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CONVENE: 1:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

STAFF: Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst
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Christie Trenholme, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the
Corporation Counsel
Michelle Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
Eric Nakagawa, Director, Department of Environmental Management
Marc Takamori, Director, Department of Transportation
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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Aloha kakahiaka kākou. Kanakolu kumakolu minuke i ka hala o kahola ekahi ma ho'okahi o Kekemapa i ka makahiki 'elua kaukani iwakālua ku makahi. Kala hookahi o ka mahinahope o kēia makahiki. E 'olu'olu mai, e ho'omalua ke Komike Ho'o...Ho'o...Mo'ohelu Kālā a me ho'omohala waiwai. 'O wai kaluna ho'omalua o kēia Komike o Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. Aia au ma'ane'i i kēia Molokai District Office ke nohone ke noho ho'o kahine no au ma kēia au au. It's 1:34, was 3 on December 1st, 2021. Will the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee please come to order. I'm your Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I am at the Molokai District Office, alone on my side of the office. O kou me i kēia lā, me ko kākou eia hope luna ho'omalua, Tamara Paltin. Agoo. Agoo?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Agoo, a me aloha 'auinalā, mai Malu 'Ulu o Lele. Broadcasting live and direct from the West Maui District Office. We had a little moisture this morning. And currently I'm alone, but my aide Angela will be back shortly. She just stepped out for a phone call. So we're way more than, like, 20 feet away from each other. She'll be right back.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin, for all those details and...and your safety. Okay, and then we'll go to our Council Chair, Alice Lee, for our greeting, agoo.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Chair. I'm surprised Member Paltin didn't give us a surf report in addition to all the other details she gave us. Anyway, agoo, everyone. This comes from Ghana, a country in West Africa. I'm home in my office space by myself, with my trusty little dog about seven feet away. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, and we're nothing if not transparent about everything, right? Next, we have Councilmember Shane Sinenci, agoo.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: *(Audio interference)* time ago that we've seen each other, but 'auinalā no, mai ka Hikina. We're at the Hāna Cultural Center. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Nicely done with your play on words. Councilmember Mike Molina, agoo.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha, and agoo to you, Madam Chair, my colleagues, and everyone else tuning in for our BFED meeting today. For the record, I'm coming to you satellite live from my residence here in Makawao under the virtual bridge. And my wife is about 30 or 40 feet away from me. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Councilmember Kelly King, agoo.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Agoo, everybody. That's a really fun one to say. I'm coming to you...I'm back at my house, because of internet problems at the District Office, which I hope to be able to resolve. And my husband is in...is two rooms away.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Hopefully your house will have some stable connection for us. That must have been tricky, chairing your meeting this morning.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: It was. I had to...actually, during a break, drove back home, because the District Office's just wasn't working for me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ah, the world of online meetings. Agoo, Councilmember Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Agoo, back at you, Chair, and all of my fellow Councilmembers, agoo, to you as well. I...I'm...I am on Lāna'i City by myself, in my house, ready for the meeting. Out.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, agoo.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Agoo, and look at this, everybody. Look at how cool this is. Thank you very much. Can you see it? Thank you, Kelly. Anyway...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, you asked for a kilt.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I know. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Very cute.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: But anyway, agoo, everyone. I'm here at the County building, and looking forward to this meeting. You have two of my departments on your agenda, so I'm very grateful, Chair, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely. Cute kilt. Say that three times fast. And Pro Tem Tasha Kama, agoo.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha awakea, Chair, and agoo to every one of my colleagues. It's nice to be here, and I am in my home workspace alone. It's good to see all of you. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha and welcome back. Okay, from Corporation Counsel, I think we have three representatives. So we have Moana Lutey, Corporation Counsel, agoo.

MS. LUTEY: Agoo, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: First Deputy Corporation Counsel Richelle Thomson, agoo.

MS. THOMSON: Hello, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And filling in for Kristina Toshikiyo, we have Deputy Corporation Counsel Christie Trenholme. Agoo.

MS. TRENHOLME: Hi. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And from the Office of the Mayor, we have Budget Director Michelle Yoshimura, agoo.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Agoo, Chair. Agoo, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I will introduce each of the representatives from the departments when each of the item comes up. And our Committee Staff, we have Committee Secretary Clarita Balala, agoo.

MS. BALALA: Agoo, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Committee Analyst Lesley Milner, agoo.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Legislative Analyst Kasie Apo Takayama, agoo.

MS. TAKAYAMA: Okay, I think I got this one today. Agoo, Committee Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You nailed it. Good job. And Legislative Attorney Richard E. Mitchell, agoo.

MR. MITCHELL: Aloha and agoo, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Council Services Assistant Clerk, Lei Dineen, agoo. 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. We have three items on today's agenda, BFED-56(5) Amendments to Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022, Department of Environmental Management, Central Maui Landfill Entrance Facility Traffic Improvements; BFED-56(6) Amendments to Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022, Department of Transportation Central Maui Transit Hub; and BFED-43 Relocation of the Pūko'o Fire Station. I see that we don't have any testifiers signed up, so I will see if anyone wants to speak up to testify. Anyone wanting...wishing to testify, please make it known to the Committee at this time. All right, hearing no one speaking up, are there any objections to closing oral testimony and accepting written testimony into the record?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Excellent. Mahalo. All right. So we'll dive right into it.

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**ITEM-56(5) AMENDMENTS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 (DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (CENTRAL MAUI
LANDFILL ENTRANCE FACILITY TRAFFIC
IMPROVEMENTS))**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: BFED-56(5), Amendments to Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022, Department of Environmental Management, Central Maui Landfill Entrance Facility Traffic Improvements. We have our Budget Director Yoshimura for opening comments, as well as representatives from the Department of Environmental Management to follow up. So we'll...aloha, Director Eric Nakagawa, ago.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Aloha and ago.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so we'll start with Budget Director Yoshimura for opening comments.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So before you are several bills to amend the Fiscal Year '21 Budget to add the project for the entrance of the Central Maui Landfill facility. So Fiscal Year '21 Budget contained monies for the project, for the...the entrance facility, as well as a drop box [sic] area. So when the Department went out to bid, the bid amount did come in overbudgeted. And so in order to do the program, we are looking to increase the bond...bond fund for Fiscal Year '22 by \$484,650, and in that sense, we will lapse the Fiscal Year '21 remaining balances from both of those projects. So at this point, we didn't have enough time to encumber the monies for '21, and we were short some funding, so we're asking for the funds to be put into Fiscal '22. Director Nakagawa can give you more details on the project itself, should you have any questions on that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. We'll go to DEM's Director Nakagawa, and then we'll open it up for questions.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Nakagawa.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Aloha, Chair. Yeah, so essentially, as Director Yoshimura said, we just...this is the same project. This...just to remind everybody, we...we kind of did this project. We added a drop off area, right, so that we can alleviate the queuing, and which would help alleviate the traffic into Central Maui Landfill for residential drop off. And then we also...in that same project, we also added another lane, so that there wouldn't be queuing on Pulehu Road, yeah, because on holidays and stuff, that's...weekends, holidays, that's kind of like when majority of the traffic comes for us. So, yeah, holidays and (*audio interference*) so, yeah. So if you guys have any other questions other than that, that's essentially what it's for. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Nakagawa. Perfect. Okay, Members,

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questions for Director Nakagawa or Budget Director Yoshimura? I will put three minutes on the clock, and I see Member King with her hand up, and...followed by Member Molina. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. So I just wanted to clarify, because I thought I heard Director Yoshimura say something like drop box, but then I think Director Nakagawa said drop off area. So I'm hoping we're not putting drop boxes right at the landfill because...okay, I just want to clarify that. And then I wasn't really sure, I...I...maybe you could clarify, Director Yoshimura, where the money's coming from? I mean, there sounds like some monies from last year that were coming into this year, but I...it wasn't clear where the extra money's coming from? Can you just reiterate that for me?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you. Councilmember King, sorry, yes. It's a drop off area, not a drop box, sorry. So the appropriation in Fiscal Year '21 was from the Bond Fund. They did not spend all of the monies. They did spend some for design, but not all of it for...and we...because we have a bid that's pending, we do have 90 days to enter into a contract. And the funds that we are seeking for Fiscal Year '22 will come from the Bond Fund, and it will be paid back by the Solid Waste Fund, and not the General Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you for clarifying that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay, Member Molina, followed by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair, and good afternoon, Mr. Director. Just for the...as far as while construction is going on, do you anticipate any impacts on people dropping off their rubbish or the use of the landfill, maybe adjusting hours while there's construction? Do you foresee any of that happening?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Nakagawa.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I...I imagine very minimal, because we probably have just a little bit of extra paving, a little bit on the side, and then on...most likely the drop offs will be on the makai side, so that's kind of out of the way of the rest of the drop areas, yeah. So I imagine there may be a little bit, because there's some type of...any type of interaction with existing operations, it does affect it a little, but I don't...I don't imagine that much.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And your construction timetable from permitting to the end of construction, do you have a general estimation as to how long it's going to take? A guess, at this point.

MR. NAKAGAWA: My guess is...these are hard, but I...I think my guess...I think is pretty

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simple, so I guess maybe in that nine-month range. So one thing, I...I think we've got a really good...just kind of adding, because you're talking about the construction, we got a really good price from Alpha, and they are already there. They won the contract for that. They're wrapping up the Phase 3 expansion. So I imagine, you know, since they're right there already, they're probably just have a crew from right there help with that project. So that's why I think we got such a good price. It was about a couple hundred thousand dollars less than the second bidder. So it's kind of significant, I guess.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, good answer. And I assume Alpha is going to be working with your engineers and coming up with the best design possible, yeah, to help alleviate all of the traffic concerns. But I'm really glad this project is finally moving forward, so thank you. Thank you, Mr. Director. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, Directors. I...I assume this question would be for Director Nakagawa. At that...at the main entrance, does everyone use the entrance? Do you have side entrances for, you know, County vehicles, or is that just the only way in and out?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Nakagawa?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, that's...that is the only entrance and exit.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, thank you for that. And the main reason, I assume, is you're doing this is to alleviate traffic, right? Is that the reason why?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Or there's multiple reasons, am I right?

MR. NAKAGAWA: Yes, Chair, yeah. So the...the main reason was safety, yeah, so traffic on Pulehu Road...because they used to back up all the way from...I don't know if you ever gone in on weekends or holidays, they tend to back up all the way around the bend, and then come out of Pulehu Road, and people queue on Pulehu Road. So people are starting to drive off of the shoulders to go around, and I don't know, it's just a...it's just...it'll help...definitely help alleviate. I don't think it'll get rid of it all, because Public Works...well, it's a different project, but I...I know they're looking into either a left turn lane and something on the intersection of Pulehu and Dairy Road...oh, not Dairy, sorry, Hansen Road. So...but this will definitely help a lot.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. All right. Thank you so much, Director. Thank you, Chair. No further questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Members, any other questions? Okay, seeing no other questions (*audio interference*)

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Recommendation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sounds good, Member Molina, just for you. The Chair will entertain a motion to recommend passage on first reading of the proposed bills; "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO ESTIMATED REVENUES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, SANITATION, BOND FUND, CENTRAL MAUI LANDFILL ENTRANCE FACILITY TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS; TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT...IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS; TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS)"; "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO APPENDIX C - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, CENTRAL MAUI LANDFILL ENTRANCE FACILITY TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS"; and "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5219, BILL NUMBER 48 (2021) RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS, (DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, CENTRAL MAUI LANDFILL ENTRANCE FACILITY TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS)," incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Move.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Sugimura, seconded by Member Molina. Members, discussion? Seeing no discussion, I'll call for the question. Oh, Member Sugimura, were you voting already, or did you have discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Voting.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Sounds good. Okay. Member Sugimura is eager to vote, Members, so I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Okay, I see all "ayes," zero "noes," zero excused. Motion passes.

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

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **Recommending FIRST READING of bills.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Nakagawa.

MR. NAKAGAWA: Mahalo, Chair. Thank you, Committee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

**ITEM-56(6) AMENDMENTS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 (DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (CENTRAL MAUI TRANSIT HUB))**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Moving on to the next agenda item, BFED 56(6), Amendments to Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2022, Department Of Transportation, Central Maui Transit Hub. Again, we have Budget Director Yoshimura, and I see Department of Transportation Director Marc Takamori. Agoo, Director.

MR. TAKAMORI: Agoo, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll start with Budget Director Yoshimura for opening comments, followed by Director Takamori. Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. Again, this is a Fiscal Year '22 budget amendment. The Central Maui Bus Hub was funded in Fiscal Year 2021 at \$1.5 million from the Bond Fund. The Department was able to encumber about \$1.25 million of that funding. About \$248,000 remained. So the project has been delayed because of COVID, primarily the shipping of material. And so there's \$248,000 that's still needed for the project; things that could not be encumbered by December 31st, of which when the monies would lapse. And so we're just asking to reappropriate the monies into Fiscal Year '22, so that the Department can continue with their project. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. And Director Takamori?

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you, Chair, and good afternoon Committee Members. I guess as...as Director Yoshimura mentioned, our transit hub is currently under construction, and we are experiencing some delays. And a lot of the delays are to do with materials and...and supply chain issues. So one of our large, major components that is causing a delay in our project is the prefabricated engineered metal building. That's primarily the roof structure for our transit hub. It is on order. We're working closely with our...our construction contractor and the company out in California to make certain that, you know, whatever timeline they're giving, they're hoping, you know, they should stick to it. But, yeah, we are seeing a lot of delays with regards to just trying to get materials from the mainland here. So again, we appreciate the support of the Committee, and you know, the Council. And if you have any questions for myself or Budget Director, we're here to answer them. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Takamori. Okay, Members, I have three minutes on the clock for questions. I see Member King, followed by Pro Tem Kama, and then Member Molina. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Hi, Marc, good to see you. Sorry about those delays, they're happening everywhere. But were you able to lock in...is the price locked in for what you were ordering?

MR. TAKAMORI: Per our contract, our price is locked in.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. TAKAMORI: But we...we...I'm sure if there are price increases, the company's probably going to try and reach out and figure out what they can do about it. But per our contract, we're locked in with the...with the bid price.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, well, that's good news. We want to hang on to that bid price, because materials are going up everywhere. Well, that's the only question I had, Chair. Thank you. Thank you, Marc.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay, Pro Tem Kama, followed by Member Molina, then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Marc, for being here. So my question is a time frame issue. Have they given you a sense of time? Because my sense is that...that the longer it takes, the more it's going to cost somebody. And at some point along the line, we might have to incur some of those expenses. So have they given you a timeline?

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MR. TAKAMORI: Chair, thank...thank you. Thank you, Member Kama, for that question, and...and you are...you are correct, the longer we take, the...the longer it increases in cost. You know, I mean, we do have consultants on the planning and design side that's helping us get through this as well. So the...with updated time frame from our construction contractor, and from what we're hearing from the vendor making that prefab building, the estimated completion is probably going to be in mid...early to mid...or midsummer is when they're expecting it to be complete...or the transit hub to be complete.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So the...so then actually, my question was, so when do you expect the materials to be on island? When I asked about the time, that's what I meant. But thank you for that.

MR. TAKAMORI: Sorry. Oh, sorry. Okay, so to answer that question, we are...we are being told that the metal building is going to be ready for pickup from the manufacturer in the beginning of January.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So when you say pickup from the manufacturer, where's the manufacturer at?

MR. TAKAMORI: It...it's located in California.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MR. TAKAMORI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So they'll be shipping it --

MR. TAKAMORI: So it's...it's...yeah, and so then it's going to get trucked down to the port, and we are in communication with them, saying that we hope that...that we are scheduled for some barge, versus being just stuck in a queue. So that...that is of a concern for us, and we have brought that up with our contractors.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Tem Kama. It's such an uncertain time right now, yeah. We have to take up our own truckers and trucks to drive it, and then our own barge. Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I just wanted to add to that, Director Takamori did secure an extension from the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center due to this delay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo for that information. Okay, Member Molina, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good afternoon, Mr. Director. Just following up on Member Kama's question with regards to the material. Specifically,

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what materials went up? I mean, I guess the easy answer is everything, but what major materials went up in price? And...you know, and then my understanding is this project is being shared with the Department of Transportation. Were...did they...I assume they contributed funds to this project? And offhand, how much did they contribute?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Takamori?

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you. Thank you for the question, Member Molina. The project, we...we did get funding from the State. The funds are sitting, or were sitting, in CIP under HHFDC's budget. So they gave us 2.5 million that we've encumbered, and that's in contract right now. And the types of materials that we're seeing shortages on are with regards to metals. So like this is a steel building. So steel, I guess there's...they sent us a...a letter just detailing how difficult they've been having to get steel, and the fluctuation in pricing of steel. So, I mean, we're building...we're buying a prefab steel building, so that's why that's...that's one of the things that's taking time for them to get. But again, they're telling us that it'll be ready for pickup in the beginning of January from their facility in California.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And certainly with the prices that's being charged, they're really stealing from us, if you ask me, you know, the...that's unfortunate we're in one of those situations. So now that the project's pushed back, so how...how long now? I guess from the original date, you had this project to be finished, delayed now? Going on at least a year?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. TAKAMORI: Yeah, thank you. I would say that it's being delayed...so initially, the project was supposed to be completed around this time frame of December or January, but now it's being estimated to be pushed out, you know, until early to midsummer. So probably like half a year or so being delayed.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Well, okay. Okay. Doesn't sound too bad, yeah, but good...good luck with it, so hopefully it gets done as soon as possible, but...thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Director Yoshimura anticipated my question and already answered it. Don't you love when that happens?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: She's so good like that. Okay, Members, any other questions? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Just a quick question for the Director. Does...does this overall affect your apartment...or Department as far as, like, other

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projects? Is it...do you have other projects in the works that are having the same issue with shipping steel, I guess?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Takamori?

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Johnson, for that question. We...the...the only other project that we have is bus stop shelter project, and we just went out to bid and are getting into contracts. So we haven't heard of any delays on...on our bus shelter project yet. I'm sure once we're in contract and starting to, you know, give the notice to proceed, is when we'll hear, you know, from the manufacturer of our shelters, if they're having any issues on their side.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Well, I...I wish you luck on that, because those are definitely needed, those shelters, very important projects, so...okay. Thank you for answering my question. Thank you, Chair. No further questions.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Okay. Any other questions, Members? All right, no takers. Okay, so let's see where we are at here. Chair will entertain a motion to recommend passage on first reading. The proposed bills entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO ESTIMATED REVENUES, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, BOND FUND, CENTRAL MAUI TRANSIT HUB; TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS; TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS)"; "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO APPENDIX C - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CENTRAL MAUI TRANSIT HUB"; and "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE NUMBER 5219, BILL NUMBER 48 (2021) RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CENTRAL MAUI TRANSIT HUB)," incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions. That's the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Move.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Sugimura, seconded by Member Johnson. Discussion, Members? Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and say "aye." Aye. I see all "ayes," zero "noes." Motion passes unanimously.

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

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **Recommending FIRST READING of bills.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Mahalo, Director Takamori. Enjoy the rest of your day. Aloha.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

ITEM-43 RELOCATION OF THE PUKO'O FIRE STATION (CC 21-267)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members. Last item on our agenda is BFED-43, Relocation of the Pūko'o Fire Station. Members, the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget include...includes 325,000 for the Pūko'o Fire Station relocation, and 500,000 for the Pūko'o Fire Station renovation. The resolution posted on today's agenda would authorize the acquisition of 10,878 square feet in 'Ualapu'e, but I guess it's considered Kaunakakai, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and customary expenses to be used for County of Maui Government facilities. We have with us...okay, we have our...oh, okay, all right. We have Budget Director Michelle Yoshimura, Department of Finance Director Scott Teruya, Department of Fire and Public Safety Fire Chief Brad Ventura, and Real Property Management Specialist Guy Hironaka. And I'm not sure if Managing...oh yeah, Managing Director Sandy Baz is also on. So I will call on Managing Director Baz. Any comments?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Good afternoon, Chair and Members. Thank you for taking this up expeditiously. We really appreciate this item, as it benefits the...the Department of Fire and Public Safety, in its response time to the East End over there. And we're...you know, as you mentioned, the resource is here to answer any questions that the depart...the Council...Committee might have. But again, just something that we want to make sure that is supported, and that we can move forward with this long-desired project, expeditiously as possible. So thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Managing Director, for representing Mayor, who couldn't be here today, for providing (*audio interference*). I will go to Fire Chief Brad Ventura. Agoo, that's the greeting, sorry.

MR. VENTURA: Aloha and good afternoon, everybody. Agoo to Chair and Councilmembers. Yeah, I'm here today, very excited about this project, very grateful for the support that we received from all of our Administration, as well as Council. It's a project of nearly a decade, and we've made some headway in the last six months, and are very excited about it, to purchase this property and renovate for the future fire station location for Pūko'o. I'll yield the floor to anybody, and answer any questions if avail...need.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Fire Chief. And we'll go to Director Teruya for any opening comments?

MR. TERUYA: Good afternoon, Chair and Members. I believe just from Fire Chief, that the word is agoo. So agoo to all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Agoo.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you. The Department of Finance was assigned by the Mayor to work on the acquisition back in June of 2021, to relocate the location of the Pūko'o Fire Station. The parcel has since have been gone through negotiation for several months, while we're going through the due diligence process. I have Staff...Finance Staff, Guy Hironaka available, should the Members need any answers to any granular details about the acquisition. With that being said, the Finance Department is in support to carry out the acquisition process for the public's best interest for the emergency services to the East Side of Moloka'i. So with that, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Teruya. Okay, and let's see. And Budget Director Yoshimura, if you have any opening comments?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So the Fiscal Year '22 Budget does have \$325,000 for the acquisition of the parcel, so all we need is the authorization, and we're ready to go.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yay. Okay. Okay, and then also, Members, we have Corporation Counsel Lutey on, if...and First Deputy Thomson, and Deputy Counsel Christina [*sic*] Trenholme. Oh, sorry, Christine...Christie. Okay. So Members, questions? I...as the Councilmember from Moloka'i, I fully support this project, and am so grateful to everyone on this call for really taking this project seriously on behalf of our island, and the safety of the East Side of Moloka'i. Everyone worked so hard to make this happen. There were so many steps involved and, you know, I...I really appreciate, and I'm really grateful, on behalf of our island, for your commitment in seeing this through to this point. It's...it's been a long, long time coming, and my gratitude also to Mahina Poepoe for locating the site that was...was already previously disturbed, and that's been part of the problem in locating an appropriate site on that side of the island, which is prevalent with sensitive sites, cultural historic sites. And so

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that's been part of the...the reason this has been delayed for so long. So yay. Okay, I saw a hand from Member Molina, and...followed by Member Paltin, and then Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Aloha, Chief Ventura. You know, because the project, I guess, is in...in a flood zone area, any concerns from Planning Department which...with regards to the necessary flood development permits that have to be issued, and how any flood zone restrictions could impact the design of the fire station? Any thoughts on that, or any comments did you hear from the Department?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Fire Chief?

MR. VENTURA: Chair. So the preliminary investigation that we've done on this property is that only the makai edge of the property is in the flood zone. Everything else is above the flood zone, and it's outside of the SMA as well.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, that's good...good to hear. Because, as you know, the permitting process for, you know, especially when flood development permits, that can sometimes put some obstacles in the road, yeah, in terms of trying to complete this project on time. And speaking of which, what is your...the date...I guess the goal for completion of this fire station if every...assuming there's no...no bumps in the road?

MR. VENTURA: Chair, thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Fire Chief.

MR. VENTURA: Yeah, at this time, what we're going to have to do is once acquisition is complete, we're going to have to identify a contractor to do the renovation, and we would love to work with a contractor on island. That's always our first goal, just because the ease of use, local knowledge, they can work well with the community. So once that's kind of established, then we'll...we'll determine a working calendar. And once we give them a notice to proceed, then we'll execute it. But we'd love to see this, you know, done by, you know, early, halfway 20...around '23, but I...I...it's hard to give you a date right now, based on where we are in the project.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Great. My only statement I want to make is I hope you guys can get this fire station done before Ha'ikū's, you know, or it doesn't take as long as Ha'ikū's proposed fire station, so...anyway. But thank you for all your hard work with this. Thank you, Madam Chair

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. With our office and community, I'm sure it'll be very much expedited. As soon as possible. Okay, we'll go to Member Paltin, followed by Member Sinenci. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Sorry, I'm having some problems with my Granicus, but...but I heard the answer to Member Molina's question, it's outside of the SMA, so

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it's also outside of the SLR-XA. Is there water on the property?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Fire Chief.

MR. VENTURA: Yeah, good question. So yes, currently the house is...that's on property has water, electric and all the utilities that we'd need. We're still in need of doing a full inspection of the property to see what the quality of the septic system and that sort of thing is on the property, but it...it's a fully lived-in house that's there right now.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And so you...would you need to do an EA or an EIS?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Fire Chief?

MR. VENTURA: That's a...that's a good question. Well, we're definitely going to have to work with Finance and Guy Hironaka on that to find out all the steps that we have to do before we actually do construction.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And since my Granicus isn't working so good, is this an additional fire station or a replacement fire station?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Fire Chief.

MR. VENTURA: So currently, our Pūko'o Fire Station is in a Department of Health building, which is in the SLR-XA, and it's in a...the flood zone down in Pūko'o. The building is very old, falling apart, and it's kind of beyond repair. So we're going to be moving this personnel to this new location. So at this time, there will be no additional resources, additional vehicles, or additional manpower needed for this station.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And it'll be like a fire house like Ho'olehua, Member Paltin. Not so much --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- does like --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- a station.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- the total of fire locations, fire bases, on the island is two.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Fire Chief.

MR. VENTURA: Yep, so currently we have a fully-staffed Ho'olehua station, a fully-staffed Kaunakakai station, and a two-man station out in Pūko'o, and we continue...we'll keep that same exact manpower, just moving the Pūko'o station about three-quarters of a mile away.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, you anticipated my last question on how far away it is, so perfect. I love when that happens. That's it for me. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Everyone's so efficient. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair, and mahalo for...for more questions. Yeah, just to follow through, so the two-man station in Pūko'o would have access to a smaller fire truck?

MR. VENTURA: So currently what they have is they have two vehicles down there. One is a type-one engine, which is like our...our larger apparatus, but it is a little bit smaller, because of the roads in the district, you know, geography. And then they also have a utility pickup down there to get to the...the beach calls, the mountainous calls, the missing hikers. So they have two vehicles down there in Pūko'o.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So the larger truck, the total water capacity of that truck?

MR. VENTURA: It carries 750 gallons.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. All right, thank you. And yeah, Chair, I speak in support, just like Member Molina's district here in East Maui, we have a lot of rural areas that, you know, are too far from the...the current fire station. So many of the homes cannot qualify for fire insurance, because of the sheer distance away from those fire stations. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Did you want any comment on your last comment? Or are you good?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: If get.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Anyone would like to comment on that? Okay. It's okay. We all know that's the case, so...okay. Any other questions? All right, very good. Anyone else want to provide any further comment?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Recommendation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right, sounds good, I'm into it, and okay. The Chair will entertain a motion to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 10,878 SQUARE FEET, IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY NUMBER (2) 5-6-002:002, SITUATED AT KAUNAKAKAI, MOLOKA'I, HAWAII, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000," incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions, and filing of County Communication 21-267.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Molina. Discussion? Okay, seeing no discussion, I'll just provide my last comments of deep, deep, deep gratitude to...to everyone—to the Mayor, to Fire Chief, to our Finance Department, Director Teruya, and Guy Hironaka, for expediting this resolution, and Corporation Counsel for helping to expedite that. I know how much work and juggling that involved. And so I'm...I'm really, really appreciative that you made it happen, so that it could be on today's agenda. And of course, Mahalo, Director Yoshimura, for helping to push that along for all of us. Again, our island is...is very grateful for all of your work. And mahalo again, Mahina Poepoe, for...for your work and your commitment to seeing this through. I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion, please raise your hand and celebrate with me, "aye." I see all "ayes," zero "noes." Motion passes unanimously.

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

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **None.**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **Recommending ADOPTION of resolution and FILING of communication.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yay. Okay, mahalo to everyone. Mahalo, Fire Chief, Director Teruya, Mr. Hironaka, Corporation Counsel, and Director Yoshimura, and Managing Director Baz. Okay, that brings us to the end of the agenda. You're all so efficient. I think you deserve to get to have the next two hour...hour and a half-hour, forty minutes to study up on PSLU's recessed meeting tomorrow at 9:00. Yeah, PSLU tomorrow at 9:00, and HCP Committee meeting at 1:30. Any other announcements before we adjourn? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just stay tuned, the dragon fruit saga continues, and I think there is a transmittal from the Director that came through today. So if you read that, hopefully many of our questions have been answered, and we'll see how it plays out. The suspense is killing me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Dun-dun-dun. Okay. Member King, announcements?

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, I don't have an announcement, but I...I would...just wanted to confirm with Member Paltin that that's a recessed meeting. We already closed out testimony for that?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I was going to try to testify at the Charter Commission tomorrow morning, but I promise I won't be more than ten minutes late.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: There's two other items, but the...the main event is obviously the dragon fruit.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That's the first.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: We...I mean, that one has a Charter deadline, so we'd like to move that out. We're about three years behind on the Charter deadline, but nonetheless...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You need to quit saying that out loud.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Pro Tem Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So tomorrow HCP, there's only one item on the agenda, and that is the extension of the lease for the Pā'ia Youth Center, and I'm hoping that Member Molina will come and speak a little bit about that tomorrow. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo Pro Tem Kama. All right. Okay, so I will release you all. It's 2:23 on December 1st, 2021, and the Budget Finance and Economic Development Committee is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 2:23 p.m.

APPROVED:



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
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I, Kaliko Reed, hereby certify that pages 1 through 21 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 10th day of January 2022, in Wailuku, Hawai'i

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