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PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON

May 22, 2007

THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII, CONVENED A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007, AT 9:02 A.M., WITH CHAIR G. RIKI HOKAMA PRESIDING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008".
2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008".
3. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THIRTY SEVEN MILLION FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$37,050,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY ALL OR A PART OF THE COST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OF AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI; FIXING THE FORM, DENOMINATIONS AND CERTAIN OTHER FEATURES OF SUCH BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DETERMINE CERTAIN DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A LIKE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER ACTIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS".
4. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE 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".

5. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.48, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR DEPLOYED ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL".
6. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.08.060, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SALARIES OF PERSONNEL IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND OTHER COUNCIL STAFF".
7. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.44.015, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO SALARIES OF DEPUTIES CORPORATION COUNSEL AND DEPUTIES PROSECUTING ATTORNEY".
8. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13.16, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO WAIHU MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE".
9. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.16.080, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS".
10. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16.20A.130, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO THE PLUMBING CODE".
11. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.30.020, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO THE FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS' REVOLVING FUND".
12. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ESTABLISH A POST-EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATIONS FUND".
13. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 16.20A.200, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO MISCELLANEOUS PLUMBING INSTALLATION INSPECTIONS".
14. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.20.250, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES".
15. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.68.060, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO VOTER REGISTRATION COMPUTER TAPES".
16. A proposed resolution entitled "ADOPTING THE FUEL TAX RATES FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007".

CHAIR HOKAMA: The Council of the County of Maui, 22 May 2007 notice of public hearing on the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2008 consisting of fifteen bills and one resolution shall come to order.

Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS GLADYS C. BAISA, WILLIAM J. MEDEIROS, MICHAEL J. MOLINA, JOSEPH PONTANILLA, MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, VICE-CHAIR DENNIS A. MATEO, AND CHAIR G. RIKI HOKAMA.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBERS MICHELLE ANDERSON AND JO ANNE JOHNSON.

There were approximately 10 members of the public in attendance.

(Councilmembers Johnson and Anderson were not present when the roll was taken; however, they arrived at 9:05 a.m. and 9:06 a.m., respectively.)

COUNTY CLERK ROY T. HIRAGA: Mr. Chairman a quorum of the Council is on hand to conduct business.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

Mr. Clerk has this public hearing been duly noticed?

COUNTY CLERK: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the notices of public hearing were published in the May 15 and May 18 issues of *The Maui News*, respectively.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

Members this morning we are here to take testimony on the various bills. We have a total of fifteen bills for an ordinance proposals relating to the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget as well as one resolution.

We'll be taking testimony from the public, but prior to, the Chair will share some ground rules. One, cell phones shall be off. Two, for those of you that signed up prior to the start of this meeting, you have three minutes to present your testimony to the Council. We will assist you with a lighting mechanism at the podium. When you begin the green light will go on. At the two-minute thirty second mark, the yellow light will go on. And at the three minute mark the red light go on and the Chair will stop your testimony. If you have additional testimony to share with the Council, you have up to three additional minutes after all others have concluded giving their testimony.

Stating that, Mr. Clerk, please call our first testifier.

COUNTY CLERK: Yes, Mr. Chairman, and just for information, four individuals have signed up prior to the convening of the meeting.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

COUNTY CLERK: Our first speaker is Fred Ruge, followed by Lloyd Fischel.

(Councilmember Johnson arrived at the meeting at 9:05 a.m.)

TESTIMONY

MR. FRED RUGE:

Good morning. My name is Fred Ruge and I'm a veteran's advocate. I'd like to thank you for allowing me to appear here. Thank the Council for all the hard work they did on the budget.

What I'd like to talk about is we're in a national state of war and you wouldn't know it on Maui. People go to the beach, they have a good time, we don't even know that a war is going on. The only ones that are making a sacrifice are the veterans in the Middle East and their families.

Now, I think that for example we need to support these veterans when they come home. Returning veterans are not the same people as they were when they left. They're going to have a hard time adjusting to civilian life and we have to help them.

(Councilmember Anderson arrived at the meeting at 9:06 a.m.)

MR. RUGE: Now I'll give you a good example of how badly these people need recognition, but they won't ask for it. I was listening to CNN the other night and they had an article about veterans in Iraq right now. These veterans have dog tags and what they do is they take one dog tag off and they put it in their shoe. Now the reason they do

this is because when they go out on patrol, if there's a rocket propelled grenade or a car bomb that's going to go off, they want to double their odds that they get hit, they'll still be recognized so their family knows that they died. Now that's how serious they are about recognition.

During the Vietnam War, the veterans came back, they weren't, not only weren't recognized, they were ostracized. In frustration, they turned to alcohol, drugs, they became homeless and a lot of them committed suicide. And we don't want this to happen to our hometown Maui veterans.

When these veterans come back and apply for benefits with the VA, at the present time the VA is 100,000 applications behind. This is from all the wars, Vietnam War.

And they just had a Senate Subcommittee hearing on Veterans Affairs. And here's what Senator Patty Murray from the State of Washington said that a, a number of our soldiers returning home who can't get their benefits because of a backlog at the VA, they can't even get a benefit to keep them in their homes or feed their children. "Its pretty disturbing." said Senator Patty Murphy, Murray.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Ruge, you need to stop your testimony.

MR. RUGE: Pardon.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You need to end your testimony. Do you wish to--

MR. RUGE: Could I, could I have permission for one more minute, please.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You may return after all others have spoken.

MR. RUGE: Well, you know the veterans are dieing and I get a hundred and eighty seconds to fight for a cause. I'll wait and speak again.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Next speaker is Lloyd Fischel, followed by Jerry Levey.

MR. LLOYD FISCHEL:

Good morning. Gee such heavy subjects so early in the morning. Thank you, Mr. Chair and Councilmembers.

I'm talking this morning of, relative to the funding of the Maui Visitors Bureau. The expenditure of millions of dollars to advertise Maui, through the Maui's Visitors Bureau is a complete waste of taxpayer money. Our hotels are doing more business than their projections, making more money than ever before. In fact most businesses in Maui are indeed thriving.

The influx of visitors and people living here has caused a strain on so many areas of our lives and all of you know this to be true. Our public facilities are dirty and rundown. Some examples, the courthouse next door, the floors and bathrooms are dirty and falling apart. Our libraries are discouragingly rundown as our parks are, public restroom facilities and the list goes on and on.

Now is the time to take stock of what we are and what we want to be as the years past, as the years pass, excuse me. If we're going to develop a culture of family values, respect for other people, protection of the aina, you as leaders must change the direction of our government.

Mike, when you ran for office you told us many times, that if elected you would promote legislation supporting our unique culture.

Gladys, when you ran you clearly indicated a desire to change the direction of government from one based on pecuniary interests to one based on humanism.

Bill you stated on numerous times how if elected you would work to protect Hana's special place in our fragile world.

Funding MVB does not support any of this, in fact it takes money from what you fine leaders really want to accomplish. Taking action to protect Hana, taking measures to support Maui's families and unique lifestyle require a change of direction. Nothing could be more obvious than to enact such a change beginning with the budget before you.

Yesterday's Maui News ran a credible story that the MVB spent large sums outside its mandate. Passing the budget today, as it stands today without looking into this manner makes, matter makes a mockery of all the promises you made when you asked for our votes.

In a post 911 world, there will never be a time when travel to Maui decreases and the economy languishes. Americans are not welcome or comfortable in many parts of the world. Hawaii will continue to be the destination of choice for decades to come.

With this reality as the backbone behind tourism, there is no need to continue to fund an advertising bureaucracy. Leaders must differentiate between causes that promote culture, education and peace and those that don't. How many of you stated in the

last election that you do not wish to become adver--become bureaucrats. I think all of you.

Funding tourism through unnecessary advertising is feeding the least needed bureaucracy at this time when our land and our people have very different needs. Let's be leaders, not bureaucrats. Say no to the MVB which might have been an ally in a different time and age, but today is really an impediment securing, for securing our cherished goals.

Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Fischel. Any questions for the gentleman on his testimony. Thank you very much.

Mr. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Jerry Levey, followed by Buck Joiner.

MR. JERRY LEVEY:

Good morning. My name is Jerry Levey, don't worry about pronunciations, close enough.

I appreciate being able to talk with you this morning. I'm a Certified Public Accountant, as well as a Certified Management Accountant, as well as a Certified Fraud Specialist. I come to this debate if you will concerning the Maui Visitor's Bureau, sort of second hand. When I came back on the island after being gone for a while, I noticed the letters to the editor and that got my interest up because I had dealt with the Maui Visitor's Bureau at the beginning of the year concerning the Maui Marathon that I was briefly associated with at that time.

My experience with items of this nature, which is quite extensive is that the red flags are flying. We have a lot of money being spent with very little oversight relative to how that money is spent. Excuse me, I've looked at reports, I've looked at expenditures, there's a lot of data that are lacking behind that reimbursement. Not faulting the finance bureau of anybody like that, their part is pretty well covered and taken care of.

The other areas that bother me, this is a duplication, the proposal could be the same one that's used for the State. There's nothing unique in their proposal. There's nothing unique that's being said. That it's same, could be the proposal for years past. According to the documents, there are supposed to be unique things. Primarily, what if they didn't get this money? What would happen? Where would it go? What would

be done? I saw none of that in there. In other words, this is money that's just being out there and spent. It could be well past its life if you will, its shelf life. Are we using old methods to try to . . . something that's come forward and maybe isn't applicable any more. The items that we're looking for have to do with the expenditures of what I call the bang for the buck.

I very commend the Mercedes Golf Tournament for their charitable contribution; however, \$100,000 of that came from this Council. Money is fungible. Council gave \$100,000 through MVB to the Mercedes which gave \$500,000 in charity. Subtract that, you could say it's only 400,000 that they really gave.

Extera is \$182,000 budget item. Extera is about one sixth the cost of the Maui Marathon in terms of participation and what's going on. I don't have their budget. Maui Marathon has a budget of around \$400,000 for \$20,000 that MVB gives them. One hundred eighty-two thousand dollars for an event one sixth the size. In effect the Council is putting on the Extera event to a private company.

Now, in all these areas, my concern is more with what does the Council really want done with this money? What is the purpose behind it and are we getting that quote bang for the buck.

Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. So, Levey, any questions for the gentleman, Members? Mr. Levey, thank you for your testimony.

COUNTY CLERK: Our last speaker is Buck Joiner.

MR. BUCK JOINER:

Aloha ka kou. Buck Joiner, speaking as an individual and for the ninety percent of the population that agrees with me. I strongly oppose the 3.85 million to the Maui Visitor's Bureau and ask that you remove it from the budget and use it for vastly greater needs.

While I was a member of the Grants Review Committee, we had 74 grant requests totaling three and a half million dollars, but we only had one million dollars to meet that three and a half million dollars needs. At the same time, in that year, the Maui Visitors Bureau got two million dollars, more than twice as much as the combined grants to 74 really worthy charities.

Is Maui Visitors Bureau financially destitute? No, they have \$3.2 million annually from the State. You are giving them an ini--an additional 3.85 out of our pockets so

they have seven million to spend anyway they want to. No accountability for return, just have a great time and come back to us if you want more.

So who gets hurt? We do, the citizens of this County and the people who visit here. Instead of improving the product, that money leaves Maui. It's all for parties and promotions and its called advertising.

How much does the visitor industry give to Maui Visitor's Bureau? Zero. If you eliminate the four million from the budget for MVB, what will they do. They just pick up the phone and ask the \$3.5 billion visitor industry to pony up for the advertising. And if they do not, then the advertising did not need to be done. The Maui visitor industry is an incredibly wealthy business, they do not need welfare.

But my concern is for the other charities that are denied. Directors and staff that work for a pittance because they believe in helping others. Fifteen months ago, I asked Aloha Shares to ask the non-profit agencies for a Christmas Wish List because the Maui News doesn't do that anymore. It was a long list and I could not fill all of the requests. But to give you an idea there were two agencies on that list that asked for toilet paper. Dear Santa, please bring us toilet paper.

But the Maui Visitor's Bureau has an unlimited bar tab and hires limos anytime they want. I care about those who take care of the sick and the injured, the small children faced with incredible challenges, physical, mental and emotional, through no fault of their own. But there is little more than minimum sustenance to help them.

I'll come back.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you, Mr. Joiner.

Mr. Clerk, will you have Mr. Ruge return please.

COUNTY CLERK: Yes, calling Mr. Ruge to complete his testimony.

And Mr. Chair, no one else has signed up prior to the convening of the meeting.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MR. FRED RUGE (concluding his testimony):

Okay, thank you.

I would like the Maui Council to create a transition fund of one thousand dollars for each returning veteran from the, the Middle East. I think that they need this support

and they deserve it. And I think it should be put in this year's budget. This total of approximately \$300,000 will be one eighteenth of one percent of our current budget. The Council still has the authority and the power to put this, include this in this budget. I hope you have the will and compassion to do it.

Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Ruge. Any questions for the gentleman, Members? Having none, Mr. Ruge, thank you very much for your testimony.

Mr. Joiner, please.

MR. BUCK JOINER (concluding his testimony):

Thank you.

As I was saying, I care about those who take care of the sick and the injured. I care about the small children faced with incredible challenges, physically, mentally, emotionally through no fault of their own. There's little more than minimum sustenance to take care of them.

But the Maui Visitor's Bureau is staying in first class hotel rooms and living the high life. What about the elderly who seem to have been forgotten because their children must work two jobs to make ends meet. But the Maui Visitor's Bureau buys the most expensive Macintosh laptops by the carload.

If you pass this budget as it is today, when you go to sleep, I ask that you think about those kids desperate, destitute, lonely, forgotten; the elderly; impoverished. Then think about the Maui Visitor's Bureau living the high life and spending all of those millions outside of Maui. That vision haunts me. It's up to you to decide who you really care about. It only takes five of you to say I care.

Mahalo.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Joiner. Members, any questions for the gentleman?

Ms. Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Good morning. Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Mr. Joiner.

Earlier on in your testimony you said that 90 percent of the people agree with you. On, on what basis do you make that claim?

MR. JOINER: That, that is based on when I walk through the street and people talk to me about the letters that I write. And I actually think it's probably more like 95 percent.

There are people even in the visitor industry that say yes, you know, we can pay for our own advertising. But, in all truthfulness, I've only had one person who was in the visitor industry who disagreed with, with this position. They felt that, you know, whatever money the, the, you know, the County should give 40 million to the visitors industry.

But I really honestly believe that it's 90 to 95 percent of the people believe that this is a grossly inappropriate expenditure.

And remember that no other island does it either.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And that's, so that's based on people who've spoken to you.

MR. JOINER: Absolutely, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: And then the other thing I wanted clarification on is you made a comment that they buy the most expensive lap tops by the carload. What's the basis of that?

MR. JOINER: Okay, that was, it's not in this, in the receipts that I looked at this year. So it's not in this year's budget but it was one in years either the previous year or two years ago, I was looking through the receipts and I see repeated receipts for Macintosh lap tops. Just blew me away. And then they, you know, they were in there. They, the argument I suppose could be made that they travel, they're representing Maui so they need the best and what have you. But yeah, they were, and they travel with nice Macintosh lap tops.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Any other questions for Mr. Joiner?

Ms. Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, Buck, you talked about earlier that when you're looking through the receipts and, you know the different expenditures. Can you embellish, you know or expound on that because I, I really, I guess, do you go into their office or how do you look at these receipts.

MR. JOINER: Thank you.

The Office of Economic Development actually administers the grant to the Maui Visitor's Bureau so I go to the Office of Economic Development which used to be downstairs, it's now over at One Main Plaza and they have been extremely cooperative. They have two large boxes, cardboard boxes that are filled with receipts which they allow us to look at.

The only problem is that I have not looked at all of the receipts in one year, so sometimes things change and so I say something and then the situation is changed. One of the things that I said in one of my newspaper articles was that a bar tab had been rejected and, by the County, by the Finance Department. And that was true, it was. That was challenged and it came back and Corp. Counsel and the Finance Department could not find any provisions in the contract or the law that precluded them, being reimbursed for spending money on liquor. So even though I said in the, in, in my letter in the newspaper that it was rejected, that has now changed in later information.

Some of the, some of the receipts though are just, just mind boggling. The \$60,000 a year for babysitting the website is just so far out of site. It's a factor of twelve at least, a minimum of a factor of twelve over what it should really be. So, you know, if, this is looking through those receipts one at a time.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Now, you, you just said something that also brought another question which is reimbursement. So, from my understanding of what you're saying, these are moneys that are advanced by Maui Visitor's Bureau and then reimbursed by the County.

MR. JOINER: That's my understanding, yes. And they have, their, their budget which they had presented to you which is a one page item and then, as they go along, month by month they say which puka it, it comes from. But some of those are very, there's a lot of flexibility in that as to what gets charged and what have you.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, and have you also had an opportunity to review an audit as a part of the receipts or the documents that you're looking through.

MR. JOINER: The, the Maui Visitor's Bureau does their own audits which is just to say that their bookkeeping is correct, that this dollar figure went in this puka and this one went in this puka. It has nothing to do with whether the money should have been spent or what have you. But only that it is accounted for properly.

I did e-mail Kalbert Young, the Director of the Finance Department and I asked him for a copy of the latest audit done by the Finance Department, which is a different

thing. And the, he gave me the response that came back and he says he's not aware of any audit done by the Finance Department, at least within the last three years, no knowledge of any, of any audit performed by the Finance Department on the Maui Visitor's Bureau.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you very much, Buck.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Good morning, Buck.

MR. JOINER: Morning, Gladys.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: General question.

MR. JOINER: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: In our contract with the MVB for this sum of money, this \$3.85 million. Does it specify the kinds of projects and events that are funded by MVB? Like you mentioned a couple events like the Mercedes, and the Extera, and the Maui Marathon. Is that all listed in the contract or do they have discretion as to what they fund?

MR. JOINER: Um, both, actually. There are, are some amounts that are specifically identified, for instance for the Maui Invitational, that number is kind of cast in concrete. And then there is more that will just say like golf tournaments and then new projects. So there is considerable amount of discretionary funds associated with that. So, you know, it, it, it's actually both situations.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

MR. JOINER: Yeah, and I, and I should mention that I believe I need to do some additional checking, but it is my opinion that the amount that the Mercedes Tournament receives from Maui Visitor's Bureau and HTA, Hawaii Tourism Authority, that amount is the same as they give back to the charities.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: The, the reason I ask the question is I see a connection. If MVB is providing funds to charitable events, which then re--return profits or benefits to the community, then I can feel a little better about it. But I don't understand, you know, exactly what the numbers are or how it works.

MR. JOINER: Um, you and me both. Okay, because some of these that go out--

CHAIR HOKAMA: This is, we're not having a discussion between the testifier and the Members.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We're just having questions.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I, I was, that's the reason why I asked you the question and you answered it.

Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Questions for the testifier? Having none, thank you very much, Mr. Joiner.

Is there anyone else wishing to give public testimony for today's public hearing on the eight--fifteen proposed bills for an ordinance and one resolution?

Seeing none, Members, with no objections, the Chair will close public testimony for today's public hearing.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So ordered.

Mr. Clerk, any additional testimony has the Council received.

COUNTY CLERK: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the Council, written testimony has been submitted by Nikhilananda. Copies have been duly distributed.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Members. No objections, we shall receive all written testimony submitted for today's public hearing.

**THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF NIKHILANANDA, WAS MADE A PART OF THE RECORD
OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: So ordered.

Mr. Clerk.

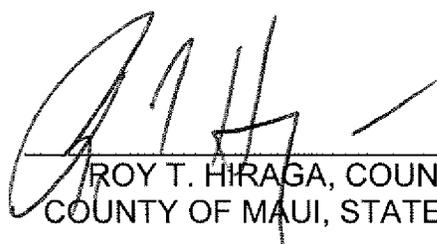
COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chairman, we have no further business scheduled for today.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Members we do have a 10:00 a.m. Council meeting regarding the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget.

There being no further business of this body for this public hearing of the 22 of May, 2007, this meeting is hereby adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing of MAY 22, 2007, was adjourned by the Chair at 9:29 a.m.



ROY T. HIRAGA, COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII