of the Charter Commission that we were able to seat. They're...they're working together much like we are and they're putting in the long hours, and I just would like to be able to give them all the tools that they need to do a good job. Because you know, it's a volunteer commission, they're putting in long hours after work remotely, which is...we've become used to it but it's kind of a bit much for like when you first start it. Maybe Member Johnson can commiserate. But I just think that we...we have a great commission there, and that they're doing such hard work, and I'd like to support them in their request to make it a better commission on behalf of the entire County. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Chair Lee, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. I was watching some of their meetings, and they kind of hit an impasse on this item because my impression was some of them want to be in charge of choosing who to do the civic engagement and the promotion. And so...you know and oftentimes on the Council, we don't make those kinds of choices, we...we defer those processes to our Staff to take out any politics, potential politics. And so my question is, we put in the money for civic engagement and promotion, but they get to choose or we get to choose?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, are you asking me? Oh, okay. So in the...in Thursday's meeting, they came to a beautiful collaboration because it wasn't so much of an impasse, but...so these two individuals who sit on that selection committee and it (*audio interference*) agreed upon by the Charter Commission, for those two to be part of that (*audio interference*) process, and that would ask the County Auditor or the County Clerk to be the third person as a neutral party to help with the selection of the RFP bidders. And so...yeah. And so your concern...or your question is about who would do the selection for the RFP to contract who would do the outreach, and it would...so it wouldn't be Council, it would be the two individuals that the Charter Commission all supported sitting on that selection committee, and those two individuals were going to reach out to the County Auditor and the County Clerk to see if one of them would be willing to serve in that capacity.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Is...is...is there any particular reason why they don't want impartial independent parties to do that, such as members of the Council Staff? You know, OCS, you know...because we're not...we're not the Charter Commission, we're not trying to promote anything, they are. Many of them have a position on various items. So to take away from any perceived politics, wouldn't it be better to hire...I mean, have an independent committee select the...the...the company or consultant to do the promotion? You don't...you don't think so?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...I think that the Charter Commission's discussion on how they came to the conclusion of choosing the two individuals was a great discussion, and I think, you know, the...that there was a reason that they came to that compromise. And I just received word that the Auditor confirmed that he would participate in the

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selection process, you know, to be that, you know, another neutral or a neutral party in the selection. But if...if we want to ask the Charter Commission to consider others, I'm...I'm sure we could.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, as long as --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...I think...I think...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- you know, they're...it's not stacked in...in a sense where two people who agree on everything are going to be the representatives, and then you have the Auditor, who's a third person, who would be outnumbered by the other two people. See so, you know, that's what...that's what happens when...when you try and do your own promotion, you know, you can be accused of, you know, steering the promotion to your point of view. So that's all I'm saying. If...if...if there is a way --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- to make it, you know, very independent and impartial, that's...that's the whole idea, make it impartial. That's all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. And so to your point of it being stacked, no, it's not stacked, and I think that's why all the members unanimously. So all the different perspectives that's...you know, and personalities that sit on the commission all supported the two individuals who kind of represent the different perspectives.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, who are the two individuals?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Karey Kapoi and Keoni Kuoha.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I can...I can go with that.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Probably should have said their names upfront, could have saved her all that heartache. But I just wanted...I wanted to say that I really appreciate this Charter Commission, I think they're taking it really seriously. I would say ten years ago when the last Charter Commission met, I didn't even know they were meeting as a citizen and, you know, I was pretty involved. So these guys have already reached out and brought in a lot of public input. So I would like to support them as much as we can. And I'm telling you, if you don't want something to be seen as political, don't go asking Councilmembers to get their Staff involved because, you know, that's the most political thing around. But I think the way they've done it --

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I meant OCS.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- I think the way they've done it with their...you know, with their selection and then bringing in a third party is really good. And I suspect, you know, that we're not...they're not...they're not bringing in a committee to decide on the outcome just for outreach. So you know, I'm pretty confident that they know what they're doing there. And we're going to get a combination, probably more...more than what we're putting into it, because they're doing a lot of stuff on their own already without...without expending funds. So I support this proposal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing Member Sugimura, I will call on her. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So are they going to ask for some funding for this to be on Akakū? I mean I kind of got the tail end of...or a portion of the meeting, the last Charter Commission meeting. Did they also ask for coverage on Akakū? Because right now it's not, I think it's only on...is that right? It's on...it's on BlueJeans, I think is what I caught it on. Was that part of the discussion?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So my understanding is boards and commission meetings are recorded on BlueJeans, and then that recording is sent to Akakū, and then Akakū airs it or broadcasts it at a different time. So it's not live on Akakū like our meetings are, but it is recorded and given to Akakū for broadcasting at a later time.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So they don't need any more money for that. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. From my own recollection, having worked for the previous Administration overseeing boards and commissions, I was part of that Administration for the last Charter Commission. And I believe out of the Managing Director's Office, there's monies already budgeted for Akakū to tape our various boards and commissions, which included the previous Charter Commission. So just wanted to make that point. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Any further discussion? If not, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion to fund Charter Commission Education and Outreach and special counsel by \$150,000, please raise your hand and say "aye." Aye. Okay. I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused. The motion carries.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay. The...the next item is from Member King, ABC Account, District Offices, 210,000.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Were you planning to take a lunchbreak? I have to jump off the call at 12:30.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That...I'm not that much of a slave driver. I'm going to give you lunch.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll...we'll just...these are the last two items, and then I'll ask for consensus and then we'll be pau with OCS. Okay. Member King? Oh, and that is number 4 on your old...older matrix and number 3 on your...oh, 4 on your revised matrix too. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So this one...yeah, we talked about this before as far as district offices and trying to bring us up into equity with the West Maui District Office. I spoke to Member Sugimura, who didn't feel like she was ready for a district office in Kula, so I decreased it to two, which would be South Maui and Ha'ikū-Pā'ia. And then as requested by Char Lee, I added in an extra position, support position for Kahului and Wailuku. So with the total...and looking at adjusting it for nine months, it came

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out to 210,000. And that would...you know, the other thing that that would really help with, I think it'll help us support the...the new...the community advisory committees that we have...we just approved for South Maui and Pā'ia-Ha'ikū as well.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Will...will you frame it as a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, I need a motion. Okay. I move that we approve the 210,000 for district offices for South Maui and Ha'ikū-Makawao-Pā'ia with additional funding for 2 E/Ps, one for Wailuku and one for Kahului, and that's adjusted for nine months.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member King, seconded by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I think, Member King, you've discussed it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah. Sorry I should have made the motion and waited for you to come back to me. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sugimura, question or comments?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I did say that I wanted to talk to my district before I added expenses to this budget, so that was my discussion with Kelly King. I had a brief discussion online with one of the community associations and have not completed, so I don't want this door to be closed completely for Upcountry. But in light of not having complete information and to add expenses on at this time, I just want to reserve the right to bring this up in the future if...if the...if the district so decides. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Any other discussion? Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I...I support this. I just want to give a shout out to the Lāna'i District Office and how important it has been to have something in the community for...a lot of our senior citizens like to come in, stop by, and just, you know, talk story. And that's what you want to have, is that outreach that you get the trust of the people and then they can confide in you what their concerns are. So I...I rise in support of this. This is a great idea. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Shout out to the Lāna'i Office, the Hāna Office, and Moloka'i Office, and possibly soon other districts. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I stand in full support of this measure introduced by Member King because now we're looking at the new wave of meeting now, doing our meetings from home or now the Member has the option of doing

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it from their district office so...you know, to avoid all of the contact that's all centralized in Wailuku. So I think this is a great option for the communities in the outer areas. So this is a good progressive way of looking forward to how we meet in the future, because even when a vaccination is...you know, everybody does become vaccinated and we have all of this herd immunity, tele-meeting is not going to go away. Because I think we've seen a lot of advantages to this, so I think having district offices will provide the public more opportunity to come in and consult with their district Councilmember should they decide to do their meetings out of the office. People can do testimony out of their communities, if they want to do live testimony. So it provides more options and flexibility for the community. So I think this is a very good option to consider. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. And also a shout out to the newest district office, West Maui. My apologies. Okay. And then really quickly, this...it...it says on your matrix \$210,000 plus fringe, fringe would likely be approximately 60,000 for the four new E/Ps. Okay. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And you know, as the newest district, I just...some words of advice. It...it's more difficult than you anticipate finding a location that meets the criteria of parking, ADA, restroom, so get on it right away.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay. I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused. Motion carries.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE**

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Member Paltin can give me the name of your realtor.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: It was Lisa Agdeppa with Weinberg, JLL.com.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Sugimura, you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. So if my district does decide to have a district office, how would we be able to take this up in the future?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You would wait for the next Budget Session, so next April.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Or could I use my district funds, I guess?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We don't have district funds under OCS. Or are you talking about your office?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, my district pot, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your 165,000 in your...for your office?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: 140,000 in OED is what I was thinking of. So I'm feeling now that --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, that's...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- *(audio interference)* Excuse me. I'm just feeling now that I shouldn't be excluding my district because I haven't had a chance to fully vet with this with them. I do have concerns about opening an office in the middle of a pandemic. And we're all like in this transition mode, so I didn't want to make this move until we knew where we were going with the pandemic. You know, open up, I'll come back to work here, will we be needing a district office was, you know, my thought. So I didn't want to commit to that until I knew what was happening with the...with COVID basically, and for us to react accordingly to what's truly happening in the community as time marches forward. So at this time then, you're saying the only way that my office would be able to have a district office is to include it in this budget?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you want to have that consideration moving forward in FY'22 between July and next June, then yes, because the...what is being allocated is for these specific districts, and not the Upcountry District. And if you want that consideration in FY'22, then you'll have to allocate funding for that in...in this Budget Session now.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So can I do that then? I mean, I didn't really expect us to not include district office completely, and I do want to really give my...my district the opportunity to voice, you know, what they want. So I've heard varied comments back. So could I then amend this to add back on what Kelly King had called me about? And this was my response to her.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So I guess there would need to be a motion for reconsideration. Yeah. Yeah. I mean, I guess we can do that process if you want to make a motion for reconsideration, and if the Members vote to reconsider that last vote

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that we took. This was, you know, part of Member King's top ten, and what she submitted by the deadline of last week Friday...Thursday at noon on April 14th...15th.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Appreciate that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But I...I anticipate all the Members needing some flexibility as we move through, so if this is the flexibility that Members want to take now, then I will give the Members that opportunity too. So you'll need to make a motion for reconsideration.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So I'd like to make a motion to reconsider and to add to this the Upcountry district office if the other Members would allow.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion from Member Sugimura, second from Member Molina. Okay. Discussion on the motion for reconsideration?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. I mean, I think...I think I've said what I said, and I...and I...I honestly believe that things will evolve and we'll see where it goes. But I...if...I don't want to exclude Upcountry, and I will continue to have my discussion with them and see where the discussion goes, but I would like to have then the fair share of whatever the district pot would be as the other add-ons are for South Maui and the...and Mr. Molina's district equally so that we could include the Upcountry District. Thank you, Members.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. You know, this was...you know originally when I proposed it, I was trying to cover all districts, and then I think you've opposed it, Member Sugimura, and it was actually reallocated as a district priority funding. So that...just...I...I kind of hesitate to add on monies that I may have to find funding for if you're not sure. So you know, my thought is maybe have those discussions with your community and then, you know, we can see if we can put it in or maybe make a budget amendment if there's funds available, you know, if we end up not using that...the...the pot of money for special elections or something. But you know, I...I very specifically was told that this is now a district priority.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Anyone wishing to speak for the first time? Member Sinenci, followed by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Yeah, my question would be so since it's district funding, would this kind of...by adding Kula would...would it now become a Countywide priority, and then is that going to affect Member King's priority proposals...Countywide proposals?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. So as Member King stated, the

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process was to keep it open. And so when she had first proposed it in the original matrix that we used to review, it was for Countywide and there wasn't any specific districts. But if specific districts are named and not all nine districts are included, then it would be a district or a non-Countywide. And so that's the sacrifice that Member King made because there was opposition for it being Countywide.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, so...so should she include it, it would still be under a district priority?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Because the districts are named.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I'm, I guess, a Member that's caught between two community plan districts, and while I appreciate the sentiment of Member Sugimura to propose this at this time, I know she had brought it to our attention earlier. And just to follow your procedures, Madam Chair, I think we all had to, you know, respect your deadline, and I would have hoped that Member Sugimura had heard from her community definitively as to whether they want this or not. Apparently there's still some question. I can respect that on one hand, but at the same time, we've got a process we need to follow. But certainly, the door is not closed to having a district office that would include Makawao, Kula, Pukalani at a later point. Maybe...this would be a chance for Member Sugimura to evaluate how these district offices would operate in our respective communities for South Maui and the North Shore area. And at that point, that might influence her own community members to say hey, maybe we want this one too. So you know, it's your call, Madam Chair, in terms of procedure, but I'm...for myself, I'm trying to follow your...your directives and instructions, meet the deadlines. Because now if we kind of deviate from that, then it's open season for all of us to ask for reconsideration. So my...my feeling, I just want to continue the flow as to how we're going with your process, your procedure. And no disrespect to Member Sugimura's now reconsidering having this district office and waiting to hear from her community, but I think there's been ample time for them to give their thoughts on this. But...but it's...certainly the door is not closed to this. So this might be...if you can look at it from another way, assess to see how a district office in the North Shore and South Maui is working, and that'll give a clearer picture for her constituents in her community plan district to assess it, and then give the green light or the red light, what have you. So those are my thoughts, Madam Chair. Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I...I kind of echo Member Molina's statement, and that even...so we are allotting nine months funding, I think that's ambitious personally because although we discussed this in the first fiscal year, we in West Maui were not able to get everything to come together until about a year and a half in. And so that would be my caveat is like, you know, say Member Sugimura continues this dialogue with their community,

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and at the point they decide they do want it, if they do want it, and she starts doing the research to open it up, and who to hire, and whatnot, I think that it may be right in line with next year's budget cycle anyway from my personal experience. But you know, it's...it's a tough call now in trying to find...follow the process and the procedures. You know, if it was at the time when everyone else went it would be no-brainer obviously, but now we're kind of messing with Member King's priorities and district, Countywide, and...and like that. So I'm not sure if she had calculated her cuts and what she expected to get to fund all of her priorities or what. So those are some of my concerns. But same as Member Molina, I definitely wouldn't close the door on Kula, Upcountry, Makawao ever having a district office, it just, you know, with the process and procedure how it comes online.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Anyone else speaking for the first time? Okay. Member Sugimura, followed by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So I hear you and I truly believe that if...you know, I...I don't want to close the door, and I feel like the door is being closed, and I did want to have this opportunity available should there be a need to. And I...I don't see it as taking away from Member King as she proposed this in her district priorities. And I mean, I will gladly take on the expense through...you know, through the process as we're going through this item by item. I don't see it as being, you know, something that was...is completely out...out...unavailable, I guess, as we...as we graciously made a change for Member Kama. That I think as we go along, you know, we may come across this same kind of situation. As...and as part of your Council, not really realizing that this is it, I would like to beg that you consider putting the Upcountry District in it and then walk...you know, walk further along the way. But it's up to you guys if you want to close that door. I...I understand.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Molina, followed by Chair Lee. Oh, actually, Member...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you mind if I call on Chair Lee because she has to...oh.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, no, go ahead. I yield the floor, Madam Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. I don't see why we can't just proceed with Member King's proposal, and deal with Member Sugimura's one separately.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...I don't understand what you mean by separately.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I...I think Member Sugimura wanted to be included --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Because we already...

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- in Member King's priority, which was established a while back. So rather than try and do that, just keep it separate, deal with it separately. That's all I'm saying.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that suggestion, Chair Lee. That wasn't Member Sugimura's priority proposal, so I...I'm not going to...I don't want to change the process and make it unfair for everyone else. So I'm going to stick with the process, and Member Sugimura had declined Member King's offer to be included in her priority proposal. As she stated, it was...it went from being a Countywide proposal to having to be a non-Countywide proposal because of that opposition to having the district being included. And so I...I think that is unfair to Member King. And I don't want to open the floodgates to any additional, you know, priority proposals because then we're not going to finish making decisions this week, I'm sure. So Member...Member Molina, followed by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you...thank you, Madam Chair. Just want to make a point about Makawao. Makawao of late has not seemed to be as active a community association as, say for example, Ha'ikū Community Association or Kula. So I think I'm okay with waiting for Makawao until next Budget Session or whenever the appropriate time is. Because like we learned from Member Paltin watching...observing how it works out in West Maui, and I think myself, Member King, we got motivated, hey, this might work for our communities as well, and we heard from our communities. I'll...I'll say for my Ha'ikū and Pā'ia, I heard from citizens out there that told me hey, well how about considering a district office for us as well? So I...I got the directive from my constituents to support this proposal. So I think if...you know, we give it a little time, give Member Sugimura the time to hear more input from her community on this, as well as the citizens of Makawao, then certainly it's something we can consider down the road. So that's where I'm at as far as speaking for Makawao. And knock on wood, I'm not aware of any request out of Makawao to have a district office at this particular moment in time. And of course, probably maybe some hesitancy...like Member Sugimura said, there was...may have been some constituents like in her district that were apprehensive about the cost. So I think letting...giving Makawao a little time to assess this matter is...I think is fine, and then they can see how things are...would be working out for South Maui and the North Shore. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. This...this is a really interesting debate for me because I...I...I have feelings for Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura in that way that like we fight for our district, we fight for what people are asking for us, and so I...I support you in that, like you...if that's what your constituents are saying to you. But on the other side, I hear where it's not fully vetted and maybe you want to do a little more digging. So I know it's...it's really tricky to try to balance that. So I...I...I kind of hear where you're coming from, Councilmember Sugimura, I'll support you on that. Mahalo, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Any other discussion? Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Just clarification on Member Molina's comment. So is he withdrawing the Ha'ikū-Makawao-Pā'ia or just the Makawao section? What he was saying?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina, clarification.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, the proposal for a district office would only include Ha'ikū and Pā'ia from my district. So I'm caught in...like I said earlier, I'm caught in between representing two community plan areas. Makawao is part of Member Sugimura's community plan district for Upcountry. So the proposal that Member King has made includes just Pā'ia and Ha'ikū from my district.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. Seeing no other hands, I'll...I'll make my last comments. So I...I won't be voting for the motion to reconsider because of echoing the comments that Members have stated, and wanting to fund shovel-ready projects. So I don't want to, you know, add more funding to this if it...if...this item if there's no certainty that there's going to be follow-through. With the two or four other districts that are named, there's commitment from the Councilmembers that they're going to follow through on expending the funds that we allocate. And so because there isn't...there's...there's still that limbo, and there's no solid commitment that if we're going to...if we're going to make this decision, then that funds will be expended, and we're going to move in that direction, then I...I don't support, you know, funding something that's not shovel ready. As Member Paltin stated, it took them a year and a half, perhaps it will take the other Members less time, perhaps it'll take more time. So I think for Member Sugimura, that if this is something that her district decides they do want, then she can start doing that work of identifying a location for a district office because that's the part that takes the longest. And once she identifies that location and then finding someone to staff that location won't take as long. And so for that reason, I think, you know, there's...there's...there's nothing stopping Member Sugimura from doing that work. And then as other Members pointed out, if there's extra funds, we can open up the funds for that location if a location is identified in FY'22. And...yeah. So for that reason, I'll be voting against the motion. Okay. Any other discussion? I think everyone had an opportunity to speak at least once, so I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion for reconsideration on the vote, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see three "ayes," Member Sugimura, Member Johnson, Chair Lee. Those...those in opposition, please raise your hand and say "no." No. Okay. I see Member King, Member Sinenci, Member Paltin, Member Molina, and myself. Motion fails.

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VOTE:	AYES:	Councilmembers Johnson, Lee, and Sugimura.
	NOES:	Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers King, Molina, and Sinenci.
	ABSTAIN:	None.
	ABSENT:	None.
	EXC.:	Councilmember Kama.

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. And then...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. So the last item--and I see that it's 12:35 so I'll just make this as quick as I can. It's a proposal from myself, an increase in A Account, 53,000 plus fringe, that would be under Finance, and it's for a Communications position in OCS. Is there any consideration for this priority proposal? Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Chair Lee, second by Member King. Mahalo for the opportunity to discuss. This was one of my alternates, and so this was in response to the Councilmembers wanting to take advantage of OpenGov and having that storyboard function, having someone be able to do that work on putting those storyboards together on our...on our OpenGov portal to help inform the community and provide that transparency on how taxpayer dollars are being spent through this tool, and through other tools such as helping, you know, with our...Council's three minutes, with social media, and really increasing our communications effort to, you know, educate the community on what the Council is doing. Such like the Mayor having their...you know, the Administration has communications department, that we...we could have one communications person in OCS to help us with all of our communication needs. So that's the proposal. Any other discussion? Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I...I support any kind of communication and outreach to our communities, it's really important. I like the idea. I often say we control the conversation by talking about...by grabbing the bull by the horns and not being afraid to have the hard conversations. So this...this position will help us spread out our message and control the conversation, which I'm all for. So thank you. Mahalo.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Any other discussion? Seeing none. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," motion...one excused. Motion carries.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That is everything under OCS, Members. So...oh, oh, sorry. I lied. There are...there are three bills, and we can either take them up now, or we can, you know, take lunch and then we'll come back and take up the three. Okay. So I'm just going to let you know what the bills are so that we're prepared to discuss them when we return from our lunchbreak. A bill for an ordinance establishing a Deputy Director of Council Services and revising pay ranges for Council Service Staff. The second is appointing David M. Raatz, Jr. the Deputy Director of Council Services and setting the salary. And the third is amending Resolution 21-10 to authorize annual step increases for employees in the Office of Council Services. So those are the three...well, one...one bill and two resolutions that we'll take up after our lunchbreak. Okay. Members, you want to go...have our lunchbreak until 2:00, or at 1:45? 2:00? Okay. All right. Okay. So we'll return at 2:00, and when we return we'll...we'll take up the...the last three items under OCS. Okay. It's 12:39 on April 19th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. . . .(gavel).
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RECESS: 12:39 p.m.
RECONVENE: 2:04 p.m.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I see her now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see her screen. Okay. Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It is 2:04 on April 19th. And we are completing our review of the Department of Council Services. We have the three bills for our consideration. We'll take up the first bill, which is "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND REVISING PAY RANGES FOR COUNCIL SERVICES STAFF." Is there a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So move. So move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Chair Lee. Is there a second? Seconded by Member Johnson. Okay. Discussion? Chair Lee, did you want to discuss your motion? You don't have to.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I'm...I'm just supportive of this. This is actually a routine matter, but it does involve money, so we need to, you know, talk about it a little further.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Johnson, as the seconder, and then Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I support...I support this 100 percent. I know times are rough, but this is...I agree with Chair Lee that this procedural, so I...I support them. Mahalo.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Just wanted to find out what...what is the extra expense total?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Milner, do you have that number handy? I'm trying to dig it up right now.

MS. MILNER: I don't have it at hand, but I'll pull it for you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. While we're waiting for that information, I'll ask if anyone else has questions or comments on the motion. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And then, Chair, just to be specific, I just wanted to know what the increase, the overall increase is, not everybody's salaries, but how much more are we...we needing to raise to cover that extra . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, we're going to have to stretch in a little while.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I agree. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: To help clarify the question, on page 111, it says \$254,514 is the change amount, the 5 percent .3 increase. Does that help you, Councilmember King?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Are you saying that it's already in the budget?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Chair, under salaries and wages, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Well, then the...my...the answer to my question is zero, we're not going to have to add any money to cover this. That's all I was asking about, so...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Yeah, no.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Any other questions? If not, I'll call for the question. Okay. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." Okay, eight "ayes," zero "noes." Motion carries.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending **FIRST READING** of bill by C.R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The next item is...is a resolution "APPOINTING DAVID M. RAATZ, JR., THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND SETTING THE SALARY."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Chair Lee, seconded by Member King. Discussion? Seeing none. I'll call...oh, Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think all of us would agree that David really goes beyond the call when it comes to our office. And he is a very selfless person, and I know that he's deserving of every single penny, and definitely the promotion. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I concur, and it looks everyone else does too. So I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously – eight "ayes," one excused.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending **ADOPTION** of resolution by C.R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then the last resolution is “AMENDING RESOLUTION 21-10 TO AUTHORIZE ANNUAL STEP INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES.” Is there a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Chair Lee, seconded by Member King. Okay. And then I'll add quickly to this item, because before we went on lunch, we added a communications position, that this resolution will need to include that new communications position that we approved, and so we...we can do that on the last day. We'll just be adding that one position to the step increases. Okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So when this item came up before us as a body, I did ask about having pay increases for our Staff every year, and it was mentioned that it's to keep in line with the civil service positions. So I double checked with Personnel when they came before us, and it was shared that civil service employees do not get pay raises every year. So at this time, just to be fair with...with what's happening with the rest of the County and our economic condition, I'm going to be voting against this. Not that I don't appreciate what the Staff does, but I think in terms of fairness, so I'm going to vote against this particular motion. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Any other questions, comments on this item? Member King, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Question, Chair. So this applies to all employees, including the district office Staff...Staff members?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No district offices.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so...

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Are they considered part of OCS Staff?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I...for district offices, we...we set those.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I'm just asking. I was just curious.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So their...that's a separate --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- that's a separate process for those salaries. Is that what you're saying? Because we have--one, two, three--four district offices right now that has Staff.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah. Those are set by the Councilmember of that district.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, I thought they were all --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then we...and then --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- the same.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- they're proposed by the Councilmember of the district, and then it's approved by the Council. And then we made them all the same during the last Budget Session. So --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- it's all the same.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. It's just not part of the step process?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There is a step process for it, but it...it does...there's no like automatic raise --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- if that's what you're asking.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I was just asking if that was included because now we have...we have originally four, now we have...we'll be having six. Just checking.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I may have misspoke. Step increases are annual for all OCS and district office Staff.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So it does...it does include...okay. All right. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it does include district Staff. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I just wanted to clarify if this is just for this year, or is it we're committing future Councils to give annual step increases?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Salaries are set by the Councils, so we set the salaries.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So it's just for this year, this step increase?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, they're set annually in the budget.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. So I guess from my time as civil service, we got step increases like mostly every three years. So we're just voting now for them to get a step increase in this budget, and then next year, if they were going to get a step increase, we'd have to vote again. It's just said...it's just called annual step increases, but it's not committing us to give them a step increase annually because we set the budget annually, correct?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Yeah. And --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Got it, got it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- I guess part of the difference is civil service gets across the board and lump-sum increases that our...our appointed OCS Staff doesn't get.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. But like Member Sugimura said, they don't always get that, like we got shafted sometimes, and...but this year they got it, so it makes sense to be fair across the board. Got it. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And our employees, unfortunately they have no guarantee that they're going to be reappointed, so it's year by year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. No...no real job security, or not the same kind of job security. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair, yeah, I speak in support of the motion. I think this year's been unprecedented with all of us going home and...and moving to virtual, and so I believe the Staff have gone beyond just your regular call of duty and kind of extended their help into our living rooms as well. So I'm supportive, Chair. And for their specific expertise, experience that they've gained, we want to...I want to retain that. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. To further differ...add to the differentiation that was made by Chair Lee with regards to status of our employees versus civil service, again, no union protection. They can be either at-will employees, they can be terminated tomorrow, and they have to work for three...excuse me, nine very demanding individuals. There's a lot of...yeah, I guess I'll speak for myself, but there's a lot of responsibilities added, meeting deadlines, they don't meet those deadlines, you're gone, and you know, it...it's happened before, some Council Services employees in the past, I guess, for whatever reasons were summarily not retained. So that's the...I guess the tradeoff if you want to look at it that way. But you know, all of our employees work hard, but they...whether it be from administration...administrative support, secretaries, or the analysts, they are in a very demanding position. So certainly, I can support this proposal. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Any other discussion? Seeing none. I'll call for the question and this is an...just an informal vote, and then we'll add the language for that new position on the last day to give Staff some time to do it. Okay. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I see one no, Member Sugimura. Motion passes, seven "ayes," one "no," Member Sugimura, one excused.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, and Sinenci.**

NOES: **Councilmember Sugimura.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending **ADOPTION** of resolution by C.R.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. So those were the three pieces of legislation under Office of Council Services. Do we have consensus on the rest of the budget as amended for OCS?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good job, Members.

DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Legal Services Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. The next department is Department of Corporation Counsel. Okay. So we have one program under this Department. It's the Legal Services Program. Are there any proposals under the Legal Services Program? Any proposals for reductions? Seeing no proposals, I'll ask for consensus. Okay. Sounds good...or looks good. There aren't any CIPs, or Rates and Fees. There weren't any Members' priorities, or grant revenue, or special purpose revenue, or any legislation. All right. Good job, Members.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Emergency Management Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We are on the Department of Emergency Management Agency. All right. There's one program under the Department, it's the Emergency Management Program. Are there any proposals for reductions for Emergency Management? Okay. I'm seeing no hands. So I will ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Looks good. Okay. Good. There aren't any CIPs, or Rates and Fees, no priority proposals. There's two Grant Revenue. And there aren't any amendments to the Grant Revenue, Special Purpose Revenue, and there are no bills under this Department. Okay. All right.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Administration Program – General Fund

Wastewater Administration Program – Sewer Fund

Wastewater Operations Program – Sewer Fund

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Solid Waste Administration Program – Solid Waste Fund
Solid Waste Operations Program – Solid Waste Fund
Environmental Protection and Sustainability Program – EP&S Fund

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The next is...the next...and one that we have...okay. Department of Environmental Management. There are six programs under this Department, and there are four different funds. So there's General Fund, Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and EP&S. From the...we'll start with the Administration Program, which is funded by General Fund. Are there any proposals for the Administration Program? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So I had \$3.5 million for the Central Maui Wastewater System. Is this where I would talk about it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, what is your \$3.5 million, what is it? You...you want to reduce it? Oh, you're muted.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm just wondering at what point do I introduce the 3.5 million, which was one of my priorities for this Department, Environmental Management.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So we...we're on reductions right now.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Mine is not a reduction. Thank you. Oh, here it is.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. We're on the Administration Program under the Department of Environmental Management, DEM. For the Administration Program, are there any proposals in reductions? Okay. All right. If there aren't any, I will ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. We'll go the next program, and that is Wastewater Administration Program, and that's funded by the Sewer Fund. Any proposals there? I'm not seeing any hands so I'm going to ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus. Wait.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Ms. Sugimura, what program are you waiting for?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Mine is not...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, no, we're...we're doing reductions right now. And Member Sugimura --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, mine is not...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, reductions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- she's talking about her priority and we're not --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- doing the priority until...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, I see, I see, I see. Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay. We're working on reductions. The next is Wastewater Operations Program, and that's also funded by Sewer Fund. Are there any proposals there? Okay. I will ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. The fourth program is the Solid Waste Administration's Program under Solid Waste Fund. Any proposals? Seeing no hands, I will ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Solid...Solid Waste Operations Program under the Solid Waste Fund. Okay. Consensus, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And Environmental Protection and Sustainability Program, EP&S Fund. Seeing no hands. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. All right. Okay. All right. Okay. So now we'll go to CIPs. Are there any proposed amendments to CIPs? Member Sinenci, followed by Member Sugimura, and this is for reductions.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No reductions, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. All right. I don't see any hands for reductions. Okay. I'll ask for consensus, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: On the CIPs? Yeah, consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And there are Rates and Fees, and there were amendments to those rates and fees. Were there any proposed amendments to the rates and fees that we received? Okay. Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. The next part is departmental requests. We got one request to amend the Interim Fee Schedule for truckloads of uncontaminated green waste, and that's in Appendix B, page 8 and 9, and it would...who was it? I think the Department explained the categories, what the numbers were when they were before us, and so it would be Category I to increase to \$35, Category II to 57, Category III to 85, Category IV to 93, Category V to 150, Category VI had four parts to it and that is one, increase to 221; two, increase to 335; and three, increase to 385; and four, increase to 178. Okay. Is there a motion to make these amendments to the Interim Fee Schedule for truckloads of uncontaminated green waste as was requested by the Department?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So move.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Sugimura, seconded by Chair Lee. Okay. Any discussion on the motion? Okay. Let's see, I see Member King, followed by Member Molina.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: So just my question is what do they consider interim? Is that until the new landfill section opens up and we can start taking green waste there? Do we know?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So...mahalo, Member King. So when we had them before us, we...we had this discussion. So I...I cannot answer your question.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I don't remember having them discussing different fees for interim. I remember them discussing...because I asked the question on what they considered uncontaminated versus contaminated, and basically just said everything that's not contaminated...that's not uncontaminated would just go in with other...other waste material. But I don't remember them talking about raising these fees just for interim, so just wondering if you knew what interim...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Can we just ask the Budget Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so it says applicable at County landfills where there are no scales or when scales are inoperable, and I remember the Department talking about that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So it doesn't...it's not necessarily just until the new landfill section opens up, it's just whenever they're not operable?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So like Moloka'i, for example, the scale is not large enough to accommodate all.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So you would...you would pay these...these higher fees now? All right. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And it was just an oversight on...on their end to...to not make those amendments. So when they were before us, they explained what...Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, just more clarification. When the...the term truckload is used, this is applying just commercial, right, not to residents who may have a truckload of non, you know, contaminated vegetation, right? So just to clarify so anybody out there who may be watching who this is applying to, just commercial haulers then, yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's correct, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for making that clarification for the public watching. Okay. Any other questions? Okay. None. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So just a quick question, is...so that...since this was an oversight, but they needed these increases to balance their budget? I mean, they had already put it into their budget?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Or was this...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I...I said they...they just didn't make it on the...the paper that they gave us --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- the document. Yeah. So...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Shucks, no extra funding there then.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, yeah, no extra funding.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Just checking.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This would go to Solid Waste Fund anyway, and I don't think there were any Solid Waste proposals. Okay. Okay. Any other discussion on the motion? If not, I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused.

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VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

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Members' Priority Proposals

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Now we are on Members' priorities. And the first priority is Member King, and if you are looking at your new matrix that was uploaded to Granicus, it's number 5 and it's...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What page?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: One.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, it's on your matrix. And it would...it would be on page 172 of your Program Budget if it was there, and it would be number 7 of your old matrix, but number 5 on your new matrix. Okay. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Well, I think this is the one...one of the ones we had consensus on when we were still doing consensus, so I didn't...I don't know, do you want me to go over it again, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The amount changed?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, the amount's the same, 150...150,000 for Kihei green waste and composting. That's the one you're talking about, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry. Yeah. So that one is the same?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That's exactly the same.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Consensus? We had consensus already.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, we had consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then the...the new one is CIPs, SRF 4 million for Wastewater, so where is that one? Number 7 on your new matrix, and that is the State Revolving Loan Fund for Mā'alaea to an offsite wastewater treatment facility. So we...we discussed this in...so, if you...yeah, if you...if you want to explain really quickly --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- what happened and then --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- you can make the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So originally I had proposed this to...and this is...or conditioned out of the State Revolving Fund, so basically we're asking...we'd be asking the State out of the State Revolving Fund, which is supposed to handle these kinds of wastewater issues, for the money to...to install...for the County to install the fuel pumps...fuel pump...the water pump station that would take the wastewater from Mā'alaea into the private wastewater treatment facility that's going to be built there with separate private money. And then they would be...the Mā'alaea folks would be...would pay their regular sewage fees after that. But originally, what...if you remember, Members, when we had Department of Environmental Management in front of us, they said that they could apply directly, the private entity, and I think I must have asked them three times are you sure, are you sure, because I...it didn't sound right to me. And then sure enough, I got an email a couple days ago from Director Eric Nakagawa saying oh, no, you can't use private...a private entity cannot apply for the State revolving funds, it has to be a public. So I...given that incorrect information, I pulled it off my list of priorities, but because there is no way for a private entity to apply directly for SRF funds, we do need to go through the County. So I was able to put it back on to my priority list. And this is not any...it won't come out of general funds, it's not any additional funding, it's taking...it's looking at the 150 million or so in Statewide revolving funds for wastewater issues. So I'll make the motion that we...we condition up to \$4 million for a wastewater conveyance system connecting Mā'alaea to an offsite wastewater treatment facility, and this is...well, I'll wait for a second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion from Member King, second by Member Paltin. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you, Member Paltin. So this would help us bypass the injection wells. There's I think about half a dozen or more injection wells at Mā'alaea that pump water directly into Mā'alaea Bay, which contributes to its status as an impaired body of water. And this would put the responsibility of paying for wastewater treatment on the residents because they'll be...they'll be hooked up to this modular sewage treatment facility. And hopefully there could be more...the modularity of it allows it to be added on to when necessary. It...it is...it's sort of like the power

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purchase agreement with solar, where they build it and then they just charge the user. So it's...it's called a WEPA, which is water environmental purchase agreement, I guess. It's W-E-P-A is what they're calling it. And then this would also allow all the Mā'alaea folks to get off the septic system they're on, which is still a grade better than cesspools, but still gets pumped into the ocean. Mahi Pono has donated...agreed to donate 10 million...ten acres for this project, for the wastewater treatment facility and the pump station.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Members...okay. I see Chair Lee, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What was the amount again and the source for funding?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: 4 million coming out of the State Revolving Fund. So this would go on a list of...of our proposals for the State revolving low-interest loan fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then I can call on Budget Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: I'm sorry, Chair. Could you repeat the question again? Sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Mahalo, Budget Director. So the question is for the State Revolving Loan Fund, for this project, we're...we're looking to earmark \$4 million for this Mā'alaea project. And the question is as far as the amount that the State generally (*audio interference*) for...for State Revolving Loan Fund for the County to apply for.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This...this would compete with what was proposed from the Department.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So what...what was proposed from the Department was the maximum amount that we could get for this year. That was what was available to us. So adding on another project would depend upon whether the State has additional monies, or it would mean that we would have to let go one of our projects that we had proposed earlier. Now if this project, to my understanding, could not go to SRF on their own and it would have to come through the County, but we don't do a passthrough. So in order for us...if...in order for this to qualify for State revolving funds, they would have...we would have to be in control of the project, we would have to have the infrastructure, we would have to have the...the land, right? So everything would have to be...it would have to be a total County project, and that...that would again be based on the...whether or not SRF has additional funds also.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So can I...can I follow up on that, Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: So are you saying that we would have to own the wastewater treatment facility, or just the portion that we're talking...we're just talking about the conveyance to the wastewater treatment. And this is what I had asked...I had actually, a couple years ago, met with Sina Pruder at that SRF Fund about doing this for the Atherton wastewater treatment facility. And she said as long as the County owns and gets the SRF loan for the first section of it, it could hook up to a private facility, and it would still be SRF eligible.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, thank you. Councilmember King, to my knowledge, I think we have to own it. I can check with the...the Department. It's similar to even doing a bond projects, we...it has to be a County project, County owned, in order for us to do a bond project. So and I think SRF was the same way, but I can confirm with Director Nakagawa and...and get back to you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, that...but that's what I'm saying is that the...the pump station would be County owned. It doesn't...it can hook up to a private...a wastewater treatment facility. That's what Sina Pruder confirmed for me, that it can hook up to a private system as long as the portion that is covered by SRF is County owned.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. Chair, yeah, I'll follow up with Director Nakagawa and get back to you. I don't know enough about it to definitively answer the question, so I will get a response for you. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. And then Members, if you go to your Program Budget to page 629, you can easily see which items are the items that are allocated or budgeted for the State Revolving Loan Fund. And so it's the Kihei No. 7 Force Main Replacement, Kihei No. 6 Force Main Replacement, Kihei No. 8 Force Main Replacement, Kihei Wastewater Pump Station No. 4 Modification Upgrade, Kihei Wastewater Pump Station 5 Modification...Force Main, Kihei Wastewater Pump Station 8, Kaunakakai Effluent Force Main Replacement, Waiko Road Subdivision Sewer System, Wailuku-Kahului Recycled Water Force Main, Hoo Hui Ana Wastewater Pump Station Modifications, Wailuku-Kahului Recycled Water Pump Station, West Maui Recycled Water System Expansion, Lāhainā No. 3 Force Main Replacement, and Lāhainā Wastewater Pump Station No. 5. So those are all the items I...Budget Director said that would max out the amount that the...that Maui County can apply for in State revolving loan funds. And so if...if we want to put the 4 million for this project, that we would need to figure out something else with the items that have been set for receiving State revolving loan funds. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Is it possible to put this on a list after those items that are already funded in case there is more money to be had by the State Revolving Fund? Director Yoshimura . . . *(inaudible)*. . . a comment on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So I was trying to get information from Director Nakagawa. So first of all, the SRF application period is December through February, so it's already closed for Fiscal Year '22. So the projects that you see that's been proposed in the Fiscal Year '22 Budget are approved and are guaranteed funding from the SRF process. So to add on another project, this \$4 million project, would probably have to wait until the next period that opens which is in December and for funding for Fiscal Year '23.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So how do we get funding for that fiscal year if the...if the period to apply for it closes before we get to budget? It feels like we're in a Catch-22.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Well, I...I guess with the...for...from the Department side, they have a six-year capital plan, so they know what projects are coming up and how they need to get funded for the projects. So they will look at, since we're in Fiscal Year '22, what projects they want to move in Fiscal Year '23, and those are the projects that they'll put the applications in for. So they...Wastewater does a very good job on maintaining their six-year capital plan, and that's how they will proceed on getting the necessary funding that they need.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So the...so we would need to work with the Department is what you're saying, ahead of time?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. And have the Department know that this project is a priority for...for your area, and have that discussion. I don't know if it would be in the IT Committee, and it's something that we can look for in Fiscal Year '23.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yeah, no, I think he knows it's a priority because he did tell me that he was working with them with on the grant, but that's, I guess, when he thought it could be a grant or could be applied for from the private entity. So I will have to let the folks in Mā'alaea know that...I think they know that they can't apply directly, they cannot apply, but they're going to have to look for other funding then because I don't think that that area can wait too much longer since their septic system...some of those septic systems for those condos are really close to...to falling apart. But I understand if there's...there was a deadline. So the deadline was in February, you said, for applying?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. It was February 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. All right. I guess that kind of takes it off the list then, Chair, but thank you for the opportunity to propose it. I was not aware of that deadline. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. I think the...those at Mā'alaea Village know you're trying really your best to help them. Okay. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thanks. I hate to backtrack, but I just was wondering...and I still support the 150,000, but I just was wondering if that comes out of the EP&S, how do we balance that fund out?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, what are you talking about?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sorry, the previous priority proposal that we had consensus on that it's \$150,000 --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- out of EP&S...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Hold...hold...hold that, hold that thought. Let's dispose of this motion on the floor, and then I'll call on you. Okay. All right. So hearing the information that we did that this item cannot be added to the consideration for State Revolving Loan Fund because there's a deadline in February, and we'll...we'll work toward that for next budget, we're going to withdraw the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Withdraw the motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Okay. Member King withdrew her motion, Member Paltin withdrew her second, and we'll withdraw the proposal itself. Okay. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. So backtracking to the 150,000 of EP&S. I still support it, but I just was wondering if they presented us a balanced budget, and now we're saying 150,000, where are we going to get the money from, from the EP&S?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King, if you have that worked out now, if not, we can, you know, figure that out at the...Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I...I...I figured it would be like other things that are added that we would figure it out along the way as we make those cuts, you know, we apply them to our priorities. It's part of the General Fund. It comes out of the General Fund, so it's not like an enterprise fund.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. Is that...I thought it was...the EP&S Fund was its own one, no?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. So yeah, EP&S is its own fund. It has sources of revenue, but it also is not a self-sufficient fund, it does rely upon the General Fund for a subsidy. And

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just a word of caution that when doing this type of appropriations, we need to make sure that the...and the agency or the organization has the proper permits before we release any types of grants for the funding. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that word of caution, Budget Director. Member King, do you...are you aware that it's shovel ready for this fiscal year?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah. As I explained, it actually has been operating, but it's been struggling, so the...the purpose here is to keep what we have already going instead of having to start with somebody new.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And I guess this question is for the Budget Director. In addition to the permits and things that they have to run right now, do they need to also like be registered with that Hawai'i Compliance Express thing, or can we just...if they have the permits in to operate, that's good enough?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Councilmember Paltin, yes, they do have to be in compliance with the grant...they need a grant application and the grant requirements. The insurance and being a vendor...being vendor compliant is part of it, yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And...and they are vendor compliant, Member King, like with Hawai'i Compliance Express?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah...well, they...you know, I had actually talked to Tamara Farnsworth about this project before bringing it to the Council, and she had tried to fund them a while ago and they weren't compliant, so now they are now. So she was actually excited that they...she could actually fund them now. They had a partner that...you know, I don't want to get into why but, you know, now that partner is not there anymore, just put it that way.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Yeah, main thing they're compliant then we're good then.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Okay. So the next priority proposal is from Member Molina. It's conditional language, Highway Beautification and Disposal of Abandoned or Derelict Vehicles Revolving Fund. Member Molina, your motion?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you very much. Move to proviso the 50,000 for abandoned vehicle, I guess that was my proposal. I'd like a second--

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- if possible.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina with the motion, second by Member Paltin.
Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I'm...I'm not going to rehash my whole spiel for it but, you know, out in the Hamakualoa area, Peahi, you know, there's been a lot of cleanups, and it's been very beneficial for the community. And I believe the Department did...gave us a more accurate figure. The initial proposal I had was for 100,000, but I've since reduced the proposal to 50,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Anyone else wishing to discuss the motion? Okay. If not, I will call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say (*audio interference*) Okay. All right. I...Member Paltin? Okay. All right. I'll just call for noes. Noes? Okay, okay. Just making sure. All right. Seven "ayes," two excused, Member King and Pro Tem Kama.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers Kama and King.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay. Member Sugimura, you ready? You're up.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So this is Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, to add 3.5 million to be used for the Central Maui Regional Wastewater Recycling. This is a Waikapu project, and CBS-3206 is the CIP project, and it's to match the 3.5 million of our money with State funds. I was notified that in the State budget they're putting in 3.5 million for this match, and it's to relocate the current Central Maui Wastewater Facility away from the coastal area, and necessary for future housing developments in the Kahului-Wailuku-Waikapu area. So that's what this is. So my motion is to approve the 3.5 million to be used for the Central Maui

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Wastewater project, and it's being taken from section II. Special Purpose Revolving Fund, subsection "O." which has about I think 10 million...10.4 million in it. So this is basically not an added cost, but it's to utilize an existing fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Member Sugimura. Is that second, Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, sorry, that was for something else. I was going to ask a question unrelated to this. But no, go ahead with the...I'll second it for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. All right. Motion by Member Sugimura, second by Member Molina. Member Sugimura, can you tell us where this is coming up from again?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: This is from the Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve Fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did everyone find it? Okay. I'm still looking for it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Page 40 in the...page 40 in the Budget...I'm sorry, page 49 in the Budget bill, right?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Is it in the Budget books?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Budget bill, 631 in the Program Budget. So in the Budget document on page 49, at the very top, "O." Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, Section 9-14, Revised Chapter of the County of Maui, 1983, as amended. There's \$10,477,482 in it right now, so this would take off 3...3.5 million from it as a...as a condition.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So there's...on page 49, letter O, under Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, so this is a revolving fund, and from that fund, Member Sugimura is proposing to condition 3.5 million.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Everyone . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Member Sugimura, you conferred with DEM?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And they are asking for this? I mean, I mean --

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes. This is...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- at...at what stage...do they have plans ready or what --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So this is...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- what is this?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You can ask the...Michele if she would like to also comment, but this is matching funds, so a total of 7 million is what the Department needs to move forward. I understand by talking to the Department that January next...of next year, they'll be ready to utilize approximately 7 million for the planning, design, construction, move, you know, move...to move forward the planning and design.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Okay. So may we have more information from the Budget Director? Michele?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: *(audio interference)* Chair Lee. Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. Chair Lee, okay, I'll try to attempt this one. So this project is currently...right now we're doing the preliminary engineering report, and we should be getting that back and hopefully starting to do the actual planning/design in December or early January. The State...the Department has estimated costs of about \$7 million for that portion of the project. The State has put in \$3.5 million into the budget, asking the County to do a match of the 3.7...\$3.5 million. So that's where Councilmember Sugimura got her number from. So it will be utilized probably in the third quarter of Fiscal Year '22. So...and then again, if the State's funding falls through, then we would either have to do a budget amendment to ask for the whole thing or delay the project. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee. Budget Director, and then Member Paltin.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Huh?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that CBS-1169? Oh. Either Budget Director or Member Sugimura, CBS, is that...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm sorry, could you ask me your question again?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is that CBS-1169?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: This is CBS-3206, Central Maui Regional --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Got it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- Wastewater Recycling Facility, Waikapu, and of which there is other funding coming, which I think that's the State of Hawai'i for 25 million. And so that's...anyway. For...but for this...this budget year, they're putting in 3.5 million into their budget, and ours is a matching.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. So Budget Director Yoshimura, on...so for CBS-3206 in the breakdown it would say General Bond zero, State fund 3.5 million, and then this is going to be the Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve 3.5 million? Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, that's correct, for Fiscal Year '22.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other questions, Members? Oh, Member Paltin had a question.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I don't have a question, I'm in support. You know, I always had anxiety about that Kanahā Sewage Treatment Plant and that we need to move it out of there sooner than later, so I'm stoked. Thank you very much, Member Sugimura, for working on this and solving all our problems. Go team.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Anyone else wishing to speak for the first time? Okay. Members...oh, Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah, I too agree with Councilmember Paltin and Councilmember Sugimura. I support this. I love the idea of infrastructure for affordable housing, so this is right up my alley. Mahalo.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't hear you call me. So I just wanted to add, based upon what Kelly's conservation was with the \$4 million, I'm hoping that Mā'alaea can tie into this Central Maui Wastewater System as...as far as the big picture goes. But thank you, Members. I think this is so badly needed.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? Mā'alaea. Okay. All right. If not, I will call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say *(audio interference)*

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused. Okay. Member Johnson, I got your vote. . . .*(laughing)*. . .

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You know, I...I'm sorry I had to step away, but I just took a call from Sina Pruder, and I'd like to try to make another plea for the Mā'alaea Sewage Conveyance funding at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. Perhaps you can explain what has changed.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: She's actually calling to encourage adding this to the SRF Fund request, and she said there's...it's not too late, it could still be added to the...it could...they could still amend the intended use plan. I asked her if it would be possible to add on to what Maui County already has since we seem to have maxed out, and she said yes, it's possible. It has to go for a public hearing after they have the SRF list for funding. But she's been involved in this project, in this, you know, the issues with Mā'alaea for a long time, so she just called directly to let me know that there is still an opportunity. And I would like to either go ahead and add this, or put this as a revisit and I could try to get in writing from her what she just told me over the phone.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I think maybe we ought to revisit this because there was the issue of the...of the deadline that's passed, and there's an issue of whether or not a

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private entity, you know, can access this --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: She...yeah, she just confirmed that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- or not.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, she just confirmed that you can.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Who's...who's she?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Sina Pruder.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And what is...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: She...she runs the State SRF Fund. She was the one that just called me, that's why I had to step away. But she confirmed that as long as the County owns the transference, the sewage conveyance system, which is the collection system, it can hook up to a private entity and it could still qualify for SRF funds. And I asked her about the December deadline, she goes, don't worry about that, we can still...we can still amend the intended use plan, and we can add on to what Maui County has already been...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Why don't we revisit this and in the meantime, get that...whatever she said in writing so --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Exactly, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- we have something to, yeah, work on.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I'm happy to do that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Great.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: You know what, Madam Chair, Chair Lee asked the question that I was going to ask, if...basically if we could get that memorialized in writing for the record. So that's it, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. So when we get to the last day, we'll make a motion to reconsider DEM for this item. And then Members that want to take a vote to reconsider DEM's budget for the purpose of adding this \$4 million project, if that's something that Members would want to do, we can do that at the end. I'm not marking revisits, so we'll...we'll use that process to go back if there are things that Members want to go back for. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. And then Member Sinenci has a priority proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, we had a proposal for CIP funding under the Environmental Management, Capital Improvement for the Hāna Landfill maintenance structure and mowing equipment, and this was my wild card. It's for 200,000...excuse me, 207,000; 200,000 for the covered maintenance bay at Hāna Landfill, and 7,000 for a replacement mower. So I'm not sure, Chair, because I mean, we were looking into possibly getting CIP funding for the structure, that's one avenue.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: This was the...my alternative for conditions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah. What did you say...what as your last sentence about the structure?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: If this...if this could be CIP funding. I mean, like...like bond funding under the CIP project.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This is for cover, what...what kind of cover?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, so this is the...and we had a conversation with Solid Waste in one of my EACP meetings where we've got all these heavy equipment that...loaders and bulldozers that are just out in the...in the...in the environment, so we're looking to...for a maintenance bay, a covered maintenance bay for the heavy equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: What number?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, it looks like it wasn't included in...I don't see it in...in...in the recent matrix, but it's in...it was our priorities for our wild card item.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sinenci, so your wild card is for conditional...a conditional proposal on existing funding, and you're proposing new funding for this item under Bond Funds. Bond Funds have very specific requirements. I'm not sure if it qualifies for Bond Funds, and I think requesting Bond Funds is not...is increasing the...it's not like existing funds. It would be increasing fund, so that's why it wasn't included in the matrix because it wasn't --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- following the process.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. So I would have to look for pockets of money for this one? Okay. Yeah, if we can just revisit this one in the meantime.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So I'm not marking things as revisit. If you want to come back to something, then we'll need to ask for reconsideration to come back to this.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So a reconsideration means we would have to vote on it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. So yeah, if Members are privy to my wildcard, I move to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Not...not right now because you don't...you don't have the pot of money ready, right, that you would condition this out of. Do you have the...a pot of money or the...the existing funds?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Not yet.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So you would...you would need that first because this is a conditional proposal, and not a new funding proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. So if we can ask for a reconsideration.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, if it...if...at the end of the week, if you figured out what existing funds you would condition this out of, then...then we can consider this one.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Mahalo, Member Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I'm glad I never drink my can coffee yet.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, Members are doing a great job. We're actually ahead of schedule, and part of it is, you know, the public helping us by, you know, like we didn't have two hours of testimony, and I allocated two hours of time for public testimony this morning. So we're all working together. Okay. Okay.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Grant Revenue
Special Purpose Revenue

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Grant Revenue. Okay. So those were all the priorities. Did I miss anything? All right. Okay. The next part is Grant Revenue. There's an Electronics Program for 400,000; Glass Recovery Program for 120,000; and Recycling Program for 300,000. No amendments to those, yeah? Okay. Special Purpose Revenue...there's Naval Air Station Kahului Sewage Pump Station Fund, Highway Beautification and Disposal (*audio interference*) there are four items under that

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(audio interference) aside from the amendment we made with Member Molina. Okay. All right. And we made an amendment to the Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, that's the 10 million there. So 3.5 million will be reserved for the Waikapu project, and then "Y." Disposal of Vehicle fee Fund, there's two items under there. Any amendments to that fund? Okay. Okay. And then there's just one bill under this Department, and that is the State Revolving Loan Fund bill. Did I miss something? Oh, there it is. Okay. Okay. Okay. Okay. Members, if there aren't any other questions on Department of Environmental Management, then I'll ask for consensus as amended.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: We're going to come back later and change it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right, Members. Okay. We are so ahead of schedule, we can take up another department that I had scheduled for Tuesday. Maybe two departments, and we'll be really ahead of schedule. Okay. But before we do that, we'll take our afternoon break and maybe come back for some exercises together. Okay. Yeah. I got some requests already.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: DJ Pajimola.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. No, no, just make sure it's going to be...she's going to be our DJ right? Okay. I'm all for it. Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: ...*(laughing)*... Okay. All right. Members, it's...we'll do...let's see, it's 3:17 so...3:30, yeah. So it's like 12, 13 minutes. We'll do 13 minutes. So we'll return at 3:30. It's 3:17 on April 19th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. ...*(gavel)*...

RECESS: 3:17 p.m.
RECONVENE: 3:39 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: ...*(gavel)*... Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It's 3:39 on April 19th. And before we get started on the next department, we have DJ Pajimola. Ready to spin it?

...*(Livin' La Vida Loca by Ricky Martin plays and Councilmembers do stretches)*...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. DJ Pajimola. And Member Paltin had the glasses to match our song. ...*(laughing)*...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Boy, the things --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: -- you make us do to get our priorities.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . . All right. Okay. We are now on Finance. And my...my intention with today, Members, since we don't know what tomorrow holds with public testimony, we could end up with five hours of testimony, we never know, I would like to keep going with the momentum that we have and try to get done as many departments as we can today, and then that way, you know, we'll...we'll remain ahead of schedule if there are no objections to that. Member Molina, objections?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, no...no objections, but when you say today, you practically mean more like tonight, yeah? Okay. 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, or...and so forth, yeah? I'm...yeah, let's push it as...as much as we can. I'm all in favor.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, Chair, I just wondered if...is there some reason that we don't recess, that we're adjourning every night instead of recessing to the next day?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so we've...you know, standard practice as we've been doing for the last two budget sessions is allow the public to testify every day, but we can look at an amended schedule for next budget session for us to recess every day of decisions week.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But that...that may...that could result in more testimony on the one day that testimony is allowed. So it could save us time, or it could end up, you know, creating all the testimony like the public hearing where it...we'll spend a lot of the day hearing public testimony and then, you know, recessing.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yeah, I just thought I'd bring it up because we used to do it that way, but that was back when, you know, Riki Hokama was Budget Chair and we had the...we had the budget meetings in each community, and I know we haven't done that in the last couple of time...budgets because of COVID. So I was assuming that's why we're doing that so we take extra public testimony every day. But anyway, I just thought I'd bring it up as a possibility if we get stuck, you know, to...in the last couple days if we're...if we're running behind at some point to recess so we can finish up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Mahalo, Member King. So we recess on the...on the last day, and then that way if we need to make corrections, then we can just reconvene the following week.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's what we've been doing, but if we would like to amend that part of our schedule, we can consider it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, up to you. I just wanted to bring up that possibility that, you know, if we get behind. It looks like we're ahead right now, so...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Any other questions? All right. Okay.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
Administration Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So well go to Finance. Okay. Under Finance, there are eight programs. We'll take up the Administration Program first. Any proposals...proposed reductions for Administration Program? Member Molina, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Madam Chair, just for clarification, I have three proposed cuts, one related to the Contractual Services on 6-36 on Budget Details; another for Motor Vehicles and Licensing Program, 6-46 Budget Details; and Special Revenue Fund, page 662. So just wondering...asking you when is the most appropriate time for these proposals. I know you mentioned administrative program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So the Administration Program...so those are in the RPT Program. So if you look on the...in your...in your Budget Details on the top left hand, it'll say Department, and it'll say Finance, and then it'll say Program underneath. And we're starting with the Administration Program, and so that starts on page 6-5. And so all those within the Administration Program, and it ends on page 6-9. So...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. I got nothing for that then. Thank you. For that section.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I have a couple items under that section. And before I make the motion, I'll list where it is so that everyone can get on the same page with me. So first one is page 6-5 of the Budget Details, Index Code 907014A, Finance, I move that we decrease the Land Management Administrator amount by \$40,000, the same as it was funded last year, and the reason would be...or do I stop there with the motion and wait for a second for the reason?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion by Member Paltin, second by Chair Lee.

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Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. So my reasoning would be is the position still needs to be described on a Statewide level, and we're not really any closer than we were last year at this time because the proposal had been rejected. And so I'm just bringing it down to where we were last year because we still need to describe the position, get consensus amongst all the counties, hand it off to the Personnel Director. So I think it's a little bit ambitious to put in a full year's funding when we're still got a ways to go here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Anyone else wishing to discuss...speak to the motion? Member Sinenci, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Just a clarification question. So is...is that position filled at this point? No? Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That was going to be my question. So this is not...so nobody's working in this position now?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: From when Director Teruya spoke to us, they had submitted like a position description to the State agency because there is no State civil service land management administration position, and that was rejected. And so they don't have a position description with minimum qualifications, job description currently. And they can't just offshoot on their own and make a position in that category, they need to work with all the other counties in the State to create this position, to create the salary schedule. Kind of along the lines of what the County Archaeologist was, but there was, I guess, a corresponding County...State Archaeologist that they could go off of. In this position, although other counties have someone in this role, it's not a civil service position, it's a contracted position. And so, you know, one step at a time is all I'm saying. And until we get to the point where we even have a civil service position, I think it's ambitious to ask for a full-year funding for this position. I mean, we were at this...kind of this same point last year where we put in...I think it was like 60,000 or something, and so that was 60,000 that's just Carryover right now that, you know, we didn't have to raise taxes on people for, and they could have put the horse before the cart or something. So I'm just saying like, you know, if this is how far they've gotten in one year from last year, then let's, you know, take it one step at a time here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? Okay. I will call for the question then. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused. Motion passes.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And following the similar process, we're on the same page, same Index Code, and I would like to unfund the Tax Clerk position until the supervisor is hired, and so that would be a decrease of \$23,560 because...oh, sorry, again, motion to decrease by \$23,560 Clerk, Tax Clerk, and if I get a second, then I'll go into my reasoning.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion from Member Paltin, second by Member King. And again, this is just to remove the funding, but it leaves the position title? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Paltin, speaking to the motion?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes, thank you. And so my reasoning here is we're not going to hire somebody that doesn't have a supervisor because who are they going to take their direction from? You know, like similar argument of horse before the cart. And first we need to describe the Land Management Administration [sic] position, then we need to hire that person and all that, then they can say like hey, I'm going to need this person, these are going to be their job duties, and...and set up their team and so forth. But being that these are tight economic times, we can't just be putting in money and...and letting it languish there while we're going through this other process that's already taken over a year. And that's my first...first, not my second and final.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So I think we all know, you know, the...I've seen him helping us over the years. There's a...there is a land manager there that's...well, I don't know what his correct title is, but I think he will supervise this...this employee that we're talking about now, the Tax Clerk, yeah. So even if you don't have the land management position in place, you'd still need...I believe you still can use this person based upon the vast requirements of the County. And I'm glad to see they're moving in this direction to kind of formalize the many, many assets that we have accumulated through all the department and get it organized. So I'm going to speak against that and let this position move forward, because I think that there is a need for this assistance.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. All right. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? Okay. Okay. I will speak to the motion. So I know it says proposed expansion position to assist with land management, and...and so it sounds like it would be an assistant to the Land Management Administrator. But my understanding is the same as Member Sugimura's, is that we have Mr. Guy Hironaka. I think that's who Member Sugimura might have been talking about, and this person would assist in land management division or that program. So that...that...that person that would fill the Tax Clerk position wouldn't only be supervised by the Land Management Administrator, but also Mr. Hironaka. And so I don't know if that would...if that...if that factor kind of changes anyone's *(audio interference)* Okay. . . *(laughing)*. . . Okay. Chair Lee, was that your hand? Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. So does that mean you recommend leaving the position, or you recommend removing the position?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, point of information. For me, I'm not doing anything with the position itself.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, the funding? The funding.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So I will vote against the motion to remove the \$23,560 for the funding for that position. After understanding that it would, you know, help Mr. Hironaka with the work, with the clerical work that he's been having to also do. But...but of course, I appreciate the...the motion, Member Paltin. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay. I see Member King, Member Sinenci, Member Paltin, and Member Johnson. All those who oppose the motion, please raise your hand and say "no."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Member Molina, Member Sugimura, Lee, and myself, so the motion fails.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, and Sinenci.**

NOES: **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and Councilmembers Lee, Molina, and Sugimura.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. For the Administration Program any other proposals? Okay. Hearing none, I'll ask for consensus on the amended program, Administration's Program.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Accounts Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. It looks good. Okay. The next is the Accounts Program, and that starts on page 6-10 of the Details. All right. Hearing no one speaking up, I'll ask for consensus on the Accounts Program.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Financial Services

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. The next is...starts on page 6-14, and that's the Financial Services. Any amendments?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I'm sorry. Chair? I...I did have an item for the Accounts Program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Go ahead. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. So this is a question on the late secret documents that we

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got, page 6-11. It has the Accountant III vacant, the last position on it, and it's a SR-20C, but then for Fiscal Year 2022, it's still vacant, and Accountant III with a SR-22. And so I guess the question is it was vacant last year, it looks as though it's still vacant, but it's a higher SR, and they're increasing to full-year salary. So just wondering why the increase in SR, and if they weren't able to hire that position in the full fiscal year last year, why are we increasing it to a full year of funding? Do they have like a list populated and they're like steps away from hiring? And then basically, why is the SR rating changed from one year to the next? Was that a mistake? And I apologize for asking this question now, but we never had these information at the time that the departments were here, and this is part of the reason why I feel that we need this information because...you know.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: What page are you on?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: 6-11 of the super secret papers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then do you want to pose that question to Budget Director Yoshimura?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes, please. Because if there isn't good explanation, I would propose to decrease. I would make a motion to decrease by \$19,896.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. I thought the Accounts Division had all of their positions filled. I will check and get back to you hopefully before you end the Department of Finance.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
Real Property Assessment Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. So we will not have consensus on the Accounts Program. And we'll go the other programs, and then return to the Accounts Program after. All right. So...sorry, the Financial Services have been moved to Real Property Assessment Program and Motor Vehicles and Licensing Program. So Real Property Assessment Program, any proposals there? Okay. Hearing none, I will ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, sorry, clarification. Is that Real Property Assessment Program, 6-36 Budget Details, is that the...where you're referring to?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. You have a proposal there?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 6-36?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: 6-36, yes. I move to reduce by 196,000...from 346,000 down to 150,000. And if I could get a second for discussion, I can explain. This is under Contractual Services, Page 6-36 under Budget Details.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We got a motion from Member Molina, second by Member Johnson. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. And I know this might raise a few eyebrows. It's certainly never easy to pose cuts. It's easy to propose increases, but never easy to propose cuts, especially from a good department like this. But, you know, again, we have to be...look...we have to do cuts as well to be as fiscally responsible as we can be. So in the previous fiscal years for contractual services, it was much less, 139,000 in Fiscal Year '19, Fiscal Year '20 was negative 45,000. Maybe Budget Director Yoshimura can confirm these numbers. And then, of course, the big jump now to 346,341 from the previous fiscal year. Same request for this year. So personally, I just think maybe Contractual Services could be reined in a little bit, or adjusted, unless the Department has a very good reason for this number. And, you know, I leave it open for Budget Director Yoshimura to kind of further explain the necessity for this increase.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Budget Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So we are looking at page 6-36. I was trying to find the corresponding expenditures for the prior years because that's the program that is being moved. So we did have Financial Services last...this current fiscal year, which combines Real Property Tax and Driver's Licensing, and what we're seeing is a split. So on page 6-36, we're separating Real Property Tax and Driver's Licensing and making it their own programs. So the \$346,000, I think is for their software, but I will take a look and I will get back to you shortly.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Okay, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Can come back...once we --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- get a response from the Director, we can reconsider this.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Or further discuss this, I should say.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Any other questions, Members? So while we wait for a response on that, would you like to withdraw your motion on the floor, and then that way we can take up other proposals, and then we can come back to that one.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I'll go ahead and withdraw it for now, and then when get the responses from the Department, then I'll propose another motion.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson, your second.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I didn't say...oh, I remove my second. Yeah.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
Motor Vehicle and Licensing Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Okay, Members, any other proposals on the former Financial Services Section, Real Property Assessment Program? Okay, we'll go to the next one for now, and then we'll come back to Accounts Program and Real Property Assessments Program when we get additional information. Okay, the next is the Motor Vehicles and Licensing Program. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I have a consideration for page 6-46 of the Budget Details, Sub-Code 6221, Miscellaneous Other Costs, move to reduce by 200,000...from 294,142 down to 94,142. And if I get a second for discussion, I can explain this proposed adjustment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Molina second, Member...oh, sorry...with the motion, Member King with a second. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Yes, thank you very much, Madam Chair. Again, this item has risen from...or I guess cost proposal has risen from Fiscal Year '19, from 14,000, then 13,000 in Fiscal Year '20, then jumped up to 294 in Fiscal Year 2021. So I'm just curious if there's ways we can adjust this number down. I'm not sure if the Department's going to expend all this money, but I throw that out for discussion because, you know, certainly we, again, have to all look at creative ways to adjust this Budget and make cuts. It's not one of the easier parts of our jobs, but we got to do it and step up, you know. And like I said, easy to make proposals, but harder to make adjustments like this. So again...and it's no reflection on the Department itself, but

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again, I just throw that out for consideration. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Members, any questions or discussion on the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh. Oh, Madam Chair, maybe if Director Yoshimura can comment if she has some thoughts on it on behalf of the Department.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director. And then I do see it on 6-25, 6221, Miscellaneous Other Cost. I don't know if this has to do with the division of the programs. Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. Sorry. I was trying to look up the other information that you had requested. So this one is under the Driver's Licensing Program? Was that...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, Motor Vehicle and Licensing Program, 6-46, it's 6221, Miscellaneous Other Cost --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- 294,142.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. I will look that up. But in the meantime, can I give you my response for my other two?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, please.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So for the Accountant III, the position just got approved. So they were just issued a position number, and they will be filling the position through a interdepartment transfer. And so we would probably need...we would need the money. They would...they're estimating at least within the next month or two months, they'll have the position filled.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One month or two.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Follow up to that. Was the SR-20 for Fiscal Year '21 an error, or is the SR-22 the error for Fiscal Year '22?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Let's see. So an Accountant III is an SR-22. So it's correct in...for Fiscal Year '22.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: No objections to that position. I will not cut it.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. And then the other question was on page 6-36, which is the Contractual Services, \$346,000. So that pays for all of the services that we do to do the assessments and the valuations. So those funds are needed to continue the programs that we have. Okay. And then the last one, I will get that answer to you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. So while we wait for that item, Member Molina, the assessments and valuations for your previous motion on page 6-36, is that something that you would still like for the body to consider and vote on?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, why not. I mean, I appreciate the explanation, but again, it just seems high. And I appreciate the Department doing their best to cut back, but I'll put that number out there, 196,000 reduction, but now if anybody wants to amend it down to a number less than that, I'm amendable to that. So again, just looking for ways how we can, you know, cut back a little bit. So I'll propose that motion on the floor, reduction of 196,000 and to reduce it from 346,341 down to 150,000, that'll be the motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, one moment, Member Molina. So we have a motion on the floor and that's for page 6-46. So if you'll withdraw that one first while we wait for information.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. I'll withdraw the motion for 6-46 under Motor Vehicles and Licensing Program for now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King, your second...if you'll withdraw your second.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Member Molina, for page 6-36, your motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Again, the motion is to reduce by 196,000, and to adjust that figure from 346,341 down to 150,000...if there is a second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right, motion from Member Molina, second by Member Johnson. Okay, discussion, Members? Member Molina, or you discussed it enough?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I think I've discussed it enough. I've made my point, so I'll yield the floor --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- to the Members if they have any comments on it.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Clarification, so what Director Yoshimura said, this is for the Real Property Tax assessments, and they contract this out to do services for the assessments; is that correct?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. So assessment, valuation, modeling, and website.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right. Thank you. So I'm going to vote against the motion, just because I think that the Real Property Tax Section provides a significant portion of our County Budget, adds to it. So I think the accuracy of their work is important. So I would like to leave this amount there and just assuming that the Department knows exactly what they need to do to get us the right number. So I'm going to be voting against the motion, and just leave the number as is with the Department.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. Real quickly because these...when they move them over, they don't move it over with the previous years. What was...Director Yoshimura, what was the Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 actual on that line item?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So...sorry, Member King. The reason it...there's a shuffling right now because the...there used to be the Financial Services Program, and so they're moving the Financial Services Program into Real Property Assessments Program and Motor Vehicle Licensing and...Motor Vehicles and Licensing Program. So some of those items may be on the different pages. So --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I understand that --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- but I couldn't find the pages so I was just asking the Director if she has those numbers handy for...the Contractual Service actuals for 2019, 2020, and the adopted '21. Because I think that was the issue was looking at comparatively to previous years.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Yeah, it's on page 6-27 of the Budget Details. So if you look on page 6-27 of the Budget Details, you'll see Contractual Services 6112, which is the second line. A lot of the funds were shifted from 6132, Professional Services. So you'll see for Fiscal Year '19 and Fiscal Year '20, a large amount as compared to what is

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budgeted in Fiscal Year '21 and '22. So they are appropriately charging the right Sub-Object Code, and making the adjustment once the actual expenditure is made.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, I'm looking on page 6-27 as directed, and the Contractual Service looks like it was quite a bit less in 2019 and 2020.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: She said to look at Professional Services down the line at 6132. It's like five spaces down.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So you...you put it into Professional Services instead of Contractual Services?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. So back in Fiscal Year '19 and '20, it was charged to Professional Services. In Fiscal Year '21 and '22, we're moving it to Contractual Services, and that's why you'll see the shift in the dollar amounts, the reduction in 6132 and the increase in 6112.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So your Professional Services went down accordingly as well. Okay. All right. Thank you for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? And that's for the reduction of 196,000 on page 6-36. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. I'll yield...if someone else has anything to say who hasn't spoken, then I'll yield. If not, I'll speak for the second and last time on this.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll really quickly speak to it. So my understanding is that this funds goes to the mauipropertytax.com website to keep that maintained and calculating the historic...you know, the annual amounts. And so that's how much it costs for that. And then one of the things that I can do, Members, you know, I know we have such a truncated time to review a lot of these things. And so if there are questions on these larger amounts, I'm happy to take them up outside of Budget so that we can get a better understanding and be more prepared for these line items when we get to Budget and then we're not wondering why...what is this really huge amount for contractual services. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair, for that. Because sometimes it does...you know, we're not aware of all these changes or have a full understanding of it. So to us, it's presented differently or we view it differently. But, you know, I guess for the record, does the Department have enough in-house...people in-house to do these assessments rather than contracting out? So that's kind of my premise for this. If we can do more of this stuff in-house and have less dependency on spending monies for outside contractual service. So I guess that's the root of the issue here is, do we have enough personnel to do that. And then if we don't, then maybe we should look at expansion to eventually wean us off of, you know, spending so much

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money or appropriating so much money for contractual services. So that's part of...one of the reasons why I'm looking at seeing where we can reduce areas like this for contractual services. So anyway, that's my spiel. I'm ready for the vote whenever.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. So I don't think it's a matter of the number of personnel that we have here. It's keeping...it's the programs that we use, or the tools that we use to do the assessments and the valuation. It's things that assist the Department. I think our Esri...our Esri contract is part of this. So it's different contracts that we have for services that we cannot do in-house, and that's the tools that we need to come to the...or to do the valuations or do the assessments that this funds will be used to pay for.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director Yoshimura. And so I guess for me, I liken this to like OpenGov, where it's part of the tools, you know, that we would be using in order to provide additional transparency, user friendliness and, you know, to save funding on people doing manual work. So if we have the software and the different, you know, tech tools to expedite the work, then we...we're...we are saving money by not having to do that manual work by having the technology. So I appreciate Member Molina's looking for funds to reduce. And again, I'm happy to take some of these items up, and then that way we can get a clearer picture of what these lump sum line items actually are, and the breakdown of it outside of Budget. I'll be voting against the motion. Anyone else wishing to speak to the motion? Okay. Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay, I see Member Molina, Member Johnson. Anyone opposed, please raise your hand and say "no."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I see Member King, Member Sinenci, Member Paltin, Member Sugimura, Chair Lee, and myself. Okay, so the motion fails...and then one excused.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Councilmembers Johnson and Molina.**

NOES: **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and**
 Councilmembers King, Lee, Sinenci, and
 Sugimura.

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Members, for the discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely. I think it's an edification for all of us and the public as well. So mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. So for page 6-46, Budget Director Yoshimura, do you have additional information on the Miscellaneous Other Cost?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. I believe this is to fund, like, our kiosks and other tools that we use for DMVL services.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, appreciate that. So...but I guess my issue's more like are we going to expend all 294,000, or can we get by with whatever, 100,000 or 150,000, that would sort of by my question. And again, it's to see where we can save. And again, I don't...I appreciate the explanation, but if we can get some more detail on it. Basically, if the Department needs all 294,000 this fiscal year...I mean, if they can get by with 150, whatever, even 200, I mean, that's some money saved. So those are my thoughts on it and rationale for this proposal. Oh, Madam Chair, there's a...the initial motion was withdrawn, yeah, if I'm correct?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I'll...I guess for the sake of discussion I'll propose the reduction of 200,000 to go from 294,142 down to 94,142.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion from Member Molina. Is there a second? Okay, second from Member Johnson. All right. Members, questions, comments, discussion? Member Paltin.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just a comment. You know, when it says Miscellaneous Other Costs, it looks like a pot ripe for the picking. But if it is for the kiosks, you know, I had a opportunity to use the kiosk and registered my truck, and it was like two seconds, and it was awesome. So I would like to continue funding kiosks because it...they're great. But, you know, just a note for future departments in...if they can, like, you know, even Other Costs or Miscellaneous Other Costs. When it's so broad like that and we're trying to, you know, streamline cost, just...it looks like low-hanging fruit, and then we have to bug Ms. Yoshimura, and then she has to, like, find out stuff for us. So that's my only comment, you know, like if they put it in something where it's, like, oh, kiosks. We need kiosks. You know, it's like...I'm not going to try and cut kiosks. But when it's so broad and vague like that, Other Costs, Miscellaneous, you know, it's like, ah, miscellaneous. Who needs miscellaneous? So that's just my comment on it, like, you know, I wouldn't want to cut kiosks at all. So yeah, just a little bit more descriptiveness might prevent any snafu situations by us trying to help the taxpayers, but maybe we're not. So that's just my comment.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Budget Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Just to add to the information. So each transaction at the kiosk is \$3. And what we have done is waive the \$3 fee to the consumer or to the resident who's using the kiosk to encourage kiosk...the use and to lessen the amount of people going into the Service Center. So that's what the \$3...that's what the funds are there for. So by reducing it, then we will have to start charging the \$3 fee or usage fee. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member King --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So Director, since this...the waiver...the fee waiver seems to be related to COVID, are these the things we'll be able to get reimbursed for from the American Rescue Plan?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, Councilmember King. If it's a possible use, then we will pursue that. But as we've said, we don't know exactly what kind of uses can come out of the American Rescue Plan Funds yet. So yeah, we'll have to wait to see what the guidelines are. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. Because I know lost revenue is going to be allowed. I mean, I've heard that every single WIR NACo meeting I've been in. So this...it would have been considered revenue, correct, the \$3? And then that's lost revenue because we're waiving that fee.

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MS. YOSHIMURA: I don't...I need to check with the Department, but I don't know if that's a fee that's paid to the County or if it's paid to the vendor, but I will check.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh. Okay. Okay, but we could...we pay for the machines, correct? Don't we...doesn't the County own the machines or no?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I think so. I will check with Lito Vila and get back to you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. I think it works like, you know, the Square Space or the Apple Square where, you know, like, you have credit card...so even though you own the machine to charge credit cards, there's still that financial administrative fee that you would have to pay...even though you own the device or the Square to charge credit cards, you would still have to pay that administrative fee. I think it's something like that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: But it's a fee that we're waiving to the customer, right, that we're paying as a County.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So it would be lost revenue. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. And I want to thank my colleague from West Maui, Ms. Paltin. Because I think she's absolutely correct. Anytime you see a large increase for Miscellaneous Costs, it's going to cause us to ask these questions. So I think just for the next Budget session for....if the departments can add a little bit more specificity...not only with this Department, but others. So this way, when it comes to decision-making week, you know, we're in a cost-cutting mode, and then we find out what the reason is, then it's like, oh, wow. Okay. And you feel like, boy, if this had been told to me earlier, or if there's a little bit more specificity, wouldn't be using up your valuable Committee time for proposals like this. Because we're tasked with finding ways to, you know, modify this Budget, to streamline it, you know, cut the fat, so to speak. And if I could make a request from Budget Director Yoshimura, since the waiver of these fees was implemented, how much money has been...you know, I guess we've lost out by waiving this convenience fee? Just for the sake of, you know, recordkeeping. And if this continuance of waiving the fees, how long more will this continue? Because now that the economy is starting to pick up a little bit again, just curious to see how long we're going to continue to waive these convenience fees. So that would be my request as...for some information, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director, do you have that information?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. So during the COVID...oh, well. When the COVID period started or pandemic started back in March, we did waive the...so there's two different fees, right, when you go to the kiosk. There's a service fee, which is the \$3, and there's a convenience fee, which is the use of your credit card, so it was 2.35 percent, I think, of your transaction. So in order to encourage people to use the kiosks and not do a in-person transaction, we waived both fees. And by waiving those fees, we used the CARES Act monies, and I think it amounted to about \$750,000. But we...it was...we waived convenience fees for your water...your Water Department fees, Wastewater, Solid Waste. The only fee...the only fees we didn't do a waiver on was for Real Property Tax collections, but everything else we had a convenience fee waiver. So...but moving forward, it's the \$3 per transaction fee is what this fee covers. So the machines...or the kiosks are owned by the company, and we pay them the \$3 per transaction that takes place at the kiosk. And the --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: -- person using the kiosk is now paying for the convenience fee. So we stopped the waiver on the convenience fee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Got it. Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay, any other questions, comments, discussion on the motion? Okay, seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Oh, okay, Member Molina. Okay, and then all those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, six...no, seven...seven "noes," one "aye," Member Molina, and one excused.

VOTE:	AYES:	Councilmember Molina.
	NOES:	Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Sinenci, and Sugimura.
	ABSTAIN:	None.
	ABSENT:	None.
	EXC.:	Councilmember Kama.

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Members, for the discussion again. I feel I'm getting beaten up here, but anyway, got to try.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Accounts Program
Real Property Assessment Program
Motor Vehicles and Licensing Program
Purchasing Program
Treasury Program
Countywide

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. Yes. Thank you for all these proposals, Member Molina. It's...that's what we're trying to do. You're doing exactly what, you know, streamlining, getting more information, and trying to reduce the Budget where we can. Okay, all right. Okay, so we'll go back to Accounts Program consensus. Member Paltin isn't going to make her amendment there. Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And then for the Real Property Assessment Program, consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, you...Member Sugimura, you have a proposal? A proposed reduction?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay. Motor Vehicles and Licensing Program.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any proposed reductions? Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Purchasing Program, and that's on page 6-47, Purchasing Program. Any proposal to reduce there? Okay. If not, I will ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay. And Treasury Program starts on page 6-52. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: If I could just verify that they are close to hiring the Accountant V --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- would justify a full year of salary.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Budget Director Yoshimura?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: As well as Accountant IIs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. The two Accountant IIs, yeah? Okay. Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I will look at that positions and I will get back to you. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members, any other questions or proposals in Treasury Program? All right, seeing none, we'll go to Countywide, and Countywide starts on...oh, where is it? Oh, it's...okay, okay. Any proposals for Countywide? If not, I'll ask for consensus. Okay. Okay, consensus. Okay, all right. Okay, we're waiting on a response for the three positions...oh, Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. So on all three positions, they will be having it filled for Fiscal Year '22. So they are finalizing the reorganization, and then they'll have the positions recruited. So they'll have it filled by the time the Fiscal Year starts.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And just to clarify, they have a list of folks to hire, they're doing an intergovernmental transfer?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I...they usually put it out for a interdepartmental transfer, and then they'll go out...if nobody is interested in moving, then they'll go out for a full recruitment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: All right. I'll trust Scott to get it filled right away.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. I'll ask for consensus on the Treasury Program.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
Capital Improvement Projects
Rates and Fees

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Very good, Members. All right. There are CIPs under Finance, and it is...Countywide Equipment, okay. Consensus on the CIPs for Countywide Equipment?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: I...Chair, the Equipment, we do have it under the Department of Finance, but the equipment is budgeted for the Department of Fire and Public Safety and for Environmental Management. So yeah, Finance doesn't have any of the Equipment under...in their Department. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that clarification, Budget Director Yoshimura. Member Sinenci, you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And yes, just clarification from the Budget Director. So those funds are equally separated for those two departments and accounted for?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Sinenci, yes, the Equipment is...the dollars are proposed according to the cost of the equipment. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. So consensus, Members? Or do you want to ask this of...if you have questions, ask of the appropriate department. But if you don't have questions as in proposals for reductions, then I'll ask for consensus now.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Okay, Rates and Fees, and we're not going to take...so RPT falls under Finance, but we're not taking that up right now. Are there any proposals, proposed amendments to Rates and Fees? If not, I'll ask for consensus. Consensus, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Not RPT rates though?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All the other Rates and Fees except RPT, okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I was...sorry, I was raising my hand and not consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin. Sorry, I thought you were stretching.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: My question is, where's the proposal for parking fees for consolidated parking? Parking rates for consolidated parking? We didn't get that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What page is that?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: On the Rates and Fees page...starting on page 10. It's just not there. Like, where's the proposal for parking rates for consolidated parking?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I know the Department of Management did a parking fee study. So I think Department of Management comes up on Wednesday, so that might be a question that could be posed to the Managing Director.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. If we got to decide on the parking rates under Finance for collecting it, I would propose 5 bucks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And that is on page 10? Do you know what it would look like?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I would put it under page...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's...parking fees are under Management.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay then. In that case, I'll wait.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I really want to find it for you. Oh, here. Okay. Okay, so it's on page 22, Parking Permits. And then it has the different lots and stalls. I'm not sure if that's what you're talking about, or if you're talking about something different. Not...okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I was talking about, like, you know, all the...like Ms. Yoshimura was saying that parking fees studies we had in Wailuku, in Lāhainā, County-owned lots. And then I think I guess there was also your proposal. Would that be a budget amendment for, like, County parks parking lot as well?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Which one of my proposals, sorry?

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Paid parking at the beaches?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: The State one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Yeah. So that we're going to discuss in Committee after Budget, like how all of that would work.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- which would be the one that Ms. Wade presented to us? It might have been last term about the parking fee study for...there were various parking lots in Lāhainā and Wailuku. So, I mean, there...there wasn't any proposal of fees. There was that study, but kind of, I guess, no follow through.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so that's for Wailuku parking?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And Lāhainā.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Wailuku and Lāhainā. There was an updated one from the old one.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So I think...okay. You know how I proposed the Water Rate structure and fees? I think if we wanted to add something here in the Rates and Fees, then we would need to see it comprehensively so that it has the, you know, like, breakdown of, you know, what...so where the stalls are located and *(audio interference)*

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, shoot. It was in the study that Ms. Wade presented to us, but I didn't grab it from that presentation of the various lots.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So was that during budget session, or was that before budget session?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: It was last term when we had the presentation from Ms. Wade.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I mean, we could consider that if it was, like, before us and you can share your screen and then we can all see it and then be informed and...

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh. I guess I was just saying 5 bucks a parking stall. Can do like . . . *(inaudible)*. . . get a \$5 bill.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I...I'm not...I don't remember all the details of the parking proposal, but I would think that in order to charge parking, we would need to pay for the installation of equipment to collect parking fees for \$5. Or do those already exist where you're thinking of? Sorry, I'm trying my best to follow.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah. So, you know, I think when she presented, there were various options. And one of the options could be you go about it the 'Āhihi-Kīna'u way where we collect all the money, or you contract out, like, with Republic or Diamond or whoever it is. And then you get either a flat rate per month or a percentage. But, I mean, it's been a while, and there's no forward movement. So just . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I will take this up as soon as we finish budget so that we know exactly what the plan is, what the cost for whatever. Because 'Āhihi-Kīna'u, they have the parking machine. So we would have to put that into the Budget so that we can install that machine to collect the parking fees, and then we can get it going for next fiscal year. How does that sound?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Either that or contract it out. And then they install it and they monitor it and they --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- just cut us a check. Whichever one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah. So we'll roll out some kind of a plan. We'll work with the Administration so that it's, you know, if that's contractual fees, then they can include it in FY'23 Budget, and then we'll have a timeline on what...you know, when that RFP will be put out and, you know, if it's going to be contracted out then, you know, we'll know that. So we'll work with the Department of Management on that. Okay. Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin, for not letting that fall through the cracks. Okay. Okay, anything else, Members? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I just have a quick question about the Rates and Fees. So I want to...I want to edit the Lāna'i Community Kitchen Rates and Fees, and that seems to be under Parks. So I'll wait until Parks, or do I do it right now under Budget. Because Budget sounds...I...that's where my clarification question goes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right now under Finance?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(inaudible)*. . . the Budget.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: My mistake. We're on Finance right now, but I noticed that the Lāna'i Community Kitchen Rates and Fees are under Parks and Rec. So shall I wait for Parks and Rec to come up to talk about their Rates and Fees?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That's all I was asking. Thank you. Thank you, Chair, I have no further questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Sounds good. All right. Okay, any other questions on Rates and Fees except for RPT? Okay, I will ask for consensus again.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Okay, now we're on Members' priorities. The first priority...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And I apologize if we had already covered it. I had a proposal for Budget Details 6-62 and...and without thinking, I guess I was just thinking of the pages as we were moving forward, and I looked it's under Admin. Program, and I know we had already...already reached a consensus on Administration Program. I would beg for your consideration, Members. I have a proviso proposed, so it's a non-cost matter.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, Member Molina, is this --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- for the COVID Response Funds?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Special Revenue Fund, Grant Revenue Fund, 6-62.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any objections to reopening...what is that...Administration Program for Special Revenue Funds for Grant Revenue? Which one is this, Member Molina? Is this the --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. This is the...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- ARPA or COVID-19 Relief and --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It's...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Funds?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: The proviso would apply to both.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So we can take that up when take up the Grant Revenue, how does that sound?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. So we haven't reached that point yet. Thank you. Just wanted to make sure (*audio interference*)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I didn't want to bypass that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I'll save it for later. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I will make a note of that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Sorry, I'm just anxious and excited. . . .(*laughing*). . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, no. We could've taken it up then, but we can also take it up when we take up Grant Revenue. So you have two options.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
Members Priority Proposals

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right, priorities. Okay. So Member King, on your matrix number 9...oh, okay. These are all...let's see...these are for ARPA. Okay. So the ARPA, I...okay, I didn't...I didn't realize it was going to be ARPA. So I'm going to share my screen really quickly because we discussed putting a cap on conditioning items under ARPA, the...and the American Rescue Funds. Okay. Okay, here we go. All right. Everyone can see it? So...okay, we decided to cap our conditions to 10 percent of the funds, which would be 3.5 million. And we have a proposed total amount of \$2,750,000. And I will...so Chair Lee said that she was planning to withdraw priority 10, 12, and 13. Is that correct, Chair Lee? Oh, you're on mute.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Not exactly.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Priority 12 and 13 are...this is what I was hoping to do, is to free up the Highway Fund 1 million for Bridge and Drainage programs, and move that to ARPA; and 1 million for Countywide Traffic Management program, and move that to

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ARPA; freeing up \$2 million for the Highway Fund. That was what I was going to propose. And then 450 for the ARPA Fund for the asphalt paver that we need for Highways. And then I was going to withdraw number 10.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And I'm sorry, please tell me the plan for 12. Is it going to be here, or any portion of it?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I'm not sure if we could do this, but this is what I was proposing. Because the Highway Fund seems to be filled in terms of it, you know, expensed out...which I find hard to believe, but I've been told it's been expensed out, \$79 million in the Highway Fund. So to free up that fund by \$2 million, we would move \$2 million worth of projects from Highway Fund to ARPA. So that's my proposal. That's one thing. Secondly, I would ask for the Members' consideration to pay for that asphalt paver, which is \$450,000, with ARPA funds. So those are the three things that I'm proposing that I hope Members will support.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And then, Member King, you had a proposal for 50,000 for Countywide drinking water assessment.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes, Chair. Do you want me to explain that now?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. That was for the...actually for the Parks Department and, you know, when I asked the question about refill stations, they said they would like to do this study first, and it would be Countywide assessment of all the drinking fountains and which ones would be ready to switch over to refill stations. But I think that since...the reason I think it's good for ARPA is because it really is COVID-related. You know, we got to quit using shared drinking fountains and much more hygienic to have these refill stations. Plus it is environmental, so we can get rid of the plastic bottles...the water bottles we've been bringing in by boatloads.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. I forgot to mention one thing. If you put up the screenshare again. You know for the paver...well, not the paver, but my other...I know this is not the time for it, but my other add-ons amount to about, let's say 480, \$490,000. Those are my cash add-ons. So I was thinking, if I...I'm able to free up \$2 million from the Highway Fund, that money, that \$490,000, could be provisoed, conditioned to the Highway Fund, and that way I wouldn't be asking for more than \$50,000 total in cash, so bringing my requirement on add-ons down to \$50,000. So that's what I was thinking. I'm hoping I can do that. Okay?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So it would look like this, but it would be 400,000 from ARPA, and then 50,000 from Highway Fund?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. By freeing up \$2 million, yeah, we can put the 450 in the Highway Fund. I can switch it out to Highway Fund, or we can leave it in ARPA...whichever. That's...you following me, no?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, yes. So...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And then I have those...the equipment, yeah, the equipment and the two position, which amounts to about \$490,000 cash. We could put that in the Highway Fund, and leaving the cash available for others. I'm just trying to reduce the use of cash and freeing up some room in the Highway Fund. That's my goal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair. So I think, you know, for the two \$1 million proposals earmarked a million of Department of Public Works Bridge and Drainage and then Countywide in Traffic Management, if we...so we would have to identify what projects we're doing that to. And then if we do that, and when we receive the requirements, conditions, you know, from the Federal and from the State on how we can use it, if those...if the ARPA Funds cannot be used for those, then I think we may be taking a gamble on...because then we would've removed it from Highway Funds. And if we use the Highway Funds because we moved it to ARPA, then they may not have the funds.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, okay. If I can explain. First of all, ARPA is for economic recovery, job creation, et cetera, so it has to include infrastructure. It has to include infrastructure and the equipment to achieve that, okay. But if for some strange reason it cannot be done, like I said, the Highway Fund is \$79 million. I can't imagine that we can't defer some projects in there. So that is plan B. If for some reason ARPA can't work, you can use plan B because no way, no way we can spend all that money in one year. So we would have to find out--and I have asked. I've asked what projects are in the Highway Fund. So we know we can make a determination which projects can wait another year. See? So that's where I am. I mean, you know. Plan A and plan B.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair. Okay. So as far as the two proposals for earmarking the 1 million for each, though, we'll need to vote on which specific projects we would be doing that for.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, can we wait until I can get an answer? Because I've been asking...I asked for an answer, what comprises \$79 million? If we can get a list, then we can...then we will know what can...what exactly is shovel ready and what isn't. Because they couldn't all be shovel ready, right? I think it's physically impossible but, you know, we need to verify, what does \$79 million consist of. A portion of it is DOT, so 7 million is supposed to be...of the 79 is for DOT. So when we get...as soon as we get that answer, we'll know what monies will be available. So I can't give you an answer, a definitive answer right now. So I was wondering, can we wait on that? Because if we do wait, it may be a benefit to some of you who want to use monies from the Highway

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Fund. Because the whole idea is to try not to use cash, right? Keep the cash at a minimum. That's what I'm trying to do.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair. Okay. So the reason I wanted to take them up together is because it's a limited amount of money, just like with Open Space, just like with Affordable Housing Fund. We'll take them up all together and then that way we can decide together how we'll use that limited amount of funds. Okay? Member Sugimura, I saw your hand up. You have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I agree. I think because the Highway Funds also pays for buses and it's more than, you know, roads. So if you can have a list, I guess, is what Alice...Chair Lee is asking for, then we can look at it comprehensively and understand what the \$2 million she's talking about, so we don't jeopardize other funds that are already in the works or planned for. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I'm not sure on the use of those ARP Funds for infrastructure. I know there's another infrastructure bill coming down. There's also public land monies, which I've been told could actually be used...I asked what a public land county was, and they said, well, actually we're working on a broad description of it, and it could include counties that rely heavily on tourism, which we are obviously one of. But I tried to...I put the water refill station under that because I think it's related to, you know, the need for health and well-being and our social distancing. But I could...I mean, I could also, you know, put that under my list of funding that I need to find money for. So, I mean, that's a fairly small thing that I think would make a huge impact countywide and the amount actually came from Karla Peters, our Parks Director...what she's looking for to fund that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Just a clarifying question in regards to ARP funds. I have not received much information on it besides what I see on the news. So I'm curious as can the ARP funds be used to help, you know, the homeless situation we have? You know, I have a lot of things I put in, maybe I could put some of these ARP funds towards those projects.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. So the answer is we don't know yet. And if you put projects under that, when we find out what can be used, what is permissible use under the ARP funds, and your projects are not included on the permissible uses, then there would be a budget amendment to remove that condition. So that...so it would be a gamble if you do that. Because we don't...we don't know yet. We know that we can, but we don't know what is permissible use yet. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Just to share with folks my notes from the NACo Western Interstate Region on the Fiscal Recovery Fund, this is the 362 billion that is going to states to split between states and local governments, aside from the

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direct money that's going directly to counties. But they gave us four categories. The first one is respond to negative economic impacts of COVID. The second one is the compensation to essential workers, premium pay, up to additional \$13 per hour per employee. The third one is lost revenue, which they said would be a broad definition and definitely defining tourism will qualify. And the fourth one is broadband, water, and sewer. So those are the four tranches that they gave us that likely will be framing the uses of the ARPA funds. And that's plus public lands money. There's 1.5 billion over two years that will be administered by the U.S. Treasury directly to counties. And when I asked what is a public lands county, that's when they said they're defining that now, and they're hoping to include counties that have been overly reliant on tourism to be eligible for these funds. And I just kind of wanted to share that as . . . *(inaudible)*. . . that we have a monthly WIR board meetings and then they try to keep us apprised of what's going on with the ARP funds.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members. All right. I guess we can move forward by taking action on the proposals, and then we can do reconsideration as we've been doing *(audio interference)* or if we're not ready to vote on specific one. All right. Any objections to moving forward in that manner? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Again, here are the proposals for the ARP funding, and then I will ask for a motion from...okay, from Member King on her item.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I move that we earmark up to 50,000 from ARPA funds for the Department of Parks and Recreation for creation for Countywide Drinking Water Assessment for ADA Refill Stations.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second from Member...moved by Member King, second from Member Sinenci. Any further discussion, Members? Okay. Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of this proposal, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed...oh, I see eight "ayes," okay, and one excused.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee, for your priority number 11, the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I move to approve.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And that is for 450,000 for the Asphalt Paver for the Department of Public Works.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Chair Lee, seconded by Member Molina. Discussion, Members? Okay. Seeing none, we'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand (*audio interference*)

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see eight "ayes," zero "noes," one excused. Motion carries.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And now for priority number 12, earmark \$1,000,000 for the Department of Public Works for Countywide Bridge and Drainage Program.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, I don't know if you want me to wait on this until we have more definitive information. Or...what is...for your policy is to...we have to vote, and then reconsider?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We have to vote and reconsider?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So we can...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Mr. Molina has a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. Not so much a question, but more of a statement. I'm comfortable with taking action on this. I mean, it's pretty cut and dried, you know. This is what, traffic and safety programs. I mean, I'm okay with moving forward on it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, move to approve.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, moved by Chair Lee, seconded by Member Molina. Discussion, Members? Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you. So if it's not something that can fit under the

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ARPA, then it would just move back to Highway? Is that the intent?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No. No.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, what...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: It would just fail. It would just fail.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, so we just kind of leave it up to when we find out whether --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- it fits or not.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I personally don't feel comfortable voting on any of these without the details necessary in order to know what it is that we're doing. So I'm going to propose instead that we...I'll just ask for consensus on the two items, and that consensus can be...Chair Lee, you can move to reconsider that consensus, and then we can go back to the ARPA funds when we get to the last day if you get that information on what items...what projects we would be putting under the ARPA funds. How does that sound?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, you know, I'm fine with that, but keep in mind I was only trying to make room for other people to use the Highway Fund. I don't have...other than the paver, I don't have any other projects, okay? So consensus is fine with me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Chair Lee, would you withdraw your motion on the floor?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes, I withdraw my motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Member --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Withdraw the second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay. Okay, so that's how we'll proceed. If there's additional information on this on the last day, Chair Lee will move for reconsideration on this item after we get the details necessary to move forward, okay. Okay, so there weren't any other proposals for this funding. So I'll ask for consensus on this item.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay. All right. And then the last priority proposal is from...from me. Okay, and it is for the DMV employees, to increase by \$333,066, which is \$32,950 for salary, and \$22,561 for fringe, for six LTAs for DMV on Maui, which would also help to fill in for Lānaʻi when the one DMV worker on Lānaʻi is absent, and one LTA for Molokaʻi. Is there a motion for that?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So move, second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Molina, seconded by Member Sugimura. And then to add onto that, my priority was to propose one E/P for Molokaʻi, and there was a lot of interest from the Members to help their DMV offices throughout Maui and on Lānaʻi. And in hearing that, I amended my proposal to include more workers, especially during this time of the pandemic for crowd control, especially in Central Maui and in South Maui. There's a lot of...a lot of people going to the office, and some of the workers are needed to ensure that, you know, people are standing at a safe distance outside the office and following proper COVID protocols. So that's the purpose of the proposal. Any other discussion? Okay, Member King, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. Well, thank you for thinking of the rest of the...I mean, making this a Countywide. My question is on LTAs, isn't that a temporary position? So would they need fringe? They still get paid fringe just even if it's for a short period of time? Oh, okay. That was my only question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member...and the purpose for LTAs, you know, it's being used particularly for this time during the pandemic for COVID protocols.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right, right. Yeah, no, I just wasn't aware that that also included fringe because I think temporary would not, but...okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. And, you know, generally I'm supportive. The question I have is would these folks need to be specialized workers, or could it just be anyone with customer service skills and a six-foot yardstick? Because like, you know, DMV workers, they need to know these, like, DMV stuff. And, you know, we had some situations in Lāhainā as well where, you know, people are waiting outside, and the DMV worker seems overstressed about, like, coming out and, like, we're done, and you

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guys go home already or whatever. And it seems like what we need is just kind of a crowd control, maybe like a security type of thing, like, that has customer service type skills. Like, hey, you know, please space out. They'll be with you soon. So that's just my question or observation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. So for the Moloka'i one, it would definitely be a DMV worker. For Maui, one of the good things of having them, you know, DMV specialist, is that they get an introduction to the offices because people are retiring, and that way there's a way to get the, you know, good employees, those that, you know, fit the work itself and they could, you know, be hired back as E/Ps later. So that's one way to recruit and vet people in those positions.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And just a follow-up question. If you could let us...or let me know the SR rating on the proposed positions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Will do. Later, not right now. Oh, Budget Director Yoshimura, you have that information?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. It's SR-13, Bargaining Unit 3.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Sorry I did have that information. Mahalo, Staff. And mahalo, Budget Director. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I am in full support of this. I know the community that I represent for Lāna'i, they often talk about how this is so needed. So when you...when I heard your story mentioning how Moloka'i struggles with trying to keep their doors open, oh, I was 100 percent behind that. So I'm glad you spread it across the rest of the County. So I'm in full support. Mahalo. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Okay, any other discussion, Members? Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay, I see eight "ayes," one excused. Motion carried.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Lee, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmember Kama.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Grant Revenue

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay, now we're on Grant Revenue. There's the Commercial Driver's License Program, Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection Program, State Disability and Communications Board Program, State Identification Program, State Motor Vehicle Registration Program, any amendments to those? Okay. The last two under the COVID-19 Relief and Response Fund and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I propose a proviso to read as follows . . . *(technical difficulties)*. . . Oh, dang it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can hear you. We can hear you. Oh. Oh, now...not anymore. . . . *(laughing)*. . . We could hear you. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Here we go. Sorry, had some technical difficulties with that. Can everybody hear me okay? Okay. All right, this is the proposed proviso, it should read as follows: "COVID-19 Response and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funds shall not be used to pay for non-resident subsequent testing after arrival into Maui County."

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Is...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did you frame that as a motion? Yeah? You did, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, sorry, yeah, that is my motion, Madam Chair, for the record.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Molina, seconded by Member Sinenci. Okay, discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Members, in the 19th Emergency Proclamation on COVID-19 from the Governor, it mentions that subsequent tests shall be paid for and administered by the County at a County-designated site. So as I understand this, to get the subsequent test then, it's us, the County, we have to use our County funds or COVID-19 Relief funds to pay for visitors' testing. I don't know if you and my colleagues see this as I, but to me, we shouldn't be using our County funds on helping...you know, on helping pay for non-residents' testing. To me, the rest of these funds should be prioritized for our residents. So make the visitor pay for these funds. I think it's a matter of principle, as I see it. I understand, the subsequent test, if it's for health and safety for all, sure, I'm supportive of it. But I don't believe, you know, we should be the ones paying for it or using our Federal funds. We should be earmarking these funds for other considerations, like that of Chair Lee and Member King. And so to me, the visitors should be the ones paying for this and make a requirement that they all should be vaccinated in the first place. The vaccine has now become readily available, so therefore, I don't believe this restriction should not be that much of a hardship on our visitors. We have greater needs for these funds at home for our residents, such as these funds could be used for additional job creation, maintaining the health and safety of our residents, and providing assistance to those in need. So that's my rationale as it relates to this proposed proviso, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Members, any further discussion? Member King, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, I just wanted to ask Member Molina, is this one of your Budget priorities, or is this kind of a side ordinance proposal or something?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, it actually came through with one of my proposed cuts but, you know, actually more...I guess one could look at it as a cut in some way, shape, or form. But it's more about the restriction of the usage of these funds.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And I just wondered, have you put this out in the community at all?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Not at this point, I've just put it out here for initial discussion and maybe even to maybe get an opinion from Corporation Counsel on this, if this is...if there's any potential...because it's Federal funds, and if we earmark this strictly for residents, could it be viewed as discriminatory, which I don't think it is. But that's just my opinion. But --

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, I...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- I think it's something worthy to consider.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I appreciate the sentiment, truly. I just worry about those of us who see getting the second test for tourists as our health and safety, you know what I mean, because we are exposed to the visitors. And so I know there's a large group of people in the public who want to see that second test happen and would consider it, you know, part of the American Rescue Plan. But I totally get your point so, you know, I'm kind of torn between...without having any input from the general public, I'm kind of torn on this one. But thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Member Paltin, followed by Member Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Molina, for the proposal. I share Member King's sentiments. You know, I have heard a lot of grumbling that we would be paying for the second test. My question is for Director Yoshimura. You know, most all of the information that we see regarding the second test and the roll out is all in the news. And, you know, scanning through each page and line of the Budget, I'm not seeing how it would be paid for except for, you know, Fox News saying, oh, you're welcome to get a free second test on arrival. And so my question is, if Ms. Yoshimura could point us to where it is funded currently.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. So Councilmember Paltin, the second test that has been talked about recently is not in the Fiscal Year '22 Budget. If it's intended to start in May, it would be in Fiscal Year '21's Budget, so those are the funds that we would be using. Whether we use the...it'll probably be the COVID appropriation for...that's under the Countywide Account. But yeah, it would be in '21 and not '22, so you won't see any appropriation.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And just to follow up, there's about two and a half months left in Fiscal Year '21. So the second test program is only scheduled to run until the end of Fiscal Year '21?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Paltin, yes. So the intent was to run the program for 60 days, I think.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One-month period.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So it'll be...I think we just sent out an RFP. It'll be based on 30 days with an extension of 30 days.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Member Molina's proposal wouldn't have any problems then, because

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there's nothing scheduled for Fiscal Year '22.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Right now there's not anything scheduled for '22, but with the uncertainties of the pandemic, we don't know, you know, if further testing is going to be needed or...but right now, we don't have...the proposal is for 60 days starting probably first week of May. So it would be done by first week of July, if anything...yeah, first week of July...or a 60-day period, anyway.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Director.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura. Oh, Ms. Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes. I was just kind of doing a little bit of research on Member Molina's question. And, you know, I'm not too familiar. I don't travel, so I haven't been keeping up too much. But I do know that the Governor had to approve the post-arrival test, and I believe that I recall it was with the caveat that the County paid for the test. So I think this might be something that would have to be approved by the Governor. So I just wanted to throw that out there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Toshikiyo. Member Sugimura, followed by Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Well, based upon that then, in order for this amendment or proposal to be effective, then we need to get the Governor to approve it, so it wouldn't therefore apply for the...for the Fiscal '22 funds. But you're talking about, then, Mr. Molina, for the current funds, the CARES Act money that is in the...our existing budget for COVID relief? Not necessarily the new funding?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Well, this would be the funds that will be appropriated for FY'22. That's what this proviso would be --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right, right.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- would apply to.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right. So you're talking...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: The new Fiscal would start July, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: One.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: This would apply to. Yeah.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Member Sugimura. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair. So is...should the...for Ms. Toshikiyo, should the Governor proclaim this, then the County is responsible for taking the post-test...post-arrival test?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I would have to double check on that, but if I recollect, that was the condition of doing the post-arrival test.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Anyone...I think everyone spoke once, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Point of information. What condition is this on the list? On your...I'm just trying to find it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's not a priority proposal, it's a policy proposal. And so in the budget that I wrote...I'm sorry...in the memo in the budget procedure's memo, I wrote policy conditions, conditions that do not earmark funding are permissible. These include, for example, a condition requiring a report to be submitted to Council or amendments to Rates and Fees. Conditions that propose earmarked funds that were not part of the Member's proposal are not permissible. So I see this --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So not...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- more as a policy, and not earmarking funds for use...for specific use, rather for not using it a certain way. So, I mean, if the body disagrees with my interpretation of Member Molina's proposal, you can, you know, overturn my decision, but that's what I consider it. Member Paltin, you had your hand up?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just...in light of Ms. Toshikiyo's information, which it didn't seem she was super guarans on, but I guess the question is for her. Would a...like a resolution be more appropriate? Like, you know, the feedback that we're hearing from the public is they don't want to pay for tourists or non-residents' second test. And then the formal motion that we take as a body in hearing that from the public is passing a resolution which wouldn't require the Governor's sign off on it?

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Is it more like a resolution encouraging the Governor or for the Mayor to take action about requiring visitors to pay for their own test? I certainly think that you can do that.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Sorry.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- you're saying that a resolution urging the Mayor or the Governor to have non-residents pay for their own second test, there's no legal question about that. But condition on future funds, saying that it couldn't be paid for non-residents' test wouldn't be legal, is that...just trying to clarify.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: I'm sorry. Can you rephrase the question? I just want to make sure that I understand it completely.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sure. So if we put a condition on these future funds that we may receive that they can't be used for non-resident tests, that may not be legal because we need permission from the Governor to do that. But there's no permission needed for a resolution from the Council that...urging the Governor or the Mayor not to force the counties to pay for the second test.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yeah, I would agree with that, that statement. Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I mean, I just want to try to be legal --

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Right.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- is all.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: And I do want to get you some more accurate, you know, information. So I am doing the research whether that was a requirement.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions, comments, discussion on this item? Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a point I wanted to make on a reso, I mean, yeah, reso is nice, but there's no force and effect of law, whereas a proviso has a force and effect of law. And you know, historically, I mean, would this Administration even consider a reso from this Council? I know the track record of the Administration recognizing resos from the Council has been, you know...well, I won't get into that. But I mean, reso is nice, but it's sometimes just viewed as like okay, Council's just taking a position, but we're not mandated to support it. So that's why my preference is to go the proviso route. But again, if Corp. Counsel is hesitant or needs to do more research on it to explore the legalities of this, by all means, do so. But again, I think we should just take a stand on this and explore it. And if it is legal, if we can do this, it would, again, start from the new fiscal year, starting in July now. Of course all the talk is May starting this subsequent testing, but of course, we may have to foot the bill for...from May up until July, depending on what happens with this proviso. But again, I just throw it out for discussion because I think, you know, you have a cross-section of residents who would agree that why should we be footing the bill for the visitors? I mean, you know, we're...it all ties into the type of visitors we're looking for now. Those who really want to come to Maui, they're going to have the funds or the monies to expend on a subsequent test. And it...there's always been this talk of looking for a different type of visitor, a more financially sound type of visitor

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coming to these islands, and all part of the tourism management. So that's why I think this is just something worthy of consideration. And who are we targeting to come to Maui County, you know, what type of visitors. So anyway, I just put that out, and I just appreciate the discussion. And whatever mechanism will be appropriate legally, I'm fine with that. But again, it's just...for me, I have a concern that why should something be taken away from our residents on behalf of the visitors, you know. We got to prioritize our residents first, especially when it comes to the usage of these funds. So thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Members, any other discussion? Okay, I think we're discussed out at this point. Okay. . . .*(laughing)*. . . I will be voting in favor of Member Molina's motion. I think that if we get information that states that this condition is not appropriate, then we can do a budget amendment later. The Administration will then have all the, you know, power and authority to do that. This is the Council's only opportunity to take a position that has teeth, as Member Molina stated. I agree with the comments, you know, that Member Molina has made, and I think that a post-test, honestly, is not very effective and it, you know, may give a false sense of security. And that there are more effective ways of protecting our residents than paying lots and lots and lots of money for a post-secondary test using that funds that could benefit our residents more. So I will be voting in favor of the motion. Okay. Okay. We'll do this, and then we're going to be...we'll take this vote, and then there's one more piece of legislation, and then we'll be pau with this Department. All right. Okay. Right now, Member King? Okay. All right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Sorry, by 6:00.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." Aye. I see Member Molina, Member Johnson, Member Sinenci, Member Paltin, and myself. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." Member Sugimura and...Member King, did you vote?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, no, I thought we were waiting for more information so...before we took the vote, but you decided to go and...because we don't know about the legality of it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It can be changed.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: It can be changed? Okay. I'll vote in favor then.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so six "ayes," one "no," Member Sugimura, two excused, Chair Lee and Pro Tem Kama. Motion carries.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Molina, and Sinenci.**

NOES: **Councilmember Sugimura.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers Kama and Lee.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **APPROVE**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. We have one last thing under this department and that is a...oh, okay. It's a proposal from Member Paltin, and it's "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO VACANCY TAX." It's number 4 on your agenda. I imagine this may be a lot of discussion. Member King will need to leave at 6:00, so that leaves 15 minutes for us to have seven members and then we'll be down to six members. So we can attempt to take this up now, and then we'll see where we're in about ten minutes. Okay, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I got to try pull it up on my device. I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, do you have the bill that Member Paltin introduced? It's number 4 on the agenda if you'd like to pull that up. It's "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO A VACANCY" (*audio interference*)

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I can...oh, I can start talking --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- while I'm trying to pull it up. But basically, the idea of this--and I pulled back a little bit too. But, you know, in Lāhainā and Kahului and places especially like commercial buildings and like that, where we have places that are chronically...the idea of it came from we have these places that are chronically vacant, and they then become a blight on society...the vacant Safeway building in Kahului, Anchor Square in Lāhainā. I'm sure that every community has these buildings that are vacant and they're, like, chronically vacant. And I'm not sure if the building owners get a tax break or what if they have multiple properties and one is left vacant and not generating revenue. And so, you know, it's been done in other places, like Canada, where if you choose to leave your space vacant, there's going to be an additional tax on it. Oh, my Staff just sent it to me. Thank you. And so that was the genesis of this bill. And I had intended to propose it during our TIG, but we didn't have a TIG. So yeah,

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I'm open.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members. And it was shared in the chat, and I will try to share my screen. Oh. Oh, shucks. Did everyone...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So I can read off of...it adds a new section onto 3.48 point...I mean, not a new section, but a new number onto subsection B of section 3.48.305 Maui County Code. And it would say...it's number 9...For the purposes of this Chapter, a parcel of real property is vacant if the parcel is any of the following: I, a parcel of land, whether developed or undeveloped, on which dwelling units are permitted that the Director determines is in use less than 50 days in a year; II, a condominium duplex or townhouse unit under separate ownership that the Director determines is in a residential use less than 50 days in a tax year, a parcel of land where the Director determines ground floor commercial activities are allowed by the applicable zoning, or are a legal non-conforming use, and the ground floor space that could be lawfully occupied by commercial activities is in use less than 50 days in a tax year. And then it would add a B, the Director must classify a vacant parcel as short-term rental home if the Director determines that the property could reasonably be used for long-term residential use with minimal effort by the property owner. And so basically, at this point, it's just establishing what vacancy means.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. So I guess we can take it up in the form of a motion now that you've explained it, and we'll see if there's a second.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I move to pass this bill defining what vacancy is.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member Johnson. All right. Questions, Members? Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, thank you, Chair. So I have a little bit of an issue with...I mean, I've been talking to folks about a bill like this about vacant units, but I never heard it being applied to vacant land, and I don't consider open land that's not developed on a blight. In some instances, I'd rather have land undeveloped than have someone build a house on it that's going to sit there. So is that the intent, is to charge people who haven't developed their land for not developing it?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I guess number III is the main sticking one for me, I and II, I can leave out easily because II was kind of addressed when we passed that highest and best use in December, and this was written before that time. So the three Is are the main one. We can do away with I and II.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So the...oh. So the third one is the...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: A parcel of land where the Director determines ground floor commercial activities are allowed by the applicable zoning or are illegal non-conforming use, and the ground floor space that could be legally occupied by commercial activities is in use

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less than 50 days in a tax year.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So it sounds like if somebody's got a piece of land that could be used for something and determines not to use it and not to build on it, they still get taxed at a higher rate?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: That's like for buildings, not for...because I was undeveloped, but...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, so you're talking about a parcel of land, developed land? Okay. Well, that I would agree with because a building that's not in use can be...you know, I would consider that in many instances "blight." But yeah, just the first one, I think to tell people that if you have a piece of land and you don't develop it, you're going to get taxed at a higher rate when some instances, I'd rather have people not develop it depending on where it is. So that, I guess...I guess this sounds like it needs maybe a little bit of revision or something. My thought. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. So I see hands from...oh, okay. Member Molina. Before I call on Member Molina, really quickly, Member Paltin, has this been reviewed and is supported for implementation by the RPA, the Real Property Administration...or Administrator?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, you mean Director Teruya?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I mean Ms. Martin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I would --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Like if it's ready to be --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- say so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- implemented.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I don't know.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: It was from a PAF that I submitted --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- last year. So I'm not sure what the person who did the PAF did with it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So I'll...I support the, you know, intent of this. I personally feel like it should be vetted in Committee, and I'm willing to take this up, you know, expeditiously in the BFED Committee. And so I'll be voting against the

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motion. It's 5:53 and so I think, you know, if Members have questions because they feel like they want to vote for it, then go ahead and ask your questions. Otherwise, I'd like to keep discussion at a minimum, especially if you don't think you're ready to vote on this right now in budget session, and would need a little more discussion in Committee.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I guess --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- for that reason, I withdraw I and II.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair, let me first say I commend Member Paltin for this consideration. I think it's certainly worthy of the discussion. But like you, I feel like maybe we could spend more time to vet it in Committee because I guess I would have questions for Finance, like one, do they have the personnel to enforce, and see if we have the numbers of actual how many vacant buildings there are so that way we can fully vet this out. But I certainly appreciate what Member Paltin is bringing up. It's certainly a valid concern. So yeah, my preference would be to wait for a future Committee meeting, which I hope you'll certainly bring up in the near future sometime after...just after budget session. Because I think this certainly needs to be discussed and considered. But I think right now, because we're on decision-making with the whole Budget in itself, might, you know, take up a lot of time that could be better well spent in a future Committee where this item is a standalone item by itself. So anyway, that's my thoughts, Chair. Thank you. I'll follow your lead.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Any other discussion, Members. Member Sinenci, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair, for the opportunity. Yes, overall I'm very supportive. I know that the Director was supportive of looking at those vacant buildings that could potentially be used for long-term housing, as well as collecting more taxes on them, or even trying to incentivize those vacant homes so that we can get those owners to kind of put it on and...on the market or put it out to rent. So I'm supportive where we can give some tax incentives for those owners that can promote their vacant homes for, you know, long-term rentals. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Looking at the document, I wonder if Corp. Counsel was planning on approving this. It's not signed by Corp. Counsel. Maybe she can...they can look at it and have it ready by the time it...if it is going to get referred to Committee for discussion. Corp. Counsel?

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MS. TOSHIKIYO: Yes --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Toshikiyo.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: -- if you send it to us pursuant to a request, we'll certainly review it. And I think if we're going to be looking at this at a regular Committee meeting, that should be enough time.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I have been listening to the body. It's a very fascinating bill. I'm really in support of it, but I understand the idea of sending it back to Committee to make it better because I don't really like the idea of land banking, and I think this is...kind of addresses it. We have large landowners that do that, dodge taxes, and they know what they're doing. So this is a great way I think we can address that. So I look forward to a good debate in Committee, so I'll pull my second if you need me to. But thank you, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And just for Member Johnson, originally it had included vacant ag land not being used, but we thought that, you know, the ag community wasn't ready for that, so we pulled back on that. But just a process question...if we don't move forward right now, is it already in Committee or do we need to send it to Committee through the County Council?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I will ask Staff. Whoever would like to answer that procedural question.

MS. MILNER: Sorry, could you...were you asking if it needs to go...if you can direct refer to Committee or if it needs to go through Council?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. MILNER: We don't have an item in Committee right now that this would direct refer under. So if you could refer it via Council, I think that would be the best way so we can have a new item for this vacancy tax proposal. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, Members. Ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Member Paltin, okay. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." All right. I see six "ayes," one "no"...sorry, opposite...One "aye," six "noes," Member Paltin is the

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one “aye,” and two excused, Chair Lee and Pro Tem Kama. Motion fails.

VOTE:	AYES:	Vice-Chair Paltin.
	NOES:	Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and Councilmembers Johnson, King, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.
	ABSTAIN:	None.
	ABSENT:	None.
	EXC.:	Councilmembers Kama and Lee.

MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, it's 6:00, we're going to be losing Member King. I'll ask the Members, do a status check on where we're at, how everyone's feeling. If you would like to take a dinner break and then return and do Fire and Public Safety? Okay, I see some nodding heads. And the alternative is that we would adjourn and return tomorrow and start with Fire and Public Safety. What's the Members' feeling? Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair, I'm fine with a dinner break and taking care of Fire and Public Safety to keep things moving along. I got the energy. At least this is early in the week. Now, if you ask me this question Thursday, I might have a different answer. I got plenty energy starting off this week.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I back up Member Molina, because you know, putting the work in on the front end is going to lighten our load on the back end. And I...I still got my small can of coffee, and I'm just saving it for the appropriate moment. And this is not that moment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Anyone else wishing to comment a preference? Going... okay, I'm...so Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, I'm okay with both. I'll probably take the rest of the evening, if we do continue, at home, but yeah, I am...I'm open. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair, I'm going to drive home to Kula too, if you're going to continue, during the dinner break.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah. Okay, we'll take...we'll take a little bit of a longer dinner break then. Okay, so considering a longer dinner break so that Members

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can get to their homes. So it's 6 now. If we did...would an hour and a half be sufficient? Okay, so then that's...that would take us to 7:30. It would take us about an hour...hour to two hours to review Fire and Public Safety, so we would go to about 8:30, 9:00? Is that what Members want to do?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yep.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Then...then that's what we'll do. Staff has notified me that there's one item that we missed, and so we can take a break now, and take up that one legislative item when we return from dinner? Is that...yeah, all right, very good. That's what I'd like to do too. Okay, so we have that one legislative item when we return, and that's to establish tiers under the long-term rental classification, so it should be an easy one. So we'll just take that up, and then we'll be done with Finance. So we'll...we'll reconvene at 7:30, yeah? Okay? All right, we'll see you at 7:30. Oh...oh, don't...don't...don't leave yet. We don't have quorum anymore. Okay, thank you, Members, we have to, we have to gavel out first. Okay. So we'll reconvene at 7:30. It's 6:04 on April 19th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 6:04 p.m.
RECONVENE: 7:34 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It is 7:34 on April 19th, and we will finish the Finance Department with legislation. One last legislation proposed, and that's my proposal. Shoot. And...okay, it's just the proposal to establish tiered rates to the long-term rental classification. Does anyone need to see the bill? Oh, okay, Ms. Milner has shared it in the chat if anyone needs to see it. I guess I can share it too. One moment. Okay. Okay, so it amends...it proposes...this bill would amend Section 3.48.561 by adding long-term rental classification to the list of classifications that would have a progressive property tax rate tier. There's the long-term rental. Okay, is there a motion to pass the bill to add tiers to the long-term rental classification?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Paltin. Is there a second? Second by Member Johnson. Okay. Discussion, Members? If there are no discussion...oh, okay, I see Member Sinenci and Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Is it in Appendix B? Would we find...find the tiers in Appendix --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This is a bill. This is a bill amending our County Code.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. All right.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Sugimura, question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: (*audio interference*) if this would be so that we could have community input as well to review this, but I think it's important, and send it to Committee to have it discussed, rather than passing it on the floor with this bill. That's my preference.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I just have a question. If we're going to pass this today...today, it would be for this year's property taxes, right? Or I mean this coming one, I should (*audio interference*). It becomes effective as soon as...for this coming budget, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The long-term classification doesn't go into effect until FY'23.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Right. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Any other questions or comments? Okay. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I kind of feel that we should pass it today, because it's...it's just adding long-term to the tiers. It's...it's just one word, and it kind of standardizes it across the board. People can...I mean, it's not anything, really, to digest, and they can testify every day on it. I mean, it's not...it's just one word...I mean, one term. It's not...I mean, I wanted to pass my bill too, but there's more words in there, and this is just one word. So that's my comment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I...I concur with Member Paltin. I think it's just adding in additional classification, and gives the public ample time to comment during this part of the budget process, so I'm okay with taking action. And you know, I understand Member Paltin's not concerned but...about maybe not addressing hers. But hers is a little bit more complex, but certainly very worthwhile of a discussion. So I think it merited a little bit more discussion in Committee. But I think this one, I agree with Member Paltin, it's just adding an additional classification, so I'm okay with moving forward on this, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. And then okay, and then...yeah, so I will be voting in support of the motion to pass the bill today. We...this is something that we talked about in TIG. Adding tiers as we discussed for the other classifications are just tools in the toolbox that wouldn't necessarily need to be used, but can be used

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if the Members would like and the public supports it. It wouldn't go into effect until 2023, so we have a year to receive additional input from the public. So yeah, I'll be voting in support of the motion. Okay, I'll call for the question. All those in...Member Paltin, are you raising your hand?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, I just was going to say, and if we get a huge outpouring of negativity about the tiers, we can always set the tier at the same rate for...I mean, the tax at the same rate for every tier. So it's an easily undoable situation, like, we can adjust.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry. My...my mic button is tired. It's very sticky right now. Yeah, so...and...and we've done that with the commercial classification, where, you know, we had the same tax rate in all three tiers. Or not have tiers at all. Okay. So this just gives us the ability to have tiers if we want to. Okay, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion to recommend passage of the of the bill, please raise your hand and say "aye." Aye. Member Paltin. Okay. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." Okay, Member Sugimura. Okay, so the motion passes. Five "ayes," one "no," Member Sugimura, and three excused, Member King, Chair Lee, and Pro Tem Kama.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Molina, and Sinenci.

NOES: Councilmember Sugimura.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Kama, King, and Lee.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending **FIRST READING** of bill by C.R.

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DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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Training Program
Fire/Rescue Operations Program
Fire Prevention Program
Ocean Safety Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right, Members. We are on our last department of the night. Fire...Department of Fire and Public Safety. There are five programs under the Department: Administration Program, Training Program, Fire and Rescue Operations Program, Fire Prevention Program, and Ocean Safety Program. Okay, so we'll start with Administration's Program, and that is on page 7-1... oh, sorry. Page 7-3 in the Budget Details. Okay. Members, any proposal for reducing the Administration Program?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Consensus, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

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Administration Program
Training Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. We'll move to the Training Program. All right, the Training Program starts on page 7-11. Any proposed reductions here? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I have three proposed reductions, and I would like to take them up separately. So to get everyone on the same page, I'm looking at page 7-15 of the Budget Details, Index Code 911420B, Subject-Object character 6201. I move to decrease airfare transportation by \$10,000, leaving \$35,000, which is much more than FY'20 Actuals for the Training Program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is there a second? Okay, moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member Sinenci. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So you know, being that we're not entirely out of COVID, and this is for training, I'm just bringing it down a little bit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any other questions, comments, discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Call for the question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." Sorry, can you hear me? Okay, I see all ayes... oh, Member

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Johnson. Oh, okay. Okay. Any noes? Okay, I think it was six “ayes,” zero “noes,” three excused, Member King, Chair Lee, and Pro Tem Kama.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers Kama, King, and Lee.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Member Paltin, another proposal?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes, thank you. On the same page, and if I get a second I'll explain my reasoning, I move to reduce Subject-Object 7044, which is AEDs, by \$9,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member Molina. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And we heard from Parks that they do use the same AEDs as Fire, and they had budgeted \$2,000 for AEDs. And so just, you know, trying to get us all on the same page for AEDs. Sorry, this is on page 7-16. My bad.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, and that is the Other Equipment, 7044 replacement. So a reduction of 9,000.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, and the reason would be, we did hear from Parks. Parks has the same AEDs as Fire. Fire has the same AEDs as Police, and Parks pays \$2,000 for their AEDs. And so you know, get on the same page.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Molina, you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Yeah, thank you, and I apologize for my ignorance. Can you explain what the AE...the acronym AED stands for?

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, sure.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Also, to include anyone else that may be watching.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: It's an Automated External Defibrillator. If somebody's heart is in ventricular fibrillation or...you know, it'll shock the heart in the hopes when you do CPR that it'll go back into the normal rhythm, instead of a too fast or a not good rhythm.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you very much for that detailed explanation. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Any other questions or comments, discussion? Okay, I'm seeing no hands, so I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." All right, I see six "ayes," zero "noes," three excused, Chair Lee, Member King, Pro Tem Kama.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers Kama, King, and Lee.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And this is on page 7-16 of your Budget Details, 911255C, under Fire Training, Subject-Object 7035, I move to decrease the amount by \$50,000, Apparatus Training Equipment, new.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, moved by Member Paltin, seconded by Member Molina. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And just saying, you know, this is new equipment. We're trying to keep

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a tight, trim budget, and so if we can just put it off one year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other questions, comments, discussion?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, and I neglected to mention, it's for Training instead of Operations, and so that's why just put it off one year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seeing no hands, I'll call for the question.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All those... oh, oh, Budget Director. Yes?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry. So this is for the hazmat truck, yeah? Equipment for the hazmat truck, not for training. So if you look on the top, 911255C Hazardous Materials Division.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So I just had a question because Training Program is above of that. So is it Hazmat Training Program?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Yeah, so training and Hazmat is under the same program. It's Training and Health and Safety. They're all together under the Training Program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so for --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: That'll just go under...oh, sorry. Go ahead.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For clarification, Budget Director Yoshimura, so it's not training for Hazmat's operations, it's actual operations for hazmat.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, I believe that's...that's what it is. And it also replaces...hang on, I'm trying to check with the Chief. It also replaces broken and old equipment that belongs with the hazmat team.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So I just was going off of what it says, which is that it's new equipment. It...there's the category where it says replacement, and it says new. So is that...I guess my question would be, was that an error?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Councilmember Paltin, I need to go back and look at their original request and get back to you on that. I just got that response from the Deputy Chief about it being for...also for parts...for broken and old equipment, so that's what I added on to my response. But I will look at their request that they had submitted, and I can...I can provide you that response. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Can we set it aside until we hear back?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. So if you would like to withdraw the motion, and then Member Molina's second.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I'll withdraw the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Withdraw the second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, Member Paltin, did you have a...oh, that was the third one. Okay, Members, any other proposals for reduction? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm sorry. I'm in a...I'm in...I...I forget what section in, but I'm in the section for Ocean Safety Program and Equipment. And we're...and that's later? Okay, sorry.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
Fire/Rescue Operations Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, we're in Training Program, page 711 [sic], 7-11 through 7-17, okay? Okay, any other proposals for this program? Okay, I see no hands, so we'll go to the next program while wait for additional information. The next program is Fire/Rescue and... Fire/Rescue Operations Program, and that starts on page 7-18. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you Madam Chair. I have a consideration for Fire/Rescue Operations Program. I would like to make a motion to transfer the Kahului, Hāna, and Kula resurfacing of apparatus base to CIP.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, motion from Member Molina, second from Member Sinenci. What...what page was that, Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, oh, oh, yeah. My apologies Madam Chair. It's Budget Details page 7-55, Code 911076B, Sub-Code 6135, and this proposal would again save cash spending 500,000 for this proposal, would move it to Bond funding.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 7-55?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, where are you? What...which item?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Fire...Fire/Rescue Operations, Budget Details.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 7-54.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay, it is 54. I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And that's the repairs and maintenance buildings, resurfacing of apparatus bay for Kahului, which is 160,000, Hāna, which is 80,000, Kula, 80,000. . . .*(inaudible)*. . . stations, locker improvement at various stations, 180,000, which is for the --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, yeah. Yeah, so the resulting savings would actually be more like 180. Sorry for that misinformation I gave you earlier.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So what is the motion? Reduction by how much?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: 320,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and that's for the three resurfacing of apparatus bay?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Correct. And move that 320,000 would...well, the reduction of the 320,000, so the rest of it would be paid in bonds. The 180 of this 500,000 project would be paid for in cash, and 320 moved to bonds...bond funding, CIP.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then I'll ask Budget Director Yoshimura if those items would be able to be bond funded.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. We did have it in repair and maintenance of the bays, and funded by cash, because I don't think it qualifies for bond with a 20-year life. So that was the decision we had made, to fund it with cash. If you do want to move it to Bond, we can discuss with our...with our bond underwriters.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members, questions, comments? Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, just clarification for Budget Director. Bond underwriters? We could still have it under bonds, but we'd need to check?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yeah, we'll check if it qualifies for bond financing. I'm not sure, like, what the useful life of it...of the...of the resurfacing would be, if it's just to, you know, repair cracks in the apparatus bay. So we'll...we'll take a look at that.

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

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Any other questions or comments? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I have a question for Ms. Yoshimura. If we move it to bond funding, would we ultimately pay more due to interest?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Yes, we would pay interest on top of that amount that is financed.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Just one more question. Does it free up any additional cash for use, or no?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . oh. Go ahead, Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Sinenci, yes, it...I...I think they have 320,000 budgeted for the resurfacing. If you do move it to Bond, if it's an allowable expense, then yes, you would free up \$320,000 in cash.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any other questions, comments, discussion? Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, so just following up from Member Paltin's question. So with the prevailing interest rates right now, we move that 320,000, how much more would it cost? I don't know if you can do the quick math at this time. I know I can't, but you know, if Budget Director Yoshimura has a comment on that?

MS. YOSHIMURA: All of our bond . . .*(inaudible)*. . . are funded over 20 years, so I think our last bond rating...or our last bond interest rate was 1.99 percent, right, so that...the life over 20 years, I guess. I don't...I can figure out the calculation.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, yeah. I mean, it's good to ask that question, but I guess I...I'm looking at it like we need to save the cash now, in lieu [*sic*] of the times that we're in, so...okay. Anyway, thank you very much, Madam Director and Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, you had your hand up?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, how fast would it be for the bond council to get back to us? To answer that question. I would --

MS. YOSHIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- imagine that...oh, go ahead.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry, Councilmember Sugimura. Yeah, I will ask Director of Finance to contact them tomorrow, and get a response for us. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Sugimura. All right. I don't see any more hands. Okay, so I think I would need to hear if this would qualify for bond funding before I would vote to do that. That's --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Well, Madam Chair, if your preference would be to...for me to withdraw the motion at this time until we get that information, then act upon it later depending on the information we received from the bond raters?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yes. I think we can wait until the end and then, you know, if it...if it's something we want to consider, we can do a reconsideration and come back to this item.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. With that said, Madam Chair, I withdraw my motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci, your second.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Withdraw, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Molina, mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, are there any other proposals of Fire/Rescue Operations? Okay, I see no hands, so I will ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED CONSENSUS.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
Fire Prevention Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. We'll go to Fire Prevention Program. Any proposals for Fire Prevention Program? Okay, and that starts on page 7-63. I see no hands, so I will ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED CONSENSUS.

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
Ocean Safety Program

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. And Ocean Safety. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. So on page 260 of your Budget Proposal, the budget proposals has the replacement of lifeguard towers at Baldwin Beach, 90,000, and Ho'okipa Beach, 65,000. My staff went out to both locations and spoke with the boots on the ground, the guys who are actually working there. And we were looking for funds for some of the homeless...homeless funding we were looking for, and it's...after talking with them and looking at the lifeguard towers, I concur that the Baldwin Beach tower definitely needs replaced. But speaking with the guys down there, even the Ho'okipa Beach, they said yeah, we can wait another year. But...so that's kind of where I'd like to cut, is that 65,000 from...for the Ho'okipa lifeguard tower. It does need repair, but they...they said it...they could wait another year. And, you know, that's kind of where I'm coming from, is . . . *(inaudible)*. . . see them in a year from now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Johnson, will you make your request in the form of a motion?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So I move to...thank you, Chair. I move to remove the Ho'okipa \$65,000 beach tower. The number...the line number is 91777D-7044.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: On what page?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: On page 260 of the Budget Proposal... Budget Proposal three-ring binder.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, motion from Member Johnson, second from Member Sinenci. Members, discussion? Okay, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll yield to the maker first, if he has additional comments, and then I'll add my thoughts.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson, did you have additional comments?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: The only thing I'll add, Chair--and thank you, Councilmember Molina--I know this is a lean budget. I've...I've searched high and low, so that's why if I was going to go to a First Responders, I...I sent the team out there. They came back with actual answers from people who would be affected by this. So that's where I'm coming from, and I hope you guys see where I'm coming from. Mahalo.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Johnson. And this is on page 7-76 in your Budget Details. Okay, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate Member Johnson doing his part to see where we can make some slight adjustments, although I kind of have mixed feelings. But I would like to offer an alternate, I guess an amendment to the motion. My proposed amendment would be to move these projects to CIP, Baldwin and Ho'okipa Beach Park lifeguard towers to CIP, and therefore we can use bonding to fund these projects. And of course, it's contingent upon what Budget Director Yoshimura has to say on it, if this would qualify for bonding. So that would be my proposed amendment to Mr. Johnson's motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we...we'll get comments first, and then you can move to amend if it's...if you would like to. So I think it says the estimated use of life is 12 years. Budget Director Yoshimura, I think the life needs to be 20 years in order to be bond funded? Budget Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Chair, yes, we try to look at a longer useful life. This one does have 12 years. Also, I want to make note that Ho'okipa was requested in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, and it was removed...it was...it wasn't funded at that point, and so that's why we're requesting it for Fiscal '22. So...but I would not recommend bond fund, but if you wanted me to check with Bond Council, I can. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Budget Director. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, that...Madam Chair, I'll go ahead and yield to Member Paltin, who's our...on the Council, our lifeguard guru. I'm sure she has some very insightful thoughts on this particular matter. So I'll yield the floor to Member Paltin.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Member Molina, and you know, I totally agree about Baldwin. It was in bad shape when I left, which was about three years ago. But you know, the situation with Ho'okipa is that it's...it's like a one-person tower, and most times, there's two people stationed there. And when you're, you know, two people in a one-person tower, and the elements are on, with the wind and the rain, and being that they did put it off already one year, I...I kind of feel like it's going to be a next year, next year, next year thing that we already did put it off. And you know, I work with lifeguards, and they...they try to make it work, you know, and...and they have compassion for the homeless, but I think...I...I kind of feel like we...we need to protect them from the elements if we're going to be putting more than one person in a one-person tower, and...and keep putting it off. So you know, where...while I would like my share of the cuts, and I...I do have a few cuts in this section, this isn't one of the things that I can support, just because I know what it's like to spend eight hours being wet. You know what I mean? So I can't support it.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Tamara's experience always speaks volumes, but I want to thank Gabe for making the effort, sending your staff out, and doing that research. I appreciate that. But based upon the...you know, and Mr. Molina for being creative, to try to convert it to bond funding, but I think we always hear 20 years for the life of the bond for whatever we're trying to bond. And yeah, I'm not going to...I'm not going to vote to eliminate it, just because I think that there's a need, and our lifeguard has spoken. So thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: First, thanks...thank you, Chair, and thanks to the body for having a good discussion. I...I...I threw it out there, I bounced it off, I hear you loud and clear. So I'll pull...I'll pull...I'll pull that, so. I'll pull my motion up. So thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair, I'll --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: We'll just --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member...okay. Member Johnson has withdrawn his motion, Member Sinenci withdrawn his second. I see Member Paltin with her hand up? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes, I'd like to make three motions in this section. So the first motion... or I'll get everyone on the same page first. In the Budget Details 7-71, 911777A, I move to decrease the OSO IV mistake position by \$36,492, and if I get a second, I'll go into my reasoning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, motion by Member Paltin. Is there a second? Second by Member Sugimura. Oh, oh, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And so when we had the Fire Department here, they did mention that the fifth captain, in addition to the training captain, was a mistake. And so in the budget details, this is an OSO I position that goes to OSO IV, which is a captain position. We only have three districts, so it's...Deputy Chief Ventura did mention that it was a mistake, so I'd like to take it back from OSO IV to OSO I, and in our secret papers on page 7-71, that amount is 36,492. So there's two captains on the north shore, one captain on the south shore, one captain on the west side, one training captain. No need for an additional captain.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. Questions, comments, Members? Okay, I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aye.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right, I see six “ayes”, zero “noes,” three excused, Chair Lee, Member King, and Pro Tem Kama.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers Kama, King, and Lee.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, thank you. Getting everyone on the same page again, I’m on 7-74 of the Budget Details, Subject-Object Code 6129, Other Services, I propose we reduce the amount by \$10,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion made by Member Paltin, seconded by Member Molina. Member Paltin, one more time, what page?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: 7-74 of the Budget Details.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin. You can speak to --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And this is kind of a similar to Member Molina’s one. You know, super vague, Other Services. In 2019 and 2020, it was under \$1,000, and then we see, like, a consistent jump up to 11,9...or sorry, 300. And so I’m just taking us back down a bit for the vagueness.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Can we hear from the Director as to why the jump for the explanation, and what other...other services are being covered?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry, I don't have that information. I will get back to you on that, though. I'll...I'll take a look. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay, I see no more hands, so while we wait for an answer to that question, perhaps we can withdraw the motion on the floor, and then we can take up the other proposals. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sure thing. I'll withdraw.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then Member Molina, the second.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, withdraw.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, and for my next...--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- for my next motion, if everyone can turn to page 7-76, I would like to reduce Subject-Object 7055 by 23,500, eliminating one rescue water craft with trailer and leaving two.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, moved by Member Paltin, second by Member Molina. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And that...now that Makena is no longer online, you know, I...I want our ocean safety to be well-staffed, well-equipped, but two is a lot. Two new jet skis in a year is a lot for us, and...and...and so you know, with the tight times, just reducing it by one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, questions, comments? Okay, seeing no hands, I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say "no." Okay, so six "ayes," zero "noes," three excused, Chair Lee, Member King, and Pro Tem Kama.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers Kama, King, and Lee.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So those were my three, and I don't know if we want to take up the Other Services now or... okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: The Other Services, I think that's when we put in monies for the ocean safety officers to...we need to pay for their medical...their physicals. So that's where the money was put.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just wanted to clarify, because 6224 has physical examinations on 7-75. So I was under the impression that was --

(audio technical difficulties)

MS. YOSHIMURA: . . .*(audio interference)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Medical insurance . . .*(audio interference)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members?

MS. MILNER: I think BlueJean [sic] booted us all off, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, really?

MS. MILNER: Yeah --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I didn't get --

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MS. MILNER: We all got a message saying that we were having network errors.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. I'll...I'll call...I'll call *Akakū*. Oh, we're back on again.

MS. MILNER: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I guess I don't have to reconvene the meeting. All right. We'll just keep going as if nothing happened. Member Paltin. Uh-oh. Member Paltin, are you okay?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: . . . (*audio interference*). . . there was a bug. . . . (*audio feedback*). . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perhaps, Member Paltin, try...try checking if you have two BlueJeans on. Okay, and I will mute you for now. Okay? Oh, yeah, I see two of you, Member Paltin, in the participant list. So yeah, there's those...there's two Tamaras in the list. So I'm going to mute them both, and then perhaps you can just end...end...end the BlueJeans, and then log...log on, and then log off, and then log back on. Sometimes BlueJeans does that. Remember when we had that testifier, and it kept doing that? It was because there were two BlueJeans programs on. Okay? Okay. Okay. There's one of you now. You should be good now, Member Paltin. Try.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: . . . (*inaudible*). . . about now?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Sorry, there was a bug, so...have my...somebody grab it for me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah, you looked scared. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So I don't know where I left off, but I was saying 7-75 looks like physical examinations. It says medical insurance co-pay for annual physical exam, and skin care...skin cancer screenings. Did that come through before we all dropped off? Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. Sorry, my bad.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, that's...no, perfect recap. Budget Director Yoshimura, are you on?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You guys...okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So I will check with the Department, with the Deputy, and then get back

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to you on that. Initially, that's what we...he thought it was for the physicals. So I'll get back to you on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, so are there any...so, okay, Member Paltin, while we're waiting to hear back on the Other Services for the 11,300 reduce by 10,000 for 1,300, shall we just withdraw the motion for now while we wait for information, and then we can take up any other proposals?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, I thought we had withdrew the motion, and Ms. Yoshimura was just answering the question, and then I was clarifying. I didn't think I remade the motion. But I can withdraw a motion if I did make a motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Sounds good. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Let's just do that. Better to err on the side of withdrawing a non-motion. And I'm probably frozen. Okay, so Member Paltin has withdrawn her motion if there is one on the floor, and I think that was Member Molina with a second. Am I correct if there was a second?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I withdraw the second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Mahalo, Members. Okay, so while we wait for information on that item, are there any other proposals for Ocean Safety Program?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I don't... Oh, Member... sorry, okay, Budget Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Getting back to Councilmember Molina on that \$50,000 for Apparatus Equipment. So the Department did request the equipment to have a spare...to have spare equipment to outfit an engine, should there be any type of emergency, such as hazardous material incidents or...an...an apparatus accident. They need to...or...to equip a relief truck. So they have some relief trucks, they...they're putting equipment on there, so that's what they're requesting that funding for.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, and then --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(audio interference)*. . . Paltin's proposal.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, I seen Member Molina kind of looking like, what'd I do? And so I just was...point of information, that was me. So it's new equipment for a backup hazmat engine that's going to be if the current hazmat engine goes down, then the backup engine would have the apparatus, so that they wouldn't have to take from the existing, in-use engine? Is that what it is you're saying?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yeah, so Chair. Councilmember Paltin, it's for...it's to equip any...equip apparatus. It's...I guess if they...if the truck gets into...or...or if the apparatus gets into

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some hazardous material incident, or if it gets into an accident and a relief truck or a spare apparatus is needed, they have the equipment to...they have the equipment to equip that apparatus to put it in operation.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I'll withdraw my cut.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. And then for Member Molina's...what was it? That Apparatus Resurfacing... the Resurfacing Apparatus Bay, we have information on that one?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, the \$320,000, that's the one we were going to check with the Bond Council tomorrow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Tomorrow.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Member Molina wanted move that to bond funding.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. All right. So we're not going to get additional information on that tonight. So we're just going to move forward, and then at the end of the week, if we want to do anything with that, we'll do a reconsideration. Okay. And then there was one more...was there one more? Or are we good? Oh, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, so Madam Chair, just a request for additional information with regards to the lifeguard towers. If...from the department, if they could construct lifeguard towers to last for more than 20 years to see about...I know there's that...the projected life of 20. Is there a way to construct lifeguard towers, to fortify them, make them last beyond 20? So just would like to get input from the Department on that. And maybe Member Paltin has some insight on that as well, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Member Molina. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, so I worked at DT Flemings for about 18 years, and we had a community-built tower. I think it was Pitzer Built donated his services, and built a wooden structure. It lasted maybe, I want to say about 25 years, and it was in need of repair quite often because of the onshore salt breezes. At one point, one of my coworkers stepped right through the third stair. Back when we were in Parks and Recreation, it was difficult to keep up with maintenance and repairs, and we were, like, the...maybe the red-headed stepchild. So you know, maybe if under Fire we could do more annual maintenance. But it's...it's...with a wooden structure, it's going to have the onshore salt breezes, so you know, you're going to have to replace the deck. You need a deck, because for surveillance purposes. But it's...it's going to ...it's going to...if you build a wooden structure, it's going to require a lot of upkeep, just because of the elements. Like, you know, people that live ocean front with onshore breezes, it...it just...you know, even our equipment, like, you'd think a UTV or an ATV should last longer than five years, but it's just, you know, being in the salt air 24/7, 365 days a year, it's not something that it...it...just, the elements.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Corrosion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Mahalo, Member Paltin. Right. Okay, Member Paltin, there was an item that we were waiting on information for? Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, it was a \$10,000 Other Services in the Ocean Safety. It had gone up, and you know, I just...the way that it presented...sorry, I got a lot of bugs here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Budget Director Yoshimura, did...do we know what those could be, if they're not physicals? Unless they are physicals, and they're in two different places.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I apologize, I need to check with the Department tomorrow. I know they...I've looked back at some of the other budgets. They have been budgeting \$11,300 each year. I do want to note, though, as I indicated earlier, with the categories like Other Services, miscellaneous other costs, sometimes the departments will put funding there because they're not certain of the exact sub-object code to put. And then when they actually do the expenditure, they'll charge the appropriate sub-object code. So it could be one of those incidents, but I will check with the Department tomorrow. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. Member Paltin, shall we move forward, and you can move for a reconsideration if the information that we get compels you to do so?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I think we should go the other way around.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I move to cut 10,000 from Other Services.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, is there a second?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second for discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, seconded by Member Molina. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, just saying if it's something that they really need, we can reconsider and put it back in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members, discussion, questions, comments? Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Pages on Other Services that she's referencing? I see 7-75 has a physical exams, and what page is the other that you're talking about?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 7-74, and that's a total of \$11,300, Other Services. It's

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toward the bottom --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, I see.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- half of the page.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I see it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other questions, comments, discussion, Members? Okay, I'm seeing no hands, so I will call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say "aye." I see... all right, okay. I see six "ayes," zero "noes," and three excused, Chair Lee, Member King, and Pro Tem Kama.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair Paltin, and Councilmembers Johnson, Molina, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Kama, King, and Lee.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, and if it's something that we would need to redo, then the Department will let us know and we can move for a reconsideration, okay. All right. Okay. Ocean Safety Program consensus as amended?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right.

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DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Capital Improvement Projects
Rates and Fees
Grant Revenue

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. CIPs, Members. Seeing no hands, I will ask for consensus on all the CIPs? Okay. All right, consensus. Okay. All right. And there's only one change in the rates and fees, and that's for the \$100 for a certificate of fitness for the portable fire extinguishers. Are there any proposals for Rates and Fees? All right, seeing no hands, I'll ask for consensus. Consensus, Members? Okay. I see thumbs. All right. Okay. Okay, we're good. Okay, there are no priority proposals from the Members. There are some Grant Revenue. Consensus on the Grant... oh, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I'm sorry. I'd like to ask for reconsideration on the Rates and Fees.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Consensus on going back to Rates and Fees? Any objection?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, seeing no objection, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. For page 15, aerial/special fireworks, I'd like to double it to 220 from 110.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, motion by Member Paltin, second by Member Sugimura. Member Paltin, and then I see Budget Director Yoshimura's hand up.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So for me, these...I live in a resort area, and you know, it's very common for the Ritz Carlton or the resorts to do aerial/special fireworks shows, and I have dogs. And they go off, and I...I don't think we should make it any easier to do that. I used to work on the beach. They would set up at Flemings [*sic*], cone off an area on the sand, and then the next morning, all the rubbish from the aerial fireworks was all over the beach. And so you know, tomorrow's Earth Day, and I'm just giving one for the Earth.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. Budget Director Yoshimura, followed by Member Molina.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. So those fees are set by HRS 132(d)-10. So I don't think we can make changes to that, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, I'll withdraw my motion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura, you --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Withdraw my second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay. Right. Consensus on Rates and Fees?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Grant Revenue. Any proposals on Grant Revenue?
Proposed amendment? Okay, seeing no hands, I'll ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right, and the last thing is the Revolving Funds.
There are three revolving funds. Are there any amendments to the Revolving Funds?
Firework Auditor Fund; Plan, Review, Processing, and Inspection Revolving Fund; Fire
Hazard Removal Revolving Fund? Okay, I see no hands, so I will ask for consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I see a question in Member Paltin's facial expression
and a hand up from Member Johnson. Member Johnson, you have a question on the
revolving funds?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I'm sorry, I'm lagging a little bit, so I got a little confused.
You...you may ignore my hand. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: My question was just on what page --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. We can go to the Budget Bill.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Page 44.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. So in the Budget Ordinance, there's the Fire Hazards
of...on page 44, there's the Fire Hazard Removal Revolving Fund, and that has \$3,394.
And then there's the Plan Review Processing and Inspection Revolving Fund, and that
is projected to have \$6,341,019. And there are three conditions under that revolving
fund.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, thank you, I see it. I am okay with it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then there's one...there's a Fireworks Auditor's Fund that I...I can't find, and that one has 107,000...well, projected to have \$107,833.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Is that H? No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Was that number, I mean, letter H? No?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: H.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Page 45, and was R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't know, maybe we can ask Budget Director Yoshimura for Fireworks Auditor Fund.

MS. YOSHIMURA: That's page 49, letter R, is the Fireworks Auditor Fund, and that one's projected to have \$107,000.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Shucks, I wish Chair Lee was here because, you know, fireworks and all. But I just was wondering what this is about? Because you know, we...we...we have some fireworks issues here on Maui, and it's not confined to New Year's Day and 4th of July, and it's really quite a problem. And is there any way to address it with this fund? Like, do they audit fireworks or, like, do they...just asking for clarification, because we have a big fireworks issue here.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So Chair. HRS Section 137(d)-7 authorized the establishment of the fund. We also created a Fireworks Auditor Fund through Chapter 3.95 Maui County Code, and in there, it states the purpose of the fund is for the salary of an auditor of fireworks and articles...pyrotechnics and all expenses incurred to fulfill the duties required, including the inspection of inventory and storage facilities, maintenance of required records, and the training of the auditor. So the auditor...so all the fees that we collect from the firework permits go into this fund, and it has specific purposes in Chapter 3.95 of the Maui County Code.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you so much for your indulgence. I don't think this can help our problem.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Paltin. No other hands, I'll ask for a consensus on the Revolving Funds.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Consensus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I see consensus. Okay. All right, Members, that is everything under the Department of Fire and Public Safety, so we can be done for tonight.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: We're not going to do another one?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Only if you really want to, Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No consensus. . . .*(laughing)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura, you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so before we close this department, I just want to say congratulation to Chief Thyne. As we saw in the paper this morning, he announced his retirement after 33 years, so I wanted to thank him for his years of service and unfortunately, I think we'll all miss him. Have enjoyed him, as...when we met him through, you know, Budget and...and work on the Council. So thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Sugimura. Oh, I think we'll all echo your sentiments and extend our collective congratulations to Fire Chief. We'll definitely miss him. Member Sinenci, your hand was up?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, I also like to congratulate Chief Thyne on his retirement. Just a question for you, Chair, for procedure for tomorrow. Are we receiving the RPT report?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. So we also received the certification on RPT earlier this afternoon, and I believe it should be up on Granicus by now. Ms. Milner, do you know if it's on Granicus? Oh, and Member Paltin has her hard copy already.

MS. MILNER: Yes, and it was also emailed to all the Members, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Milner. Okay? So if you'd like to, instead of taking up another department, can review the certification until midnight. Just kidding. All right. Okay, any other questions, Members? Stop showing off, Member Paltin. . . .*(laughing)* . . . Okay. All right. Okay, I...I see no more hands. Sorry, I have to keep looking at my TV, because my computer wants to go to sleep already. Okay, so for tomorrow, good job, Members, we are very much ahead of schedule. We have the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, which may you know, inspire a lot of testimony tomorrow. So we have Department of Housing and Human Concerns, Department of Liquor, and then we'll see how everything goes. And we may be able to take up Department of Management and Office of the Mayor if we're really ambitious.

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All right. Any questions? Oh, sorry, and then we will get the...a presentation after testimony from the Department of Finance on the certification. So we'll start with that, and then we'll take up DHHC. Any questions on the schedule for tomorrow? Okay, I see no hands. All right. So we'll proceed in that fashion tomorrow morning, and we'll call it a night. So it's...oh, okay. Mahalo, Ms. Milner. It's...so the RPT certification is number 71, item number 71 on Granicus for Members' reference. All right. It's...so we'll see everyone tomorrow morning at 9:00. It's 8:52 on April 19th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now adjourned . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 8:52 p.m.

APPROVED:



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
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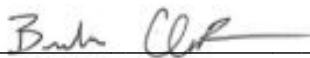
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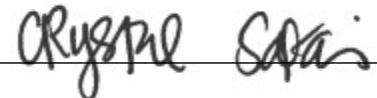
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