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

EXCUSED: Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Aloha auinalā kākou. ‘Elua minuke i ka hala o ka hola ‘ekahi ma ‘umikūmāono o Nowemapa i ka makahiki ‘elua kaukani iwakāluakūmālua. E ‘olu‘olu mai, e ho‘omalū ke Kōmike Mo‘ohelu Kālā a me Ho‘omohala Waiwai. ‘O wau ‘o Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, ka luna ho‘omalū o kēia Kōmike. Aia au ma ‘ane‘i i ka Moloka‘i District Office. Ke noho ho‘okahi nei nō au ma kēia ‘ao‘ao. It is 1:32 on November 16th, 2022. Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please come to order? I’m at the Moloka‘i District Office, alone on my side of the office, and there are no testifiers at the Moloka‘i District Office. I kēia lā me ko kākou, eia hope luna ho‘omalū o Tamara Paltin. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Aloha ‘auinalā. Buena suerte. Broadcasting live and direct from sunny Lāhainā Town, and with me, Angela Lucero and Christian Balagso. And we have no testifiers waiting to testify at the District Office at this time. Surf’s up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Next, we have Member Shane Sinenci. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha ‘auinalā kākou mai Maui Hikina, and buenas tardes. I am happy to join this meeting this afternoon from our Hāna District Office here with District Office Staff Mavis Medeiros. Currently there are no testifiers, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Next, we have Member Mike Molina. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha, Madam Chair, and my colleagues, and everyone else joining us for our BFED meeting this afternoon. I’m transmitting from my residence under the virtual bridge here in Makawao, and there are no testifiers at the Pā‘ia District Office. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And next, we have Member Alice Lee. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aloha, Chair. I am transmitting from my office...my home office in Wailuku. There's no one here, but I do want to wish everyone a good afternoon,

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especially to our colleague Yuki Lei Sugimura. Buena suerte. And that means good luck with her surgery. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, good luck with that. Mahalo, Member Lee. And next, we have Member Kelly King, who will be joining us a little later. And then Member Gabe Johnson, aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aloha, Chair, Councilmembers, Committee Members. Buenas tardes, if I'm saying that right, to all of you. I'm alone in my side of the office, there's no testifiers at the Lānaʻi District Office, and happy to be here. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And I just got a correction. Member King is excused for this meeting, as well as Member Yuki Lei Sugimura, who is also excused, and we wish her good luck with everything. And then we have Member Tasha Kama. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha 'auinalā, Chair. And buenas tardes to all of my colleagues, yes, and especially to Member Sugimura, who I heard has done very well and is now in recovery. So, thank you, everybody, for all of your good wishes and your prayers on her behalf. But I am in my own workspace, I am in my room, and I am by myself. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama, and mahalo for that update from Member Sugimura. Great news. From Corporation Counsel today, we have First Deputy Corporation Counsel Richelle Thomson. We'll introduce our Staff, and resource persons when the agenda items come up. So, our Committee Staff, we have Committee Secretary, filling in for Ms. Bouthillier, Maria Leon. Aloha.

MS. LEON: Aloha, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Budget Committee Analyst Lesley Milner. Aloha in Iowa.

MS. MILNER: Aloha, Chair. Yes, from Polk City, Iowa. And buenas tardes to all the Members. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think it's more evening or night time for you, huh?

MS. MILNER: You're correct. Maybe it should be buenas noches.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In the snow over there. Legislative Analyst Wilton Leauanae.

MR. LEAUANAE: Aloha, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Legislative Attorney Richard E. Mitchell, aloha.

MR. MITCHELL: Aloha, buenas tardes, buenas noches, Committee Chair and Committee Members.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Council Services Assistant Clerk Jean Pokipala. Please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. *(Audio interference)* today's agenda: BFED-122, Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget: Department of Transportation (Transportation Baseyard), and BFED-124, Amending Fiscal Year 2023 Budget: Department of Parks and Recreation (Lānaʻi Youth Center and Skate Park). I posted the testifiers log in the chat, and I don't see anyone on to testify. So, we'll bring up the first item, and see if there's anyone who would like to testify on that.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: BFED-122, Amending Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, Department of Transportation (Transportation Baseyard). Is there anyone on wishing to testify on this item? Hearing no one speaking up, are there any objections to closing oral testimony and accepting any potential written testimony into the record?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ITEM 122. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members.

**ITEM 122: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET: DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (TRANSPORTATION BASEYARD)**
(Resolution 22-243, Bill 165 (2022), Bill 166 (2022), Bill 167 (2022), Bill 168
(2022))

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, we have Budget Director Michele Yoshimura on for opening remarks, followed by Department of Transportation Director Marc Takamori. Aloha, Budget Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Good afternoon, Chair. Good afternoon, Members. We have a number of proposals in this one item. One is the resolution authorizing the acquisition of the parcel, and this is for a transportation maintenance baseyard. And Chair, I don't know if you want Director Takamori to go before me to explain the project, and then we can go through the funding after his presentation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure, sounds wonderful.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Director Takamori. Mahalo for joining us. If you'd like to provide your opening remarks on the items.

MR. TAKAMORI: Good afternoon, Budget Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Budget Committee Members. Thank you for having us today. I'm Marc Takamori. I'm the Director for the

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County Department of Transportation, and with me is my Deputy Michael Du Pont. So, I'm going to share...I'm going to share my screen just so that you are aware of what I'm...should be able to see a PDF.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. TAKAMORI: Just so you're aware of what I'm talking about today. So, we are here...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. TAKAMORI: Yeah, perfect, thank you. So, we are here today to ask for your support in approving our budget amendment and resolution for the Department to move forward with a land purchase of approximately 12.5 acres located in Central Maui off of Ho'okele Street and the...sorry, Ho'okele Street and Pūlehu Road in the Maui Business Park development for a transportation baseyard. As you are aware, back in 2017, the Mayors of all four Hawai'i Counties pledged to transform Hawai'i's ground transportation to 100 percent renewable fuel sources by ensuring that all public and private ground transportation is fueled by renewable energy by 2045. So, in order to move towards this goal, the Department is in need of land to build a baseyard that will include the electrification of transportation, so those will include bus chargers, a maintenance facility, a future transit hub, and park and ride facility. This location is key because it's along the transit corridor. There would be two access points onto the property, one from Ho'okele, and one from Pūlehu Road. Utilities are immediately available to the property. It's designated...let's see. Sorry, so, yeah...so, if you're looking at the PDF right now, in yellow, that's the 12...almost 12.5 acres of land that we're looking at. It's near the...it's near Safeway and the County Service Center. It's designated as State Land Use Urban District, and it's County zoned as M-1, Light Industrial District. This is where the blue arrow is. And per the Community Plan, it is designated as Light Industrial. There won't be any need to update or change its designations or zonings. It's not located in a Special Management Area, and would allow the County to start the planning and design of the property once the land purchase is approved. So, the Department, with the support of Council and the Administration, has also been applying for Federal funds with HDOT, and have been awarded funds for electric buses. So, with the absence of a County-owned baseyard, the movement of including electric buses into our fleet has been a challenge. Having a County-owned baseyard where we can install electric vehicle charging infrastructure would solve that problem. So, since the property is centrally located, it's positioned...its position will reduce deadhead mileage for our buses to the Kahului Transit hub near Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center, where most of our routes starts and ends from. So, with the inclusion of electric buses, keeping deadhead mileage down would allow the buses to run for a longer period of time. Once the maintenance facility is built, the Department would provide the usage of the facility in the Maui Bus contract, which would also allow the County to have better control of the maintenance of its assets. As our Maui Bus operations and maintenance contracts are five-year terms, it's difficult, should contract changes...if...should contract change operators every five years. So, the County plans to leverage the purchase of the land to match Federal funds to fund the cost of construction that would be built out in phases. So, we appreciate the time this afternoon, and hope we're able to seek approval on this from

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the Budget Committee, and receive final approvals with the expectation to hopefully close at the ending of the year. So, this will allow us to start planning and design next year and seek Federal funds for construction. So, we're here to answer any questions you may have on our budget amendment and resolution. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. And then you can stop sharing screen. Perfect. Okay. And aloha, Deputy Director Du Pont. Okay.

MR. DU PONT: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura, was there anything else you'd like to add --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- okay, before I open up for questions. Go ahead.

MS. YOSHIMURA: No. If you want me to explain the bills that's before you, or if there are questions, we can go through them as the questions come up...or if you want me to walk you through each proposed bill. Walk you through?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure. Let's just --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- do the bills. And that way we can, you know, avoid having to answer those questions because you'll proactively answer them.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, in Fiscal Year '23's budget, there was an approval for \$16 million. \$14 million was for the acquisition of the property, and \$2 million was for the planning and designing of the maintenance facility. The request before you will increase the appropriation by \$3,436,902. And Bill 165 will reflect the increase in the area...in the estimated revenues for bond and lapsed bond. On page 2...or Section 2 of the budget bill...of the proposed bill, you're going to see the decrease in the amount that we're requesting for bond fund, from \$16 million to \$9.4 million. And we're also asking for lapsed bond proceeds of \$10 million. So, as you recall, we had put forward the acquisition of *The Maui News* building for \$10 million earlier...or ending of last year. And then that acquisition did not take place, and so rather than having the bond funds sit for Fiscal Year '24, because this project is...was originally funded with all bond funds, we thought we'd use the lapsed bond fund in lieu of new bond monies. So, that's the change in this area here, where we're asking for a total of \$19.36 million. Bill 166 is the amendment to Appendix C. The project description does not change, but the amount of the appropriation would change from 16 million to 19.436 to be consistent with Bill 165. Bill 167 is the amendment to decrease the bond authorization from 16 million to 9.4 million, consistent again with Bill 165. And Bill 168 is to amend the lapsed bond proceeds by adding \$10 million for the Department of Transportation. So, all four bills would appropriate the \$19.4 million needed for the project. The land cost

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is \$17.413 million. The remainder of the monies will be used for the planning and designing of the facility. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director Yoshimura. All right. I will open the floor to questions. And then...yeah, I'll...okay, any questions? I'll put three minutes on the clock. Member Johnson, followed by Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Okay. So, my first question's for Director Takamori. Thank you for joining us today, Director. I...I'm curious of your terms of baseyard and activities that a baseyard does under Light Industrial. Is there any...I don't know what some of the activities are being done on baseyards, but there...are there any activities that wouldn't be allowed in Light Industrial? Is everything under that umbrella for your Light Industrial?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TAKAMORI: Chair, thank you. Thank you, Member Johnson, for that question. When I checked, the usage that we would...we would be able to use the current lands for the usage of our baseyards. So, we would have a park and ride. We would have electric vehicle bus charging. We would have a maintenance facility, including office space for operations center. So, office space, repair facility, a park and ride, and basically like a small transit hub. In different phases, but that's what the larger vision of that facility would look like, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And all of those things are allowable uses in the Light Industrial zone, right?

MR. TAKAMORI: That is my understanding, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. That's what I was just curious, if that was allowable use. But okay, that's my first question. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Just a clarifying question for Ms. Yoshimura. You know, she mentioned the old *Maui News* building acquisition that didn't go through. So, Bill 168, for clarification, utilizes that funds and puts it towards this acquisition, yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Mahalo, Mr. Sinenci. Yes, that's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. All right. That was...that was it. Thank you, Chair.

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

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Molina.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Mr. Takamori, are we sure that the 12.5 acres will be enough acreage for the longevity of our transportation operations? It appears that TMK is a portion of a 35.53 acre parcel. And is the intent to CPR it? And what would be the cost of the whole 35 acres? And, you know, so on and so forth.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Takamori.

MR. TAKAMORI: Chair, thank you. Thank you for that question, Member Paltin. The 12.5 acres would be...would still have room for growth. So, there shouldn't be an issue in terms of needing further lands for expansion at this time. So, we've thought about that, and made certain that we wouldn't run out of space immediately on purchase. Sorry, what was your other question?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I guess what...so would you be CPRing the property? And then, would it matter who purchased the other 20 or some odd acres?

MR. TAKAMORI: Okay, yeah. Thank you for the clarification. So, initially...initially, the land will be a condo. So, we would own a portion of that. And then in the future, the County would want to move forward with divide...subdividing it out.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And if the County subdivides it, I...I'm not...I'm not clear on why we'd condo it first and subdivide it secondarily.

MR. TAKAMORI: So, right now, how the...how that land area is set up is it's all currently condo...condoized. So, that's the way...that's how we're going to be able to purchase it, via a condo. And then...and then in the future, we can go and subdivide it out. But right now, in order for us to purchase, it would have to be part of a condo because that's how the...that's how that development is set up right now.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then I know that Light Industrial allows for multifamily. Would you be . . . *(inaudible)*. . . housing on there?

MR. TAKAMORI: I...I'm not sure if multifamily would want to be in the same...in the same property as a baseyard, but if there are future developers that are looking at that area that did put multifamily in the vicinity, . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . that would allow for them to be very close to transit.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Like a...like a transit corridor or something? . . . *(timer sounds)*. . .

MR. TAKAMORI: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. And then one of the questions that Member Paltin asked that I was interested in hearing the response to was if the 12 acres was enough.

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MR. TAKAMORI: Yeah, the 12.5 acres are enough. Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For now, but in the future too? Like is there...there is enough room for future growth?

MR. TAKAMORI: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And should we just buy the neighboring parcel too?

MR. TAKAMORI: I would say...I would say that as of right now, yes, the 12.5 acres is enough.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Member Molina, followed by Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Hopefully my questions are not out of scope here with regards to the agenda item. And feel free to call me out on it if it is. Mr. Director, you know, today's for the...intent is to the purchase the property. Have you folks done any preliminary estimate as far as what the actual baseyard would cost to construct, and do you have sufficient...is there sufficient Staff to do oversight and help manage the construction of the baseyard?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Takamori.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for the question, Member Molina. It...it's a little hard to say, but I think in terms of when we were first looking at developing our own baseyard, our estimates at the time, which it could be a little dated, was approximately \$20 million. I'm sure now it's increased, but we are also looking to seek Federal funds to fund the construction. We have notified our Congressional delegation that that's kind of what our interest is, and as well as working with the State on that. In terms of...in terms of project management, we are looking to ensure that we have a construction management company on contract to help us along with the project as we move from planning into construction.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Director. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Mr. Takamori. So, you know, I heard you say that you're going to put some charging stations for your EV buses. Is it possible to put charging stations for cars, vehicles too, somewhere around that route so that people who are driving Upcountry, Down-country, if they had to go somewhere, is that...I mean, because that's going to be a hub almost over there too, right?

MR. TAKAMORI: Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Takamori.

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MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you. And thank you for the question, Member Kama. And yeah, if we're going to be putting in charging for the electric buses, we could definitely plan in for vehicle charging in the front...you know, in the front lot for people that are passing by to be able to charge. We would partner...I think with the cost of electricity, right, we would partner...or we would work with Johnson Controls, the company that just got the contract with the County, to see how we can integrate PV panels to offset the cost of our electricity as well. So, that would...that could be part of the project as well, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And what is the capacity? I mean, how many buses can the baseyard hold, and equipment and stuff like that, vehicles?

MR. TAKAMORI: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you. Thank you for the question, Member Kama. I guess, as of right now, it would be able to hold our Maui Bus fleet, which we have little over 60 vehicles at the facility. And then, of course, we'd be able to expand our fleet as we expand services. But until we do the planning and design, and have the engineers determine the best organization of the facility, then we can really see how much more space we can allocate for the different phases of the project.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay, Members. Any other questions for the first round? Okay, we can go to second round. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. The current location of the fleet, do we own that location?

MR. TAKAMORI: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you. Thank you for the question, Member Paltin. So, we...because we contract out our services for the Maui Bus fixed route paratransit, those vehicles that we owned gets attached to the contract, but we rely on our contractors to use their baseyard. So, in terms of us trying to move towards electric vehicles or electric buses, we can apply for funds to install chargers, but we can't use those funds to install it on private property. So, that's why, in order for us to move towards electrification of the fleet, we need a baseyard that we can do that with. And so, yes, to answer your question, no, we don't own those facilities.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then I just was wondering about, you know, disaster resilience in terms of the electrification of the fleet. If..you know, if there would be some sort of disaster that affected those charging stations, what then would the County do?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TAKAMORI: Well, I don't...oh, thank you. Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Member Paltin, for that question. I would say that we might not go to 100 percent electrification of our fleet. We might still have a diversified fleet. So, if the power grid, or if we...you know, we can set up generators or whatnot to charge our buses, but if all of that goes down, if we have a diversified fleet, then at least we have some vehicles that can still get on the road that...we have to plan for that, definitely, for the future.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And so, I mean, if you were to do generators, you'd be putting gas in a generator to charge the electric bus? Is it...or...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you. And maybe...maybe...I mean, I guess...I guess you could look at it as battery storage, right, so maybe using the sun energy to charge the batteries, and the batteries can then, during the day, take those...take the sun's energy, put it in the battery, then when you plug the buses in at night, can charge the buses. So, maybe while we might not do the old school way of having a generator, it could be battery storage.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then...so, that would be the one location that buses could charge at? There wouldn't be like a separate location? And then, is it more to pay for the land and build our own facility than it is to pay for the electric chargers on private land? . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Director.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you. I would say that it's important that we, the County, build our own facility so that we can control our outcome, right, where we want to go. We're not tied to what the contractors have at their baseyard. So, I would say that, you know, it's important that we consider our own baseyard, just for the fact that if our contracts are every five years, and possibly it changes every five years, it's tough for us, as well as the riders, if we're changing between contractors, and then having to go between different baseyards, and things like that. So, if we provide the facility with our contract, at least there's less movement there versus just movement in people.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. So, just clarifying the answer to the question is, it would be cheaper to just pay for the electric chargers on somebody else's land, but that's not the direction we want to go? And if they wanted to pay for electric chargers on their land to become like a hub for personal vehicles to charge or something, that's another option? Is that...

MR. TAKAMORI: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair Paltin. And I guess, to follow up on that, it's not just about the price, but the certainty of...uncertainty of what could happen every five years, whether there would be a continued partner or not?

MR. TAKAMORI: Um-hum.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I think I heard you say earlier that we wouldn't be able to use Federal funds to pay for the electric chargers on private land, Director?

MR. TAKAMORI: Yes. Thank you. Yes, that is correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo.

MR. TAKAMORI: That is correct, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that clarification. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Just a couple more follow ups. So, I know you...Director Takamori, you said 2 million would be going towards the design of the project, right, design and permitting. Now, I asked in the past why we don't have shelters for our vehicles, and I remember it's just being the cost. Will this project...will this new baseyard have any kind of shelters to keep the buses out of the weather, or is that just a standard practice is you don't really do that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TAKAMORI: Chair, thank you. So, there are facilities that do house the buses inside. Those are typically on the mainland where you have very extreme weather, right? So, I guess here, locally, you would only have a baseyard for...or sorry, a building for when you need to pull the bus into the shop to repair it and maintain it. And then it would just be parked outside. What we're seeing, though, now, with electrification of the fleets, is that buses are parked under solar panels. So, it's somewhat out of the sun, but with the solar panels, it's harvesting that energy to offset the cost of electricity.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And you plan to design it that way, to have solar panels on...above the...above the buses?

MR. TAKAMORI: If...yes, if that's the most economic or feasible way, then yeah, we would plan to have it. We definitely would like to have solar panels to offset the cost of electricity, for sure.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Director. My next question is for Director Yoshimura in regards to the bonds and the bond ratings. Are...is the County still at AA+ bond rating?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. We have not changed bond rating.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Great. That's wonderful. And I know Councilmember Sinenci asked about it. And that's interesting to me that...forgive me. I don't know the process, but some bonds were taken out for the purchase of *Maui News*. That didn't happen. And you still can...and you just pivoted that bond money to some other project? That's a process that we have?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair. Councilmember Johnson, so, when we had posed the purchase of the *Maui News* building, we proposed bond funding. When we went out for a bond float that year, we anticipated the purchase of the...of the facility. And so, we float...we included the \$10 million in the bond float. The project fell through, and the bond now...the funding...the \$10 million that we had taken out for the *Maui News* has been borrowed, but not used. And rather than just having the funding sit and wait for another project, we are utilizing and classifying it as lapsed bond proceeds . . . (timer sounds). . . and...so, switching out the new bond money for old bond money, if that makes sense.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, thank you. It's...

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thanks for clarifying that. Thank you, Chair.

MS. YOSHIMURA: You're welcome.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Okay. Any other questions on round two? Okay. Okay. I just have a follow-up question. So, Director Takamori, that's...having shelter, like what Costco looks like somewhat with the solar panels is kind of what I envisioned it looking like for our baseyard. Do you know approximately how many acres of solar panel you'd need to electrify the current fleet?

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you. Thank you for that question. I don't know that...that, off the top of my head, how many acres of that would be. But I guess, if need be, right, the...we can always design it where it's either above the parking area on top of every single roof that's available, right, to...to have the available landscape...not landscape, but available roof area, or surface area for that. I'm not...yeah, I'm not sure exactly how many panels would be needed. I guess it would determine on how many electric vehicles, the maximum, as well as battery storage capabilities, as well as if battery capacities improves, as well as efficiencies of solar panels. Maybe...maybe we might need less panels in the future. So, by the time this gets built, maybe we need less panels in the future because it's more efficient.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I like your optimism. Okay. Excellent. Okay. And Members, just for your information, the appraisal is on Granicus, item...Granicus item number 6. Okay. Seeing no more questions, I will...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: One more question.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, is that Committee Vice-Chair Paltin? You have another question? Okay, go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just was wondering, if you don't have the information now about what the full buildout of the 12.5 acres would be in terms of fleet and the diversification of the electrification, the...how many are...how many buses total you want to have, how many of those would be electric and how many of those would be traditional, I guess, at what point...if you don't have it now. If you have it now, I'd love to see it. But if you don't have it now, at what point would you have just like a mockup of what full buildout of the 12.5 acres would entail...or I guess, you know, the direction that we're going in terms of that question about the 12.5 acres being a condominiumization [sic] of the 35 acres? Just wondering what is the max capacity that we're looking at for the 12.5 acres? And if you don't know it now, like at what point would you know it, at the end of planning and design? And what is the time frame for the purchase and the planning and design?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you. And thank you for the question, Member Paltin. So, the timing would be...we were...we would hope that with the support...approval from the Budget Committee, it would be able to go to first and second reading by the month of December, and then be able to move on closing towards the ending of the year. And then starting next year, we would then be able to then go out for planning and design. Most likely, planning and design could take a year, but in the process, then we would start putting together our estimates just from a construction standpoint so we can start looking for...or applying for Federal funds for the construction.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

MR. TAKAMORI: So, I'm assuming probably within the first half of the planning and design, should we know what the facility could look like or would look like.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And you can like keep us apprised of like, yeah, we closed...not like how the *Maui News*...like oh, all of the sudden we're not doing that, surprise. And then let us know, like oh, we're nearing completion of planning and design. How's it look? Or things like that, you can keep us updated and informed like informally or whatever?

MR. TAKAMORI: Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. TAKAMORI: Yeah, thank you. And thank you, yes. We definitely can provide updates along the way. It's important that you guys are aware of what we're...what we're trying to do. So, definitely.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, awesome. Thank you. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perfect timing. And we can probably get updates in the Infrastructure Committee, whatever the Infrastructure Committee is next term. Okay. And I think, unlike the *Maui News* acquisition, the seller is a little more reliable on what it is that we're doing. Any other questions?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: What number on Granicus did you say the appraisal was under?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 6. I can put it in the chat. It takes a little while because it's a 93-page document. Any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Recommendation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sounds good, Member Molina. The Chair will entertain a motion to recommend passage on first reading of Bill 165 (2022), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO ESTIMATED REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, BOND FUND, LAPSED BOND FUND, TRANSPORTATION BASEYARD; TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS; TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS);" Bill 166 (2022), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO APPENDIX C – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WAILUKU-KAHULUI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, TRANSPORTATION BASEYARD;" Bill 167 (2022), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5394, BILL NO. 71, CD1, FD2 (2022), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION);" Bill 168 (2022), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5395, BILL NO. 72 (2022), RELATING TO DETERMINING THAT PART OF THE PROCEEDS OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI HERETOFORE ISSUED IS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH BONDS WERE INITIALLY ISSUED, OR MAY OR SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO THOSE PURPOSES, AND DIRECTING SUCH PROCEEDS TO OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OR AUTHORIZED PURPOSES OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI;" and adoption of Resolution 22-243, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 12.49 ACRES IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY NO. (2) 3-8-102:001 (POR) SITUATED AT KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,413,152.00," incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Kama, seconded by Member Molina. And then the Chair will also entertain a motion to amend Bill 167 (2022) to correct an amount on page 4 from \$9,432,902 to \$9,436,902.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Kama, seconded by Member Molina. And that corrected bill is number 7 on Granicus. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the amendment to correct that amount, please raise your hand and say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Motion passes unanimously, two excused, Member Sugimura, Member King.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers King and Sugimura

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVE amendment to Bill 167 (2022)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We are back to the motion as amended. Discussion. Hearing no discussion, I'll call for the question. All those in favor of the motion as amended, please raise your hand and say "aye." Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion passes unanimously, two excused, Member King and Member Sugimura.

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

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: **Councilmembers King and Sugimura**

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: **Recommending FIRST READING of Bill 165, CD1 (2022), Bill 166 (2022), Bill 167, CD1 (2022), and Bill 168 (2022); and ADOPTION of Resolution 22-243.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. And mahalo, Director Takamori and Deputy Director Du Pont.

MR. TAKAMORI: Thank you very much.

MR. DU PONT: Thank you.

MR. TAKAMORI: Have a nice day. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. You have a nice day too. Okay, Members. It's 2:18. We have a final item on the agenda. Would you like to take a...oh, no. It's still early because 3:00 is our normal time, so we're just going to keep going.

ITEM 124: **AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET: DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (LANAI YOUTH CENTER AND SKATE PARK)** (Bill 185 (2022), Bill 186 (2022), Bill 187 (2022))

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have BFED-124, Amending Fiscal Year 2023 Budget: Department of Parks and Recreation (Lānaʻi Youth Center and Skate Park). We have Budget Director Yoshimura with opening comments. And if...I guess we also have Department of Parks and Recreation Director Karla Peters. We'll start with Director Yoshimura on opening comments, and if there's any opening comments from...oh, Deputy Director Sam Marvel, then we'll take that up. And then we'll see if there's any testifiers for this item, close testimony, and then continue with questions on this item. Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. Okay. So, the request before you is to increase the

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bond appropriation by \$5.168 million for the Lānaʻi Youth Center project. After opening bids, the Department, who has \$4 million within Fiscal '22 and Fiscal '23, fell way short in the appropriation. And we have proposed this increased based on the bid results, and requesting the additional funds to move forward with the Youth Center project. Director...Deputy Director Marvel will be able to explain the project a little bit more. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Yoshimura. Aloha, Deputy Director Marvel.

MR. MARVEL: Afternoon, Chair. Afternoon, Committee Members. Thank you for having me today. We're here before you today to request a budget amendment to fund the construction of a new 6,000 square foot Youth Center on Lānaʻi. I'll give you a little bit of history on the project. So, the Youth Center was initially funded in Fiscal Year 2020, and the original Youth Center design was actually bigger than what we have now. It was 6,500 square feet with some larger covered lanais. And that project bid on October 27th of 2020 with a budget of \$3.2 million, and the lowest qualified bid was \$6.3 million at that time. So, our thought was, let's see where we can...we can save some money. The design was pretty ambitious at the time, very kind of modern. And we thought to simplify the design, make it more appropriate for the place. And so, we made some changes to the design, with the goal of getting back down to that \$4 million number, which is what we requested in Fiscal Year 2022. And I can share my screen to show what we changed if you would like.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, please proceed. We can see it.

MR. MARVEL: Okay, good. Okay. So, what you're seeing here is the original design. As you can see, it's very...very modern. And it's larger, a large parking lot. And the current design is kind of what you see here. It's more...I guess more typical of our park spaces. And we went to...my notes I have here, all one material for the exterior finishes to kind of simplify it. It's a typical hip roof. So, that's...you can kind of see the difference there. We reduced the amount of parking. We had an excess of what we needed, so some of the parking was cut out. One of the . . . (inaudible). . . wing was cut out, so we removed some of that square footage here, and it was reduced just to kind of this main area. We removed the furniture, and removed pretty much anything we could to, you know, keep the building and still make the project happen. But we made cuts in the...in the sense of cost. And then unfortunately, when we went out to bid, due to construction cost escalation and other things, we actually came in higher than we were in 2020, even with the reduced build. So, our low bid...lowest qualified bid this time was over \$9 million. We did have a \$7 million bid, but they withdrew shortly after bid opening. So, when we spoke to the bidders, they noted that the high cost of employee housing, really high cost of aggregate right now, which all has to be barged in from Oʻahu, and then just the general construction cost escalation over the past two years. Everyone is really busy right now, and we're getting these types of high bids across the board. So, it just all kind of compounded to get us where we're at now. But we still...community really wants this to happen. We've had a lot of...you know, a lot of people contacting us really wanting this project, along with the skate park, to move forward over there, and we'd really like to deliver this to the community. So, we come here before you today to ask

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for the rest of the funding to do it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director Marvel. Okay, Members. I'll ask you to hold your questions. Oh, okay, before we go to testimony, just quickly ask Deputy Director Marvel to confirm that this project is separate from the skate park project, the funding for it?

MR. MARVEL: Thank you, Chair. The funding's actually tied together. The languaging in the...in the budget, it has language for both projects right now, although they are two separate projects.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, we'll go...we'll get into...well, maybe clarify before we go into testimony. Okay. So...but the project for the skate park, I thought was moving forward, and the contract was secured as far as this funding...as far as the skate park funding, not relying on this budget amendment. That's...that project is relying on this budget amendment in order for the skate park project to move forward?

MR. MARVEL: Thank you. That's a great question. And no, this budget amendment will just be to fund the Youth Center, and will not affect the skate park. The skate park has...does have funding to move forward.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that clarification, Deputy Director Marvel. Okay, Members. I'll ask you to hold your questions. We'll check to see if there's any testifiers on for this item. Anyone wishing to testify, please make it known now. Okay. Hearing no one speaking up to testify, are there any objections to closing testimony, and accepting any written testimony into the record for BFED-124?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ITEM 124. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members. Testimony is now closed, and I will call on Member Johnson as the area Councilmember for initial questions. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, Mr. Marvel. I know you had the map, and it was kind of small for me to see. But if I...if I understand this correctly, the place that that will be put is...you have 5th Street here. You're going to have the skate park, and then right along 5th Street will be the Youth Center. Is that...is that where it was, along 5th Street?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Johnson, would you like Mr. Marvel to share his screen so we can see the map again?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, but it was really small, and I couldn't really...so maybe if you could bring it up again and just mouse over it. I don't know if that's...or if you can explain it.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you can zoom in a little bit, Deputy Director Marvel.

MR. MARVEL: Yeah. Yeah, absolutely. Thank you, Councilmember Johnson. I will share my screen and make that bigger this time.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. And while you're doing that...I mean, I'm just trying to find the location exactly because I think that's where it was. Okay.

MR. MARVEL: We'll close this and...so here's 5th Street here, and the Youth Center would be right here, and the skate park would be kind of down here below the parking lot.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. MARVEL: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So, that's on...

MR. MARVEL: It would be on Iliahi Street and --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Great.

MR. MARVEL: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: That's on County-owned land then, or is it State-owned land?

MR. MARVEL: This is...this is County-owned land.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, great. So, thanks for that clarification. I guess my next question is, is I saw that you guys tried to make...you know, you kind of...like you said, you took the project and made it smaller to make it cheaper and, you know, cut some...and trim the fat, if you will. And you did...it still came out more expensive. Can...did...I saw some documents that was talking about what...why the...the reasons behind the bids were so high. Can you go over some of those, why the...why the bids came back so high? And you can stop sharing screen. Thank you.

MR. MARVEL: Yeah, thank you for that question. Yeah, we did kind of reach out to the bidders to ask them. And we always evaluate our bids, but in this case, it was...it was so high that we really wanted to talk to the bidders to see what the...why we were getting these prices, even though we cut out so much scope. And kind of what I went over before, the just lack of housing for contractors over there is a real problem. It's a...for a project like this that may take a year to get done, they're either looking at housing their crews on island, or commuting them over from Maui every day, and it's a real cost that adds up over the course of a project. And it's only gotten, I think, more expensive over time. I think it...whatever Pūlama is doing at the time affects...you know, other projects affect things. There's only so much housing, as you know. The other big factor is aggregates. And all the aggregate for this project has to be barged in . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . load by

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load, from O'ahu. So, that's why we tried to reduce the size of the parking lot and, yeah, cut down the footprint of the building to kind of reduce that fill. And the other factor is just construction everywhere has gone up just an unprecedented amount over the, you know, past couple of years. And we're seeing that everywhere. And I think it's doubly compounded, given the location here. It's just really challenging to get...for contractors to do work on Lāna'i. There's a big barrier to entry, and it's challenging.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. MARVEL: So, I think that's what, you know, led to this amount.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Marvel. I...my time's up. The bell rang. But when you say aggregate, that means gravel, right?

MR. MARVEL: Yeah, it means rock, or, you know --

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yeah.

MR. MARVEL: -- basically what goes under the pavement or under the building, yep.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Got it. Okay. Thank you so much. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Members, questions? Committee Vice-Chair Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I was wondering, Mr. Marvel, if that Hōkūao Project housing is the other project that is taking so long? And they said, I think, buildout was maybe two or five years. And if that project was completed two years, then we went out to bid, if it would make a significant difference?

MR. MARVEL: Thank you, Member Paltin. That's a great...that's a great question. I think...yeah, I think having more housing is definitely going to help. I think we're fighting a little bit of a battle just with the inflation right now, and we're chasing costs by...you know, every year it seems things are getting so much more expensive now. And it's challenging for us to keep up with the...right now, with the cost of everything. So, we're just trying to, you know, get these projects going. So, it's hard to say. It's really hard to...hard to predict that. It would definitely help that part of it, you know, but it might be also more expensive due to the inflation right now, and the cost of everything.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then I was wondering, you know, when you put out this scaled-down project out to bid, and it came back higher than the original scaled up project, if it was a possibility to put them out to bid side by side and see what the difference is between the two. And does the scaled-up project have efficiencies like, you know, I don't know, the design where the maintenance and running cost is less in the long run, although the initial startup cost could possibly be more? I'm not sure because we didn't put it out side to side, so we may not be comparing apples to apples and oranges to oranges. But I just...those were some of the questions I had.

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MR. MARVEL: Yeah, thank you, Member Paltin. I think that's a great point. It's really hard to know since they weren't bid at the same time. And what we typically do in that situation, if we have what we think is a, you know, more luxury option, or a higher option, we can do added alternates. You know, we can say this is the base project, and then this would be, you know, adding those finishes and such. So, we could...we could look into doing something like that, just so we know what the differences are. The one...I should add the one limitation that we're...the time constraint that we're under right now is the bid that we received on September 8th has a 120-day work period. So, they need to hold their price. So, that puts us at January 8th. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . So, after that point, they wouldn't be required to hold their price, and we'd be subject to escalation. So, we're...yeah, that's kind of our goal, is to get...at least get it awarded by that date to...you know, so we can keep the price.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. I just was wondering about that other question, if the more upscale one would be more efficient in the long run, or it was just fancy?

MR. MARVEL: That's a good question. I think...I mean, I think we could reach...I mean, it's a...something that we put out publicly before. It's probably possible to reach out, at least informally to, you know, the contracting community to get opinions on it, you know, to see what...just practically, if it's...you know, there might be some efficiencies in that design.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair Paltin. Members, questions? Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. Good afternoon, Mr. Marvel. Just with the construction of our other skate parks here on Maui, anything different with the design for Lānaʻi's skate park? And I don't know if you made it...you mentioned it in your opening presentation. What was the timetable? You know, if you get approval for the funding, what's the estimated start of construction?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina, this is for the Youth Center.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. The Youth Center, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Yeah, forget the skate park thing. Just the estimated time of construction.

MR. MARVEL: Thank you, Member Molina. Yeah, so, the...so, if we were able to award this contract, I guess we'd have to go through a first and second reading to get the funds approved. So, that would, you know, put us towards the end of the year. And usually it takes a couple months to get a contract fully executed from that point. So, we'd

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probably be looking at sometime early to mid-2023 to get started, depending on, you know, lead times of materials and those types of things, which can be longer out there. So...but I would...I'd fully expect it to get...to break ground in 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And then hours of operation will be? I know Lānaʻi kind of shuts down a little earlier.

MR. MARVEL: Yeah, we'd probably just be on a standard construction schedule, which is usually 7:00 to 3:30. And I would see OT, overtime, as...you know, if there was a schedule crunch, but I...you know, typically it's 7:00 to 3:30, Monday through Friday.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Aside from the construction, once it's built, then you're looking at opening it up, what, 9:00 to 4:00, or something...or 8:00 to 5:00, or...

MR. MARVEL: That's a...thank you, Member Molina. That's a good question. I'd have to get back to you on that. I'm not sure what the --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

MR. MARVEL: -- what we're planning for that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Maybe modeled after the Boys & Girls Clubs hours, I guess, that they have on Maui, then.

MR. MARVEL: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. I only ask that because I know things tend to shut down a little earlier on Lānaʻi, so I was just curious. All right. Thank you, Mr. Director. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Anyone else on the first round? Committee Vice-Chair Paltin on second round.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I was wondering, you know, how the Hālau of ʻŌiwi Arts is doubling as a resilience hub, and thus allowing us to qualify for 11 million in Federal funds? If this Youth Center is going to be built to EHPA standards, and if that could qualify us for any kind of matching funds, and if Lānaʻi has any EHPA rated shelters on island?

MR. MARVEL: Thank you, Member Paltin. I would have to check on that and get back to you. I don't know if there's any EHPA shelters on Lānaʻi. And that wasn't part of this design. I don't...I don't...I really don't know if it was...if it was considered. And it...and it's something we could consider, just...I think, again, it would just be a matter of budget and cost, and planning it into the design of the building. But I would have to check and see if there's already a shelter on island somewhere.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Because I do remember there was a wind storm a few years back

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with no electricity, and it was an issue for some of the kūpuna with medications that needed to be kept cold and, you know, various things. So, I mean, if we're putting \$9 million into a youth center, it would be nice if it could double as a shelter for the island, and be built to those standards. Possibly there would be matching funds, like the Hālau of 'Ōiwi Arts. As we enter into these times of destabilizing climate, it would be nice to have shelters available on each island and in each district, or some sort of, you know, resiliency hub for a recovery period after disasters. And any structure that we're building, and especially with this amount of money being put into it, to have at least more than one purpose, you know, a multigenerational, helping the community or something along those lines. I just was wondering if there's any inter-Departmental outreach, you know, with Human Concerns or other Departments of...because Lānaʻi is a small island, I think... . . .(timer sounds). . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director Marvel.

MR. MARVEL: Thank you, Member Paltin. Yeah, those are...those are all really good points. And we definitely have been in close...working closely with MEMA and the emergency organizations, like on the War Memorial Gym project, for example. We're right now applying for a grant for the...for that project and for the emergency generator that we're going to need there. We're also applying for the same FEMA grants for the Lāhainā Civic Center project, which will be upgraded to a hurricane shelter. So, we're definitely familiar with the...getting more familiar with the process. It's a lot of...a lot of paperwork, but we're figuring it out. And yeah, we definitely would...I mean, we're...we definitely would...could look at doing that on Lānaʻi too, if there currently isn't something. But we'd have to...we'd have to look into that, you know, design-wise and cost-wise too.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Just saying Lāhainā and Wailuku are pretty far for the folks on Lānaʻi.

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

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, if I can add a little bit to this conversation here. My Staff Roxanne Morita on Lānaʻi has been trying to work with the DOE to get our shelter up to category 3...hurricane category 3. I guess it needs fortifications. And, you know, the story goes we're looking for funding, but...and there's nothing this hurricane season. And there's nothing on the horizon for next hurricane season. So, it's a...it's a struggle to try to get a really good shelter for...on the Island of Lānaʻi. Our DOE gym is very old. And so, this...you know, I just wanted to throw that out, share it with you guys what...what's been happening...because yeah, it is a problem. Thank you, Chair.

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

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just had a other question. If the bid runs out on January 8th, and say, you know, we're getting our work together, how does the new Administration come

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into play with this? Like say we don't finish everything that needs to be done by January 2nd--because we got Thanksgiving coming up, Christmas coming up, and all...so on. And if we appropriate this money, and the Administration is not there in continuity...or is there a possibility that a new Administration...we appropriate this money, and they don't spend it because they're not for it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, thank you. Councilmember Paltin, so we're anticipating that if it does pass Committee today, it would be on the Council agenda for December 2nd, first reading; second and final reading on the 16th. Now, part of the money is...that's already appropriated is from Fiscal Year '22, which would lapse on December 31st. Anyway...so, our goal is...right now, we're anticipating passage, and trying to work on the contract so when the funds do get approved, we will be able to execute the construction contract by December 30th and secure all the funding.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay? Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair Paltin. All right. Moving on from this item. Okay. Any other questions, Members? Okay. I do kind of have an idea because I...you know, like Moloka'i...like Lāna'i, Moloka'i also has steep construction costs for a lot of similar reasons. And we're going to have to move our entire town because of sea level rise and flooding inundation. And I was kind of dreaming up what a mauka retreat would look like for our County complex here in Kaunakakai, as well as the town. One of the things that our island has really taken a liking to, like Maui, is food trucks, and we don't have a whole lot of places for them to park. And I was thinking that for Moloka'i, an idea to help offset the cost of...the high cost of construction here would be the idea of the concession leases in the parking lot so that it would...you know, two birds, one stone, where we would provide an area for economic development, and increase food options here on our island, as well as generate some revenue for the County. And so, that's an idea that I've been playing with for Moloka'i. You know, maybe that's something that could work there, since during the weekdays, the...there's school. So, you know, a lot of the youth are in school, and the parking lot is open. And so, perhaps that's one way it could generate revenue to offset the high cost. Anyway, I know that's not something that was discussed or likely put into the RFP, and so, likely not considered when designing the parking lot. So, there's that idea, there's Member Paltin's idea. I thought it would have served as a shelter. I didn't know it wasn't designed for that purpose as well. I will leave it up to the Members. I don't...I don't have a recommendation at this time because it's a steep difference. And being fiscally responsible, like it...I'm the Budget Chair, and so, it's hard for me to justify, to not wait . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . and not take up some ideas that Committee Vice-Chair Paltin brought up and...a place to generate revenue, or, you know, other ideas. I know that the pandemic really threw things off, and supply chain issues, and war in Ukraine, and the higher cost of gas, and, and, and, and, that has made everything...so, if someone would...oh, Deputy Director Marvel, did you...did you raise

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your hand? Want to say something? Okay. So, if you would like to make the motion, I will read it for you. Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sure. I'd like for you to read it...the motion. It...but I wanted like to add a little bit of what you just said. Just wanted to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Just one sentence...one paragraph. I've been working with the Department of Parks and Rec to do a concession of a farmer's market on Lānaʻi. And maybe this could be held in that parking lot. I just wanted to say that I've been working with the Department to get a concessions going on in one of our parks. Maybe now, with the parking lot being built, maybe that...you know, to follow your idea, I thought that's a great idea. So, I just wanted to say that hopefully concession stands will be happening on Lānaʻi sooner rather than later. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome, Member Johnson. Okay. I will read it for you. Oh, okay. So, the motion would be to recommend passage on first reading of Bill 185 (2022), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO ESTIMATED REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, LANAI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, PARKS AND RECREATION, BOND FUND, LANAI COMMUNITY CENTER AND SKATE PARK; TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS; TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS);" Bill 186 (2022), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO APPENDIX C – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, LANAI COMMUNITY PLAN AREA, LANAI YOUTH CENTER AND SKATE PARK;" Bill 187 (2022), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5394, BILL NO 71, CD1, FD2 (2022), RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS (DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION)," incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions. Moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Kama. Member Johnson, discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. You know, I reached out to some of the supporters of this...of this...of this Youth Center. And unfortunately, Nancy is going in her surgery today, so she couldn't make it. But I know...and you folks remember even prior to COVID, whenever they would come to Lānaʻi, the Lānaʻi kids from the Youth Center would come out and say, we need a youth center, right? Those youths are getting older, and they're not going to be youths for much longer because we know how slow Government works sometimes. So, I understand the price...the price shock. But, you know, and like Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez says, outer island...all of the outer islands, it's really expensive to build. But I really think that the kids...the kids have spoken, and the community has spoken, and I would really vote in support of this. Mahalo, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Okay. Committee Vice-Chair Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. It is a bit of a sticker shock, and I would prefer it to be built to hurricane shelter standards, but like, you know, my own kids go to the Youth Center in Lāhainā, and it makes the world of difference for our family, and many other families in Lāhainā. And, you know, there's the Pā'ia Youth and Cultural Center, which we also help out a lot. And I think, you know, if we do have the money available that the Administration is saying, there is no better investment than in our local kids, our kids that are born and raised from Maui County. And, you know, I hope that possibly adjustments could be made, that it would serve as a shelter in some emergency cases, but when you look at our kids, how they...how they grow up so fast, we've already missed out on so many kids being able to take advantage of this thing. And they don't...they're not kids for that long. So, it's a hard vote, but I'll vote to support the kids.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair Paltin. Anyone else wishing to discuss? Okay. Seeing no other discussion, I will call for the question, roll call. And if you can't, Ms. Milner, I can do it.

MS. MILNER: Chair, I was getting back to my mute button.

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

MS. MILNER: Councilmember Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

MS. MILNER: Council Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Aye.

MS. MILNER: Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MS. MILNER: Councilmember Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aye.

MS. MILNER: Councilmember Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MS. MILNER: Councilmember Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Aye.

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MS. MILNER: Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No. Okay.

MS. MILNER: That's six ayes, one no.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion passes. Six ayes, one no, two excused, Member King and Member Sugimura.

VOTE: AYES: Vice-Chair Paltin and Councilmembers Johnson, Kama, Lee, Molina, and Sinenci.

NOES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers King and Sugimura

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending FIRST READING of Bill 185, CD1 (2022), Bill 186 (2022), and Bill 187, CD1 (2022) by C.R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That brings us to the end of the agenda. Where are we? Okay. Is there anything else the Committee needs to take care of, Ms. Milner?

MS. MILNER: No, Chair. You covered all the items on today's agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Mahalo. All right. It's right at our afternoon break time, so I'll see you back here...just kidding. Okay. We'll finish our meeting early. You're welcome. Okay, let's see. We'll see everyone tomorrow morning at 9:00 for PSLU hana hou. No? Is it cancelled?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: It's on. It is a case of neighbor versus neighbor, which should be very...as painful as today was.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I hope I didn't scare anyone away from attendance.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then afternoon is HCP? No, AH.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yep. Members, look forward to some exciting presentations. The Helsinki folks will be coming, and maybe they'll be in person to come present. Real exciting day.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Very exciting. Okay. All right. So, make sure you tune in, Members, and *Akakū* audience out there. All right. It's 2:59 on November 16th, 2022, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now adjourned. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 2:59 p.m.

APPROVED:



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

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