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HUMAN SERVICES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

Council Chamber

May 17, 2001

CONVENE: 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Robert Carroll, Chair
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Vice-Chair
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Member
Councilmember Patrick S. Kawano, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member

Councilmember Nishiki, Non-member
Councilmember Tavares, Non-member (in 9:04 a.m.)

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Shannon Alueta, Legislative Analyst
Karean Zukeran, Committee Secretary

Morris Haole, Executive Assistant to Chair Carroll
James Johnson, Executive Assistant to Vice-Chair Johnson

ADMIN.: Edward S. Kushi, Jr., Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Sandy Ryan, MEDB, Youth Vision 2001
Ryan Luskin, Youth for Environmental Service
Plus (1) other sitting in the gallery

PRESS: None

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CHAIR CARROLL: Human Services and Economic Development Committee will come to order. . . . *(gavel)* . . . Good morning.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Good morning.

CHAIR CARROLL: With us this morning, for the record, we have Vice-Chair Jo Anne Johnson; Members Pat Kawano; Riki Hokama; and Mike Molina; and with us this morning we have Councilmember Wayne Nishiki. And I don't think anyone else is coming. . . .*(laughter)*. . . Also we have Corporation Counsel Ed Kushi, Jr.; and Shannon Alueta our Committee Analyst and Karen *[sic]* our Committee Secretary.

Members, we have one item on the agenda this morning, but before we get to that, which is . . .*(pause)*. . . the resolution, Youth Vision Conference resolution, we have one person to give testimony this morning. We will now have public testimony.

MS. ALUETA: Mr. Chair, for the record, the first testifier is Sandy Ryan.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

Pause while Ms. Ryan approaches the podium.

MS. RYAN: Good morning. I'm Sandy Ryan with Maui Economic Development Board. The matter that's before your Committee today hit our radar screen and we are very committed to helping further the...the mission and goals of Youth Vision 2001. I personally was present at Camp Maluhia for the three days that the youth prepared their community plans and helped them produce the final report document that was presented to you on April 20th and, uh, just want to thank you for taking that matter under consideration today.

. . . END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

CHAIR CARROLL: Any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good morning, Sandy. Um...just describe in your...your own, you know, observations how you felt this Council did. Did you really see a

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lot? From your own personal perspective, what...what enlightened you, I guess, about the event?

MS. RYAN: We saw a complete transformation and in a number of...of the community youth. We saw the Kihei group really get charged up about their environment; we saw the Lahaina group identify new uses for the fallow land on the west side as being a priority for themselves; we saw the Lanai youth identify, you know, larger community centers as something that they'd like to go after in their community. So, we really saw that the experience gave them the training, if you will, to get back involved in the process the next time something comes up in their community that they feel strongly about.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR CARROLL: Any further questions? And we have with us Charmaine Tavares.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Good morning.

CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you very much. ... (pause) ... One moment. ... (long pause) ...

ITEM NO. 17: YOUTH VISION 2001 CONFERENCE OVERVIEW (C.C. 00-280)

CHAIR CARROLL: Members, as you remember on April 20th, the Committee met with a number of Maui County youth who presented us with a booklet of ideas and suggestions on the future of Maui County that were developed at the 2001 Youth Vision Conference. The youth all present...also presented the Committee with a proposed resolution entitled, SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDA...SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE YOUTH VISION 2001 CONFERENCE, supporting the concepts contained within the action plan created by the youth.

Members, I assume you have all read through the resolution. A few minor adjustments were made and the resolution is before you. At this time, the Chair will open the floor if any questions on the resolution.

Chair will entertain a motion that the resolution be adopted and that County Communication No. 00...2...-280 be filed.

VICE-CHAIR JOHNSON: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Second

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COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR CARROLL: Discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman.

CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: What is your understanding of the principles that they referred to in the resolution? I think it should be very clear what...what this resolution is proposing when you...when it says, "adopt the principles ingrained in the Youth Vision". I think it's more appropriate if you list what is the principle and just say the principles. And from the packet that we got from them, I...I noticed what each individual community action plan mentioned as issues and concerns, uh, but I'm trying to find what is the unified principles that they asking us to consider adopting.

CHAIR CARROLL: The principles that they were asking us to adopt that they...were the ones that they brought before us that day. It was in the minutes. Shannon?

MS. ALUETA: Yes, Mr. Chair. I...I believe they may be referring to what they call the "Unified County Vision" which is found on Page...about 3, in the packet that they gave us and it's, uh, or may be 4, at the top its says "Unified County Vision" and they have an overall...like Maui County Vision, there's 5 points that are listed. ... (pause) ...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Then, Mr. Chairman, I think that should be made clear that that is what it's referring to...that...that is...should be part of the attachment.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: 'Cause my one comment on Number 3, uh...

CHAIR CARROLL: Of the resolution?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: ...of...of the "Vision"...

CHAIR CARROLL: Of the "Vision?"

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: ...where it says, deve...growth and development are controlled and well planned. I don't know, maybe for resolution it will be okay,

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but my understanding—and maybe Mr. Kushi can enlighten us is, we cannot control development and we cannot control growth—we can manage it, we can plan for it and implement appropriate planning tools, I guess, is the right word, but minor since we cannot use the word “control”.

CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Kushi, could you comment if the word should be changed to, perhaps, management?

MR. KUSHI: Well, Mr. Chair, uh, Councilperson Hokama, I see this...I...if you're going to change it, I see...I...I would suggest you go back to the people who did it and, you know, have them adopt it—have them as...as a group provide their own language. But my...my understanding of the resolution is that you're commending this...this effort and then, um, um, and, again, just by the...the principle document that you referred to is...is called “Vision”, you know. And...and it's in essence a goal in terms of specifically population growth and development, uh, well, who...what...who knows that that means, but in terms of controlled and well planned, uh, this is what this group wants as a policy. Whether you, you know, follow it, or adhere to it, is within your...your pre...your decision-making capacities.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

MR. KUSHI: But I...I would suggest, you know, if...if you want to change that language, and...and this is their document...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, I agree with that, Mr. Chairman, and...and I'm glad Mr. Kushi is, you know, stating his comments to us. But that's not what the results clause says in the official resolution that you asking this Committee to approve. You said that...you asking that the Committee recommend to the Council to adopt the principles. We're not con...just congratulating this...this conference, you're asking us to adopt the principles.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Mr. Kushi.

MR. KUSHI: Mr. Chair and Mr. Hokama, uh, maybe a better word instead of “adopt” is “support” in terms of the resolution. . . .(pause). . . Then...then I...that in that sense maybe it's not an official controlling document for this body.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Uh-huh. Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR CARROLL: Ms. Johnson.

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VICE-CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes. I...I...I agree with Mr. Kushi that we should not be tampering with the wording in their "Unified County Vision" and if you look at it, it may be question of semantics because control in...in another sense is manage. It's...it's a synonym for the word. So, the opposite would be "uncontrolled". So, I don't believe that we want "uncontrolled" growth and "uncontrolled" development. So, if you look at it in the opposite context, it...it's just another word for manage and I don't see a problem with that even if we use the word "adopt" because I don't think we want to see "uncontrolled" or "unmanaged" growth.

CHAIR CARROLL: Ms. Tavares.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Thank you. In the "Be It Resolved" part, maybe what we should say is that we recognize the principles, then we don't have to mess with the...or try to mess with their "Vision". And somewhere in the documents, maybe one of the "whereas's" should state what those principles are, because people reading this by itself, unless they have the attached report, would not know what it is. So, I...I tot...totally agree with Mr. Hokama that if one of the "whereas" sections could, you know, list what their "Unified County Vision" is and it would be directly from their document and then just say "recognize" in there because, you know, population growth, controlling or managing population growth is not something that I think we can deal with. We may do that by other means, you know, by making housing costs so high that that in turn will control growth, but, you know, this is what they want. You know, we get the idea of the what it is that they...they're...they're wanting, but at the same time, I don't believe that we should play with what they have said. We should use what they've said and then just recognize it, I think would be more appropriate.

CHAIR CARROLL: All right. Is anybody . . .(inaudible) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I move to amend the recommendation...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: ...of Ms. Tavares.

CHAIR CARROLL: Do we have a second?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR CARROLL: Second by Mr. Molina. Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Again, Mr. Chairman, thank you very much for this opportunity. I think hearing the comments of the other committee as well as

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Ms. Tavares, I can support this motion. I think it reflects more accurately what is being presented before this Committee this morning and as well as showing them our support for their continuation in this area.

CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the vote is for the motion...

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Question.

CHAIR CARROLL: ...for the amendment.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Just, uh, thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR CARROLL: Tavares.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Just so that we understand that we're amending it by replacing the word "adopts" to "recognize"... "recognizes"...

CHAIR CARROLL: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: ...and that there will be a "Whereas" section that lists the "Unified County Vision" as found on that page, whatever it is...

CHAIR CARROLL: That is cor...

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: ...one through five.

CHAIR CARROLL: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR CARROLL: Any further discussion? If not, this is vote on the amendment to the motion. All in favor?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Motion carried.

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**VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Hokama, Kawano, Molina;
Vice-Chair Johnson and Chair Carroll.**

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: ADOPTION of resolution, as revised.

CHAIR CARROLL: Back to the main motion. Any further discussion? Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Sim...a simple, again, amendment, I would ask that the Committee consider addition a third "resolve" clause, and normally we...we...we ask that certified copies be sent to the people we're trying to recognize. . . .(chuckle). . . So, maybe if staff would assist, Chairman, I would make a motion to add a third "resolve" clause stating that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Youth Vision conferees; uh, I...I...I would trust staff to develop appropriate lan...

CHAIR CARROLL: This is . . .(inaudible). . . amendment to the motion?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: ...yes, which would just add that the copies of this resolution be sent to this group.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: All right. So, that's...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That's a motion to amend, Chairman.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Second?

VICE-CHAIR JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR CARROLL: Discussion? Ms. Tavares.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: I think copies should also go to some other people.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Uh-huh. The Mayor?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Like the Mayor and maybe the Department of Housing and Human Concerns since they . . .(inaudible). . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Department of Education?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Department of Education, yeah, 'cause they...they handle the youth programs and maybe whoever sponsored the conference.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: The...the folks who were involved in the...in donating or in sponsoring the...the conference.

CHAIR CARROLL: Okay. Anything fur..., uh, Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, again, Mr. Chairman, you know, taking, you know, following up on my colleague to my left, Ms. Tavares, that maybe staff can help us with the certified copies—like on Number 1 of the "Vision Statement", drug and alcohol, maybe send one to Mr. Silva of the Department of Liquor Control; traffic, send one to maybe Mr. Bob Siarot, State Department of Transportation as well as our Public Works...

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Planning.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: ...and our Planning Department for population growth; maybe to Department of Labor...to Department of Labor regarding jobs; and of course, our educational department from the State for the position on education. Thank you.

CHAIR CARROLL: Anything further concerning the amendment to the motion?

VICE-CHAIR JOHNSON: I...I would...

CHAIR CARROLL: Ms. Johnson.

VICE-CHAIR JOHNSON: ...just also say to add the Governor. I think it would be really good to let the Governor to also be aware of what the youth of Maui are doing and where they're moving.

CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Anything further to add? Ms. Tavares.

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, while the staff is making a list of...of people that they think it's appropriate, you know, besides what we've said here, maybe that list could just be e-mailed to us and if we think of anything else, we may add it to the...add it to that list.

CHAIR CARROLL: Very good.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: That way we don't have to, you know, think, oh, did we get everybody at this time.

CHAIR CARROLL: Anybody have any objection to that?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: None.

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR CARROLL: All right. Back to the amendment to the motion. Any further discussion? All those in favor?

VICE-CHAIR JOHNSON: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Aye.

CHAIR CARROLL: Opposed? Motion carried.

**VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Hokama, Kawano, Molina;
 Vice-Chair Johnson and Chair Carroll.**

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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ACTION: ADOPTION of resolution, as revised.

CHAIR CARROLL: Back to the main motion. Any further discussion? If not, all those in favor?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aye.

VICE-CHAIR JOHNSON: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Aye.

CHAIR CARROLL: Opposed? Motion carried.

**VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Hokama, Kawano, Molina;
Vice-Chair Johnson and Chair Carroll.**

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: ADOPTION of resolution, as revised, and FILING of communication.

CHAIR CARROLL: And Mr. Ryan Luskin is in the audience today. Thank you for coming. And thank you, Council Members. The reason we're having this is so we can try to get this out before the end of the school year.

Thank you very much for attending today. Any announcements. If not...

VICE-CHAIR JOHNSON: I just wanted to make one comment, and it's in regard to where Youth Vision 2002 is going. I...I was fortunate enough to meet with Priscilla and also Ryan Luskin and we are working through the depart...Alice Lee's department, with Priscilla and Ryan to see that this "Vision" is continued and that the programs continue. So, I am very grateful to the Department of

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Housing and Human Concerns in helping to facilitate many of the things that took place during the conference. And also, I was fortunate enough to meet with the Lahaina group. They're already beginning to implement and act on the things that were contained in the West Maui recommendations. So, those kids are out there and any encouragement that you can give to the youth in your area who came before us, please do so, because they really...they really need that support and that nurturing. Thank you.

CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Anything further? Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a follow up to what Councilmember Johnson was saying. I think it's important that the follow up—you know, starting this thing up was great—now it's important to follow up with their goals and for us to keep them motivated, so this thing keeps...it's...it's an ongoing thing and just keep...keeps their mind in this 'cause many times, you know, things get started, it's great, and then all of sudden when as the interest wanes then eventually all the ideas and goals that were initially set fade away. So, again, the importance is to...the follow up to this event and keeping the youngsters motivated. So, that's all I want to say on this. Thank you.

CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Anything further? If not, this meeting is adjourned.
...*(gavel)*...

ADJOURN: 9:20 a.m.

APPROVED BY:



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