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Council of the County of Maui

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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 Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member (in 2:33 p.m.)
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Member

STAFF: Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst
Kasie Apo Takayama, Legislative Analyst
Richard Mitchell, Legislative Attorney
Clarita Balala, Committee Secretary
Kristeena Locke, Council Services Assistant Clerk

Rozanne Morita, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Gabe Johnson
Evan Dust, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Tasha Kama
Davideane Sickels, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Tasha Kama
Axel Beers, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Kelly Takaya King
Ellen McKinley, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Kelly Takaya King
Sarah Freistat Pajimola, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Keani
N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez
Mahina Poepoe, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Keani N.W.
Rawlins-Fernandez
Jordan Helle, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura

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Michele M. Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
Scott K. Teruya, Director, Department of Finance
Guy Hironaka, Real Property Management Specialist, Department of Finance

OTHERS: Lucienne de Naie
Clare Apana
Noelani Ahia

Carol Reimann, Vice President, Alexander & Baldwin - Maui
Jeff Pauker, Senior Vice President, Alexander & Baldwin
Others (1)

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Aloha ‘auinalā kākou. Let’s see. Kanakolu kumalima minuke i ka hala o ka hola ‘ekahi ma ‘elima o ‘Okakopa i ka makahiki ‘elua kaukani iwakaluakumakahi e ‘olu‘olu mai ho‘omalua ke Kōmike mo‘ohelu kalā a me ho‘omōhala waiwai o wai ka luna ho‘omalua o keia Kōmike (o Keani -Rawlins-Fernandez. It was 1:33 on October 5th. It's now 1:34. Will the Budget, Finance, Economic Development Committee please come to order? I'm your Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I'm here at the County building by myself right now, and will likely be joined by my Staff, Sarah Pajimola, shortly. And then, Members, as you know, to please...in accordance with the Governor's most recent emergency proclamation, please identify by name who, if any, is in the room, vehicle, or workplace with you today. I keia la me kou kākou eia luna ho‘omalua Tamara Paltin. Oh, shoot, what was it?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Dè do chor?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Dè do chor? Dè do chor, Committee Vice-Chair Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And aloha auinalā mai malu ‘ulu o lele, broadcasting live and direct from the West Maui District Office. And I'm alone at the moment, but my Staff, Angela, should be back from her lunch in a little bit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Shane Sinenci, dè do chor?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha ‘auinalā kākou mai Maui Hikina. Dè do chor, Chair? I'm at the hale by myself.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Dè do chor? Member Mike Molina will be joining us after 2:00 p.m. Council Chair Alice Lee, dè do chor?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm at home alone today and...Madam Chair. To all the millions of Scottish people watching this program right now, we say dè do chor? Dè do chor?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. And then Member Kelly King is excused. Gabe Johnson, dè do chor?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Good afternoon, Chair. Good afternoon, Members and special guests. Dè do chor? I am home alone on the beautiful Island of Lānaʻi.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. And Member Yuki Lei Sugimura, dè do chor?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Dè do chor, everyone? I'm in Kula, and my husband is here downstairs. So he's not even close, but in proximity.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. And Pro Tem Tasha Kama is excused from today's meeting. We have with us from Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel Kristina Toshikiyo. Aloha.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Committee Members. And dè do chor? Dè do chor?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Dè do chor? From the Office of the Mayor, Mayor Mike Victorino. Dè do chor, Mayor? Oh, sorry, you're muted. Mahalo, Director [sic].

MR. VICTORINO: You know, I apologize. I'm still trying to figure out these systems. Aloha to all of you. Today, this month, is also Filipino month, so I say mabuhay and salamat po to all our Filipinos out there. They have done great things for our community, and all of you today stand poised to have a memorable and historic day. When I get through, I hope you'll look at what we're talking about favorably and moving this through. Mahalo, and I'll wait for my opportunity, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mayor. And mabuhay. Salamat po for being here. From the Budget Office, Budget Director Michele Yoshimura. Dè do chor?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Dè do chor, Members?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And from Department of Management, Managing Director Sandy Baz and Executive Assistant Saumalu Mataafa. From Department of Finance, Director Scott Teruya. Dè do chor? I see your hand. And Real Property Management Specialist Guy Hironaka will be joining us as well. And our Committee Staff, Committee Secretary Clarita Balala. Dè do chor?

MS. BALALA: Aloha, Chair and Members.

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

MS. MILNER: Aloha, Chair. Dè do chor, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Legislative Analyst Kasie Apo Takayama, dè do chor?

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MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Dè do chor, Committee Chair and Members?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Legislative Attorney Richard E. Mitchell, dè do chor?

MR. MITCHELL: Dè do chor, Chair and Members?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And the Council Services Assistant Clerk, Kristeena Locke. Dè do chor? 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, Members. We have one item on today's special meeting agenda, and that's BFED-37 Waiale Acquisition. And I've prepared a short presentation before testimony so that we are all on the same page to understand what the proposal is before us. And then I've invited Mayor Victorino to provide some opening remarks, and then we'll open up for testimony. Okay. Here we go, Members. Okay. Can we see the presentation? I see thumbs up. Perfect. Okay. All right. The proposal that we have before us will include the acquisition of 493 acres for cultural preservation. We'll receive 50-acre dedication for cultural preservation, and we'll receive a donation for affordable housing for 23 acres. Okay. I wanted to quickly just brief everyone on how we arrived at this point in time. So the Maui Business Park Phase I went before the State Land Use Commission for a district boundary amendment, and the LUC put a condition of 10 acres for affordable housing, and also asked A&B to conduct a study to evaluate whether any additional housing would be needed by this project. So when Phase II came around, the LUC...oh, sorry. And so that...Phase I was a total requirement of 10 acres. For Phase II, the LUC required 10 acres for affordable housing, and then the A&B study revealed the need for 13 more acres for affordable housing, and that's a total of 23 acres. When it came to Council for a change of zoning, the Council required an additional 17 acres for affordable housing, 7 acres for a community center, and 3 acres for a park at Waiale. Okay. So for Phase I, the LUC required the 10 acres for affordable housing, and we received a dedication of 12 acres in Pā'ia. And that...and then the County subsequently granted that 12 acres to La'akea Village. Phase II, the LUC required 10 acres for affordable housing, and an additional 13 acres, so for a total of 23 acres. For the Council condition, condition number 7 of Ordinance 3559 of 2008, it's stated that Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. shall provide land for affordable housing, a community multipurpose center, and park purposes at the approximate location of the terminus of Kamehameha Avenue, near the new Maui Lani Park, and Pōmaika'i Elementary School, as follows: A, approximately 40 acres for affordable housing purposes, approximately 7 acres for Kahului community multipurpose center, and 3...approximately 3 acres for park purposes. Okay. So here we are in Phase II, and for the 23 acres from the State LUC, we're looking at property on Hansen Road. And so this is where the Sugar Museum is. Here's where Lowe's is, and here's the approximate area where the 23 acres for affordable housing will be located. Condition 7, as I stated, specified that the location for the condition would be at the terminus of Kamehameha Avenue near the new Maui Lani Park and Pōmaika'i Elementary School. Because of how specific that location was...the condition was in specifying where this would be, moving the location is a little . . . *(inaudible)*. . . So the proposal before you would forego the requirement of building affordable housing, community...a community center, and park, in lieu of promoting...sorry, preserving the

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area and promoting healing. So we all know that this area, there's iwi, so we don't plan to build there. The 50 acres that would be dedicated is in...so it's 55.31 acres, and that's in gray here. The acquisition of the 493 acres for cultural preservation is in green, at a proposed cost of \$10,500,000. With the acquisition, A&B has proposed covenants with this land, restriction on use, no commercial except small scale commercial, up to 25,000 square feet, no industrial, except a possible County base yard; two, no drilling, development of any additional water wells. A&B has two existing wells, one...and one planned, the easement related to these wells and access; and three, no infrastructure improvement/activities that could negatively affect the wells or aquifer. So that's for this Committee's consideration today. So again, the proposal is to acquire 493 acres for cultural preservation, receive 50 acres dedication for cultural preservation, and then receive 23 acres dedication for affordable housing. And that would be located on Hansen Road in . . . *(inaudible)*. . . Okay. So for today we have three bills and one resolution. One bill is to increase the estimated revenues and appropriating funds through Department of Finance for this acquisition of...for \$500,000; two, a bill to amend Appendix C by adding the project and the project description to Department of Finance; three, a bill to increase the authorization for general obligation bonds by adding Waiale land acquisition for additional \$500,000; and a resolution to accept the donation of the three parcels, which approximately 55.318 acres, pursuant to condition 7 of Ordinance 3559, 2008. At our subsequent Council meeting on October 22nd, that's when we'll have the resolution before us to accept the land, the 23 acres on Hansen. Okay. And so we'll not do deliberations or questions. We'll wait until after testimony. And I'll invite Mayor Victorino to share his remarks regarding this acquisition and proposal.

MR. VICTORINO: Mahalo, Madam Chair. And I want to say to you, Madam Chair, and to Vice-Chair Paltin, thank you for this great opportunity, and the rest of the Committee, to talk about this acquisition of this public lands, which will be extremely historic, and what I will call a first step in many steps in these areas of need for open space and preservation of culturally sensitive and iwi kūpuna. Some things that the Council and the Administration share in common is the desire to acquire lands across this County for public parks, open space, and cultural preservation, and build residential housing for our local people that can afford it, both attainable housing and affordable rentals. My Administration was evaluating the land acquisitions in...all over Maui County, such as Pulelehua's Park in West Maui, Mā'alaea Mauka, and Keawakapu in South Maui, Baby Beach and Baldwin in Pā'ia, as well as lands near Pūko'o for the Fire Station on Moloka'i. So we and...you know, Hāna, we have done so much out there and continue to ascertain land. We have, and I have, always been a real proponent of saving open space but utilizing it for the cultural as well as recreation needs of our community, and I think this is important. Today we take the first step in many to consider our request to ascertain *[sic]* the approximately 193 acres of lands in Waikapu area. Today, we'll refer to these lands as Waiale South and North. There are other names that it's called, but for the purpose of this conversation, we will continue to say Waiale South and North. The stories of these lands go way back in time, to when Maui's ruling chiefs, nearly 250 years ago, walked the lands around here. I understand this area was believed to be a site of a pivotal battle in Maui's history. And I know our archaeological studies, several iwi kūpuna have been found, ancestral burial sites, and the...are located on this land. Back in 2019, before I knew the history, my Administration considered acquiring these

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lands for potential development sites for affordable rentals and obtainable housing. However, after speaking with lineal descendants and reviewing the research done by Janet Six, Maui's County's Principal Archaeologist, the importance of the...of this area became very clear. To develop this land would be no different than building condos on the Gettysburg battle sect. In other words, it's very sacred, sacred to the lineal descendants, sacred to the people of Hawai'i and Maui County. So my Administration began working with some Hawaiian communities to create a long-range plan to protect, preserve, and...in perpetuity the importance of this land, and to educate generations to come. Ancestral remains and archaeology...archaeologist sites in this area are sacred and irreplaceable. In my opinion, these lands should be preserved under the care of the Hawaiian community, and that's my proposal. That is my dream, that the Hawaiian community will be the first and only controlling factor or controlling group of these lands which they so richly deserve. I believe I speak for many of us when I regard...I say regard the thoughtlessness destruction of historic and cultural treasures throughout Maui County over the years, and I'm truly sorry for that. I also believe that we know better, so we can do better. By acquiring these lands, we have an opportunity to do better for the ancestors who have died, for the descendants of today, and for those who will be born in the future. The Department of Finance, through its Land Management Division, will provide careful oversights of these lands for the people of Maui County. They will work in collaboration with the Hawaiian people. The Budget Director, Michele Yoshimura, and our Finance Director, Scott Teruya, are here today to answer specific questions you may have on the proposed acquisition. I want to again thank you, Madam Chair, for working with us, putting that presentation together. I think it's a excellent presentation. Thank you again for what you've done. Again, as I said earlier, today you will make history. This Council can be remembered for one of the greatest moments in Maui County's history. So I ask you, please, give thoughtful consideration to this proposal. Mahalo, aloha, a hui hou.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mayor Victorino. Okay. And now I will...we'll open up for public testimony.

MR. VICTORINO: Madam Chair, if you'll excuse me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. VICTORINO: I do have another meeting to attend. God bless you all. Please have a great day. Mahalo for everything you're doing. Aloha to all of you Councilmembers, Madam Chair, and I'll see, I guess, Vice-Chair and Madam Chair later this afternoon, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. VICTORINO: Okay. Aloha. God bless you all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Thank you so much for your work on this, Mayor. Okay. And we'll begin with public testimony. Oral testimony via phone or video conference will be accepted. Please note that if you are signed in, you are on the list to testify, even if you did not request to testify. Please let Staff know in the chat if you are

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signed in and do not intend to testify. Testifiers wanting to provide video testimony, please go to the BlueJeans meeting link noted on today's agenda. Testifiers wanting to provide audio testimony, please join by calling the number and entering the meeting code noted on today's agenda. The Committee intends to keep the same meeting link and phone number for all future meetings. Written testimony is highly encouraged. Instructions on how to submit testimony can be found at mauicounty.us/testify. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item. When testifying, please state your first and last name. If you are testifying on behalf of an organization or are a paid lobbyist, please inform the Committee. Staff has posted the testifiers login in the chat so that testifiers will be able to see where they are on the list. Please be mindful of the use of chat during the meeting. Chat should not be used to provide testimony or chat with other Councilmembers or testifiers. If providing testimony, please be courteous of others by muting your microphone and your video while waiting your turn to testify. Once you are done testifying, you will be asked to disconnect, and you're welcome to continue watching the remainder of the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or on mauicounty.us/agendas. We'll now proceed with public testimony. We have three individuals signed up to testify, starting with Lucienne de Naie, followed by Noelani Ahia. Aloha, Ms. de Naie.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

MS. DE NAIE: Aloha. Mahalo to all. Mahalo to Mayor Victorino, Vice-Chair and Budget Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and your Staff, and all the Councilmembers, Councilmember Paltin and all the Councilmembers who have given this so much attention over several budget cycles. This is not the first, and we're stumbling along to try to find the right solution, and I think the Mayor is absolutely right. This is historic, and it is the right solution for a very, very special place. My name is Lucienne de Naie. I am testifying on behalf of the Sierra Club Maui, strongly in support of completing this acquisition, and also moving forward to acquire land for affordable housing. I note the location of the affordable housing. When I first came to Maui in the '70s, there was actually some houses there in that area around the Sugar Museum. You may be too young to remember that, but there were the remains of, I think McGerrow Village, was one of the names there. There were several small plantation camps in that...well, not so small. There were several plantation camps in that area there, along Hansen Road. And of course, Maui had a hospital there as well, Malulani. So it would be nice to see some life brought back to that area. There was some folks alive. I'm sure they could give you some advice--who actually grew up there--about, you know, what would be appropriate. So that could be an exciting process. But the Waiale land deserves to be a place of peace. It deserves to be a place of healing. It deserves to be a place where iwi kūpuna can be resting without the disturbance of another sand mining proposal, another commercial proposal, another residential proposal. I have to say that I have seen people come to tears with the thought of more development on that particular area of our remaining dunes. And so this is the good first step for that solution. Thanks to the Mayor for--and the Council--for trusting the Hawaiian community to move forward and plan the future of these lands. So mahalo for your approvals.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. de Naie. Members, any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, thank you so much for your testimony today, Ms. de Naie. Our next two testifiers, final two testifiers, are Noelani Ahia and Clare Apana. Aloha. Oh...oh, there we go. Looks like you're muted on your...but we can see your video, but we can't hear you yet. You want to try logging off and logging back on, Ms. Ahia? Okay. Okay. We'll go to Ms. Apana, and then we'll go back to Ms. Ahia. Clare Apana.

MS. APANA: Are we there?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. We can hear you. We cannot see you yet, but we can hear you.

MS. APANA: You can hear me?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Now we can see you.

MS. APANA: Can you see me? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Please proceed.

MS. APANA: I really want to share my screen. Is it the one that looks like a screen to share screen?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's correct. Yes.

MS. APANA: Okay. Thank you very much. I'll...let me try this now, in case it doesn't work. Then I'll just testify. Okay. Yes? You can see that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Not yet. Not yet.

MS. APANA: Oh. Oh, then I'm just on with myself.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: When the list comes up, choose the program that you want to share, and then double-click on it, and then I'll let you know when it appears.

MS. APANA: When the list comes up?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: When you click on the screen --

MS. APANA: Uh-huh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- icon, the share screen icon, it'll bring up a list of items that you have open on your...on your computer. And then you can choose one of those. Or what you...

MS. APANA: There it is.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You got it? Okay.

MS. APANA: I think so. Is it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, yes. We can see it.

MS. APANA: Okay. I just...I'm just going to tell a little personal story today. So my involvement with this land, this 'āina, Waiale, started in about the year 2006, when I was taken on a walk there after working with the Safeway Project, and I was truly amazed by what I saw. And this pretty much is how we entered on a road that had been cleared, and land that is overrun by kiawe trees, parts of it. And so this started here in...and the lands, I just wanted to show you what the lands look like. This is...you see a burial preserve, and in the...in the middle of it, all green. Until you take all the vegetation off, you don't see what we usually think of, which is sand, just a sand...dry sand like this, but as you can see where it has been...the vegetation has been taken off for sand mining--see the tracks--it's...uncovers the beautiful sand underneath it, these beautiful dunes that exist nowhere else in the world. And...oops. And this is what it looks like when you sand mine and there are iwi kūpuna in the ground. In this particular area, there were 67 acres that were approved to be sand mined, and only about 16 were used because they kept finding iwi kūpuna. And so I think it's so appropriate and...that you have this on your...on your agenda today because this really is what is here. And for us, it's not anything but beautiful that our kūpuna laid in these beautiful dunes that have actually saved Maui from flooding and...but this is how...what happens when the kūpuna are disinterred, or even preserved in place. This is a natural burial preserve. This is what it looks like. In the tall grass...I didn't put this picture in here, but I'll explain what...how these burials are. They buried people, and some of them with many people in one place, and then put a little cap of concrete . . . (timer sounds). . . on top of it. So like there's a...an oblong piece of concrete that's over it. And on it, with a finger, it says kapu on it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Apana. Ms. Apana.

MS. APANA: So I see this as the very first thing that needs to be done is to honor and respect those who have already been disenfranchised...have been...have fallen to the sand mining, but who, today, show us what is here in this land. And I just want to say that there are many things that we need. We definitely need affordable housing, but we also need a spirit and heart. And this land...and this land acquisition represents just that, the spirit and the heart that sits right in the middle of Maui, right in the isthmus.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Apana.

MS. APANA: I want to say thank you for...thank you for considering this, and please vote for a heart and for the spirit of Maui to regain its beautiful strength. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Apana. Okay. Okay. Well, okay. I'll stop the share screen. Okay. Members, any questions for our testifier that are clarifying questions? And if they're non-clarifying questions, and you'd like to request Ms. Apana as a resource personnel, we can do that as well. Okay. Ms. Apana, are you available to

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serve as a resource personnel for the Committee?

MS. APANA: Yes. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Members. Okay. And our last testifier that we have signed up is Noelani Ahia. Ms. Ahia?

MS. AHIA: Aloha. Can you hear me now?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can hear you.

MS. AHIA: Okay. Kala mai for that earlier. Mahalo, Council. I'm Noelani Ahia. I appreciate you folks all being here to receive testimony today. I just wanted to briefly testify in very, very strong support of this acquisition. You folks have been hearing us testify for years about the very, very sensitive nature of these historic sand dunes, and it truly is a historic opportunity to do something different and set a precedence moving forward about the importance of our historic sites, and most importantly, the historic of our...historic nature of our iwi kūpuna, because they really are our most cherished possession. They are us and we are them, and they provide so much for us. So I wanted to mahalo the Council for entertaining this, and I wanted to especially mahalo Mayor Victorino. I really appreciate his leadership on this particular issue as we move forward towards restoring respect for kanaka maoli people in Hawai'i after decades and decades of disrespect to our burials. So I want to honor him for seeing the importance of that and moving forward with this project. And I also wanted to mahalo Dr. Six for her incredible archaeology work in being able to present this cultural overlay to the Mayor and to the Staff so that folks could really understand from a data perspective what is here in this area. It would've been nice if everyone would've just listened to us, but it was great to have that extra data coming from...coming from a doctor of archaeology who's an expert in that profession. So many, many mahalos to all the people in the community who have been advocating and fighting for many years. This is the right step forward. When I say my pule I always ask for the restoration of pono, and in this instance, if this goes through, I feel like my prayers were answered. So mahalo nui to all of you. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Ahia. Members, any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, we'll thank you so much for your testimony today. Aloha. Okay. I will ask if there are...oh, are you still seeing the share screen? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just was wondering if Ms. Ahia could be a resource as well?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any objections? Seeing no objections. Ms. Ahia, are you still on the line?

MS. AHIA: Yes. Can you hear me?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Are you available to serve as a resource personnel for the Committee?

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MS. AHIA: Absolutely. My pleasure. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. I will ask if there are...anyone else signed on would like to testify, please unmute yourself at this time, and you may proceed with your testimony. Okay. Hearing no one speaking up, we'll close oral testimony and accept written testimony into the record. Members, any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members.

. . . END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

ITEM 37: WAIALE LAND ACQUISITION (CC 21-248)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we have our one item on today's agenda, the Waiale Land Acquisition. As we discussed at the Council meeting of May 21st, 2020, the Administration no longer intends to use the Waiale land acquisition of approximately 495 acres, consisting of Waiale North and Waiale South, for affordable housing units. At the Council meeting on June 18th, 2021, the Council passed a bill to amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Appendix C, Capital Improvement Projects, Department of Finance, to remove the language, prior to the end of the Fiscal Year. We still have pending before us a bill to authorize the use of bond funds for the purchase, as well as a resolution to authorize the purchase. Funds need to be approved and encumbered by December 2020 [sic], at the end of this year. In addition to the FY 2021 legislation, we also have before us three bills in addition to add an additional 500,000 to the purchase price in the FY 2022 budget, along with a resolution accepting the donation of the three parcels of approximately 55 acres. We have with us Department of Finance Managing Director, the Budget Director, and from Alexander & Baldwin, we have Ms. Carol Reimann online, as well as our two resource personnel, Ms. Ahia and Ms. Apana. So we'll do three minutes, Members, if you have questions for any of our resource...oh, I'll...actually, I will invite our Department of Finance Director Teruya for opening comments, as well as our Managing Director and Budget Director. Oh, okay. And we'll just...we'll go to our Finance Director Teruya for any opening comments.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you. Good afternoon, Chair and Members. Scott Teruya, Finance Director. I think you pretty much spelled it out in your presentation. I think my color may only add mud to the water. So I think it was clear the way your message was laid out, and I think that's the...probably the best way for the Members to follow. So all I can say from Finance standpoint, on behalf of Mayor Victorino, we're here to support the purchase and whatever you need from me would be more about like annual debt service on a 10.5 on a 20-year. I can provide that if you would want. But other than that, I'm here to support the project. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Teruya. Okay. And Budget Director Yoshimura, opening comments.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you. So I don't have anything else to add, except for let's get this done. It's long-awaited, and looking forward to it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. Okay. And then, Managing Director will be joining us momentarily. And I'll also invite Ms. Reimann if she would like to provide any opening comments.

MS. REIMANN: Oh, thank you, Chair. No, I don't have any opening remarks. We're here as resource to answer any questions you might have. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Reimann. Okay. Members, I'll put three minutes on the clock for each of you for any of our resource personnel. Any questions?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, it looks like...oh...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sorry, Member Sugimura. I just saw Mr. Baz was on the call, and not sure if he wanted to make any opening remarks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Managing Director Baz, if you would like to provide any opening comments.

MR. BAZ: Good afternoon, Chair, Members. Really, I think the Mayor provided wonderful comments leading up to this. We appreciate the Council's diligence in reviewing all these, and really look forward to preserving this for our future.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Director Baz. Okay. Member Sugimura, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you. I wonder if Scott could provide what the debt service would be. You said that's what you could provide. So could you, please?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Teruya.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for the question, Councilmember Sugimura. Just a rough estimate, based on \$10.5 million, maybe 25, 30 basis points above what we see right now, to be conservative. On a 20-year bond float that we normally do, it would be about \$670,000 per year.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: 670,000 per year.

MR. TERUYA: Yeah. And I'm just trying to...you know it's a ballpark. I mean, I'm just adding

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a little cushion on, about 25 to 30 basis points, assuming that, you know, it will go up, just so that we're covered and we have enough. But you could get a ballpark. I'd say if you go between 650 and 700, you're pretty relatively safe.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And is it for 30 years?

MR. TERUYA: We'd normally go 20 years.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Members, any other questions? Okay. We'll go Member Paltin, followed by Member Johnson, and then Member Sinenci. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I...maybe this question is for the Managing Director. I just was wondering the zoning of the Pu'unēnē property?

MR. BAZ: I'm sorry, which property are you referencing?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: The 23 acres.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I can speak to that one.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay.

MR. BAZ: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . It is condominiumized. So you have the MEO on 10 acres, and then we just went through the sugar mill...Sugar Museum area. And then the rest of the area is zoned agriculture.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So part of that land that is coming to us has MEO and the Sugar Museum on it, or is it next to it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So that TMK, that parcel, is 273 acres, and we're looking at 23 acres on that parcel.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So the 23 acres that we're getting is vacant there's nothing on it currently? And part of it is agriculture, or the whole of it is agriculture?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So it's zoned agriculture in that area. As Ms. de Naie, you know, stated in her testimony, it had previously been plantation homes in that area prior to Dream City being built.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And I guess for Ms. Reimann, this deal, we're pretty locked in? If we vote on it today, it's going to be locked in?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Reimann.

MS. REIMANN: Yes, it will be.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then for Ms. Ahia, for moving forward, Mālama Kakanilua, they have plans to care take the area?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Ahia.

MS. AHIA: Aloha. Thank you for the question. Yes. Mālama Kakanilua is working on a plan. Auntie Clare has a little bit more detail about the specifics of the plan, but we are working with the County, as well as some other community members from the area, that are interested in the mālama of this area.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And this isn't like the area where sometimes there's illegal dumping?

MS. AHIA: There may be some areas. It's quite a large parcel. So there are some areas where there may be, and that will have to be addressed, probably first and foremost.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Yeah, that's a problem everywhere, I think. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MS. AHIA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair Paltin. Member Johnson, followed by Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I'm going to probably ask Ms. Reimann first this question, but it's in regards to the exception they have with the County base yard for this. Is it...is there a size limit on the County base yard, and is...does it have to be County?

MS. REIMANN: The County base yard is, I think, on an adjacent parcel.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Because...all right. Well, I think in the slide, it said it can be conserved, but except for this...so it's just that there's an existing County base yard on the...on the property, then? It's not like there's plans to have a base yard in addition to, then, right?

MS. REIMANN: No. There's...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MS. REIMANN: There's no base yard. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. All right. Well, that's good news. That's why...that's my only clarifying question. Thank you. I have no further questions.

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MS. REIMANN: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And yeah, maybe my question is for Ms. Reimann. Are there any private industrial tenants currently on parcels of the property, and will be...would they be able to clean out the area? I know if there are, some of them have a lot of old equipment, industrial type trailers, and those types of stuff. So will the area be cleaned out prior to signing off on it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Reimann.

MS. REIMANN: Thank you. Thank you for the question. So we currently have five tenants on the Waiale North side, and it's mostly pasture, grazing. And they're all month to month, and can be terminated with 30 days' written notice. Does that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Okay. Thank you. And then for Ms. Apana, did she have other slides that she wanted to share, or any pertinent information about the management moving forward?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. After we do questions, if the Members would like to see the rest of Ms. Apana's presentation, we can ask if she would like to present on that. Did you have any other questions, Member Sinenci?

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Okay. Any other questions, Members? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just wanted to follow up on Member Sinenci's question to Ms. Reimann about the tenants clearing out. Is it understood that if there is like old machinery and things like that, that would be cleared off of the parcel as well?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Reimann.

MS. REIMANN: I'm sure if you issued a notice to vacate with the existing tenants, they would...and required them to clean up, I'm sure that would happen.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thanks.

MS. REIMANN: Does that answer your question? Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Any other questions, Members? If not, we can ask Ms. Apana if she would be willing to complete her presentation. Ms. Apana.

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MS. APANA: Am I...can you hear me?

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

MS. APANA: Can you see me? Am I...am I...the video's on too?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Now, we can see you. And then you can share your screen same way you did before.

MS. APANA: Okay. Good. Thank you. I just had a few...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you want.

MS. APANA: Okay. I just had a few more thoughts that I wanted to share with everyone. And that is Mālama Kakanilua, before they became a 501(c)(3), we testified at every single one of the Land Use Commission meetings for that whole year. And in that year, the...it was...just to give you an example and a feeling of how the angst of the kanaka is, every single Department came up against us and said no, there's nothing there. There's nothing that's important there. You know, the burial issue has been taken care of. The archaeology doesn't need to be finished. And so we did this for the whole year, and of course, it passed, and there were no real mitigations made for the kanaka to even finish those burial preserves. So this day is really a landmark day for us, for Mālama Kakanilua. You know, after all these years...that was, what, nine years ago that we did that, and have...since then, have grown to learn to challenge projects that are in the sand dunes, where probably, and possibly, and then, of course, burials are found. So this is just an amazing, amazing opportunity that...for our community to do something that's absolutely right. And I can't express how I feel about the effect of goodness that will come from this for our community. And I know that's not a tangible thing, but I mean, I could probably lay out tangible things for you, but I think this effect of doing the right thing is just so overwhelming. And so thank you. I was going to just show you that there's actually...the Waihe'e Ditch still flows through that land, which is the same water that Mahi Pono uses. And it flows through these sand dunes also. And so what we think of, and what has been described, as wasteland is not wasteland. There is so much life there, and there was so much life there. And the way things are going, pretty soon some of the very common medicines that we have, traditional medicines, will still be growing in the sand dunes because it's not touched by development. And so I look forward to seeing that the pharmacy will always be there. And thank you so much to the Budget Committee for all your hard work. I've been after the Administration to give me a map for like two, three years, and we finally got it all straightened out. Thank you to all the hard research and hard work of Finance and Mr. Teruya, and the Mayor. So I think this was just meant to be, and thank you so much for all of your efforts. And Mālama Kakanilua would like to say that you are entirely 100 percent committed to seeing that this burial preserve remains a place of rest for our kūpuna. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Apana. Members, any other questions? Seeing none, we'll just get straight to it, then, huh? Members, the Chair will entertain a motion

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to recommend passage on first reading of the proposed bills and adoption of the proposed resolution...resolutions entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5101, BILL NO. 66 (2020), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - WAIALE LAND ACQUISITION);" "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO ESTIMATED REVENUES: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, OTHER PROJECTS, BOND FUND, WAIALE LAND ACQUISITION; TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 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 FINANCE, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, WAIALE LAND ACQUISITION;" "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5219, BILL NO. 48 (2021), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - WAIALE LAND ACQUISITION); AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 443.393 ACRES IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY NOS. (2) 3-8-005:037, (2) 3-8-005:040, (2) 3-8-007:101, (2) 3-8-007:172, (2) 3-8-007:173, (2) 3-8-007:178, AND (2) 3-8-007:179, SITUATED AT WAIKAPU, WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS WAIALE SOUTH AND WAIALE NORTH, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000.00;" "ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF THREE PARCELS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 55.318 ACRES, INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 42.454 ACRES IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY NOS. (2) 3-8-007:176, APPROXIMATELY 5.554 ACRES IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY NO. (2) 3-8-007:177 AND APPROXIMATELY 7.310 ACRES IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY NO. (2) 3-8-007:180, PURSUANT TO CONDITION SEVEN OF ORDINANCE 3559 (2008)," incorporating any non-substantive revisions, and filing of Communication 21-248.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Paltin, seconded by Member Sugimura. And the Chair will entertain a motion to amend the resolution entitled, "AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 443.393 ACRES IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY NOS. (2) 3-8-005:037, (2) 3-8-005:040, (2) 3-8-007:101, (2) 3-8-007:172, (2) 3-8-007:173, (2) 3-8-007:178, AND (2) 3-8-007:179, SITUATED AT WAIKAPU, WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS WAIALE SOUTH AND WAIALE NORTH, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 10,000,000.00," to change the amount in both the title and the body of the bill from 10 million to 10.5 million. That's the motion to amend, if...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So moved.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Paltin --

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- seconded by Member Sugimura. And at this time I will...if there are any discussion by the Members? Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And I just wanted to say mahalo. I am a strong believer, too, in pono action. I think whenever we can address past injustices or past disturbances, as in this case, and with one swoop, by removing, whether an offender or perpetrator in a situation and returning what is rightfully promised as sacred. It gives me hope moving forward to protect our iwi kūpuna. And I just wanted to say to the Mālama Kakanilua group for all their years of persistence, Auntie Clare Apana, Noelani Ahia, Kaneloa Kamaunu, iwi o ku'u iwi, ewe o ku'u ewe, and koko ku'u koko (*phonetic*). Mahalo.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I also wanted to offer my thanks. There's so much folks to thank, you know, in addition to those that Member Sinenci mentioned. Also Member Sinenci for having the foresight to hire a County archaeologist, Dr. Six for stepping up to the plate to be the archaeologist, all of you for agreeing to fund the archaeologist, the Mayor, you know, for listening to the facts presented by the archaeologist, Director Teruya for his financial...finance skills, to A&B for agreeing, and you know, definitely to Mālama Kakanilua for persevering through a decade despite all the obstacles. And thank you, Chair, for all your hard work on this as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair Paltin. Members, any other discussion? Okay. All your comments have kind of got me a little choked up, but I want to echo all the gratitude and mahalo to all the same people that you did for...you know, our Administration for having the leadership and community-mindedness to start the journey of healing for our community. It's been a...it's been a long one of a lot of irreparable damage. And so I mahalo Mālama Kakanilua and to our...the leaders in our community for...from taking that stand for how many years, be the voice for our iwi kūpuna and protecting them. In protecting them, you're protecting us, the spiritual core of our lāhui. I will call for the question on amending the main motion, and then I will call for the question on the main motion after I recognize Member Mike Molina to our proceedings. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha, Madam Chair. So sorry for being a little bit late for some prior commitments, but certainly glad to be here for this important matter. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Impeccable timing. Member Sugimura, did you have any...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'll wait for the main motion, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. I'll call for the question on the amendment to the main motion. All those in favor of the amendment, please raise your hand and

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say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seven ayes, two excused, Member King, 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 amendment to main motion**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. I would like to join in on this...to appreciate all the years of commitment to this, and I want to also say that one of the...somebody who's not here who gave a lot to the sand mining study--and I was surprised, I thought she would show up at today's meeting--is Councilmember Elle Cochran. She did that, you know, diligently, and worked with Clare Apana and Noelani Ahia, and you know, I learned a lot through that process. And I also...I also want to say it's well-deserved, and I agree it's finally, you know, so that we can honor those that worked so hard to make this happen. I also want to just say that a lot of work is to come. So the same people who have been working on this, advocating for it, there's going to be a lot of work to make sure that this is handled very delicately and with respect, as they have been advocating for. You know, as long as I've been on the Council, I've been hearing about this, so through the years. I want to also thank the Mayor and Scott Teruya, Michele Yoshimura. I think Stacy Crivello also worked on this, from the Mayor's Office. So I want to thank her, as she was kind of, you know, the person who kind of brought people together I think, understanding the culture. And of course, Saumalu, I think, worked on this also. But just a lot of great people, and it takes a lot for us to come to this day. So thank you very much, Keani. Thank you, Mayor Victorino.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I can't really add much to more...what has already been said. I agree with every point that has been made. This takes me back to a place when I went to one of the fundraisers, and I bought this T-shirt that said, let the sand stay where the people lay. And I still wear that shirt, and I still believe in it, and I think that that shows the hard work and dedication. They were doing fundraisers for a \$20 T-shirt, and here we are, present day, we're using these funds to do what is right. And I just...that...you know, I'm going to butcher the quote, but a small group of people trying to change the world, that's exactly how you do it. So I just want to give a shout out to all those folks who started doing those, you know, little fundraisers and gathering your people to speak up on this, and that's...and here we are. We're at the end of the road and we're about to vote on it, and I rise in full support. So thank you for the opportunity to speak, and thank you for introducing this, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. All right. Seeing no other comments. I just wanted to quickly clarify why I did the presentation the way I did. When we were looking at the acquisition, there seemed to be some loose ends, some unfinished business. And that was something that Ms. Apana brought up when we were meeting regarding the acquisition. And so I thought so that there aren't any questions and ambiguities about what this means, that in my presentation, it summarizes everything from start to end, where everything is, whether conditions were satisfied, what conditions are being satisfied in this action that we're taking. And it...and my intention...and I...my mahalo to Finance Director, Budget Director, and the Mayor in supporting that effort of keeping this discussion all together so that in the future, if anyone does legislative research to find out if conditions were satisfied, then this will answer all of their questions, because I wouldn't have had all this research if it wasn't for Sarah Pajimola. So mahalo to her for really diving deep into all the research, all the LUC minutes, all the Council reports and minutes, and really putting it all together so we have one comprehensive presentation so that we all know where we are. And that way we know where we're going. Mahalo again, Members, and . . .*(inaudible)*. . . for all of this work. Okay. So I'm going to call for the question. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just wanted to say mahalo as well. I think that...I felt like that was done just for me because I'm a conditions stickler. So thanks for saving me future time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're welcome. Okay. Historic vote. All those in favor of the main motion as amended, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Unanimous. Let's see, 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.
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NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Kama and King.

MOTION CARRIED.

**ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of resolution
 (donation of three parcels), ADOPTION of revised
 resolution (authorizing the acquisition), FIRST
 READING of bills, and FILING of communication.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good job, Members. Okay. So we'll thank all of our resource personnel for being with us today, Ms. Apana, Ms. Ahia, Finance Director Teruya, Budget Director Yoshimura, Managing Director Baz. All right. That's everything. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I just wanted...one last thing is we went through thanking many, many organizations and people, but I also want to thank A&B. I'm sure they had to be a big part of all this negotiating. And thank you, Carol Reimann, for being here as a resource. And you know, a lot of times when you think about what A&B has done for the community, it's really quite a lot. And for them to participate in this way, where now we have additional land that they threw in as a donation, you know, to get our affordable housing done. So I'm very grateful for that. And thank you, Members, for expanding the length of the A&B Sugar Museum lease, which we just did officially. And it'll be nice that there'll be a lot of neighbors who would use the museum now because of the houses that will be built in the future. So thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Very nice. And one other person we'd be remiss if not thanking, Ms. Lucienne de Naie, for holding all that wealth of knowledge that we all benefit from. Okay. All right. That is all the business that we have before us today. It's 2:42 on October 5th, and this special Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting is now adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 2:42 p.m.

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APPROVED:



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

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CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda Clark, hereby certify that pages 1 through 22 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 4th day of November 2021, in Wailuku, Hawai'i



Brenda Clark