

# MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

Council Chamber

May 5, 2004

**CONVENE:** 1:37 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Dain P. Kane, Chair  
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair (arr. at 1:39 p.m.)  
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member  
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member  
Councilmember Charmaine Tavares, Member

**STAFF:** Shannon Alueta, Legislative Analyst  
Pauline Martins, Committee Secretary

**ADMIN.:** David DeLeon, Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Traci Fujita Villarosa, First Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the  
Corporation Counsel

**PRESS:** None.

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CHAIR KANE: I would like to call to order the Council's Government Relations Committee for May 5, 2004. For the record, we have Member Tavares, Molina, Mateo. Excused is the Vice-Chair of the committee, Mr. Hokama. Members, good afternoon. Thank you for being here this afternoon on this time-sensitive issue. Members, I will note for the record that Item GR-10(1), the nominations to boards, committees, and commissions item, is something that we will not be voting on. We will defer because there is a motion for a discharge at this Friday's meeting, so that we can meet the deadlines to get these out of committee. However, the next two items, we can do a normal action on, and those can be heard at the regularly scheduled Council meeting of May 21<sup>st</sup> and that will bring us to . . . within the deadline. So members, again, just an FYI for you. Staff, do we have anybody signed up to testify?

MS. MARTINS: No.

CHAIR KANE: Okay. Seeing none, members. Without objections, we will close the testimony.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: No objections.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. Okay. We will go ahead and close that.

**GR-10(1) NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**  
**(VARIOUS) (C.C. No. 03-25)**

CHAIR KANE: Members, direct your attention to GR-10(1). We have before us several nominees that were brought forward. Mr. Deleon, do you have any comments that you would like to make prior to us opening up any discussion on the various nominees that have been proposed by the Administration?

MR. DELEON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It was brought to me by your staff that the Arborist Committee actually doesn't require Council approval.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. Thank you for noting that, members.

MR. DELEON: It is just something that slipped by me.

CHAIR KANE: Nah, no big deal. So it is there, members, item letter "D", Maui County Arborist Committee. There is no need--if you notice the notation with the double asterisk at the bottom of that item--Council approval is not required for Maui County Arborist Committee. So . . . um . . . but it is there, so we know that Mr. Hobdy will be replacing Jeff Gray, expiring on 3/31/08.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Great choice, by the way.

CHAIR KANE: Yes. Mr. Hobdy is a good man. Members, we have before us first, the Animal Control Board, Kinee Hanson expiring on 3/31/07. For the Board of Variances and Appeals, we have Uwe Schulz (replacing James Berg) expiring on 3/31/08. For the Liquor Control Commission, we have Mr. Blake Takayama with a term expiring on 3/31/09. As we have already stated for item letter "D", the Maui County Arborist Committee, Robert Hobdy (replacing Jeff Gray) expiring on 3/31/08. For the Police Commission, we have two names. Number one is Verna Boonstra expiring on 3/31/09 and number two is Andrew Bayron (replacing Sam Millington) who has moved to the Big Island, members, if you folks are aware of that. Yes, Mister . . . uh . . .

MR. DELEON: Mr. Chair, I believe we have a typo here. The Animal Control, the actual appointment letter says '05 and the agenda says '07.

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CHAIR KANE: Okay. Thank you for that. We will have staff follow up and then we will make the necessary correction. Thank you. Finishing up on the Police Commission, Andrew Bayron (replacing Sam Millington) expiring on 3/31/08. And members, finally, for Item No. 10(1), the Urban Design Review Board, Marie Kimmey (replacing Demetreos Canicil., . . . uh . . . Callinisos . . . Callinicos) anyway . . . (*chuckled*) . . . expiring on 3/31/08--forgive me, members. For the record, we do have Member Hokama with us this afternoon. Good afternoon, Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Hello, Chairman.

CHAIR KANE: Okay. Members, are there any questions? There were not . . . uh . . . there were no requests by any of the members of this committee for the presence of any of the nominees. Are there any questions or comments? Member Tavares?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yes. On the Animal Control Board, the term is correct at '07. Is that right?

MR. DELEON: No, I believe it's '05.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Oh, the term is till '05?

MR. DELEON: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Oh, okay.

CHAIR KANE: Okay. Staff, are there any comments at this time? Or would you like to go ahead and follow up with that? And again, because we are going--technically, members, there is gonna be a recommendation of deferral. We will make sure the necessary corrections are handled at the Council meeting this Friday. Staff, any comments?

MS. ALUETA: Mr. Chair, I just wanted to note that we did note there were some discrepancies but we will follow up prior to Friday's meeting with the Executive Assistant to the Mayor just to confirm.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you.

MR. DELEON: Thank you.

CHAIR KANE: Member Tavares, any more comments or questions?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: No.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. Mr. Mateo?

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COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you, Chairman. Just to follow up on Member Tavares's question to Mr. DeLeon. Is Mr. Hanson replacing somebody, which is why he is expiring in '05?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: I was just looking at that.

MR. DELEON: Yeah. This . . . uh . . . this is a Ms. and . . . um . . . Ms. Hanson is a specialist in animal training. She is replacing the position that had existed on the board for the board of the Humane Society. That was an open position that had not been filled and so it was a sitting vacancy. In order to keep the sequence, we are appointing her in the original sequence.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay, thank you.

MR. DELEON: At least that is the way I remember doing this--yeah?

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. And we recall recently passing out, yeah members, that adjustment--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Right.

CHAIR KANE: --for that board.

MR. DELEON: And I would like to remind the committee (if possible) that this is the board I would like to be able to do a reappointment to a full term because it's a short term and people . . . uh . . . it is kind of difficult finding people for this particular kind of body.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay.

CHAIR KANE: We will have that discussion at some point.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR KANE: Members, any further questions/discussions?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Can I have another one?

CHAIR KANE: Yeah, sure. Hang on one second, Member Tavares. Mr. Hokama, do you have any . . . anything at this time? Or would you like to yield?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I can yield at this time.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. Ms. Tavares, go ahead.

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah. Getting back to the Animal Control Board, the attachment that is in here that lists all the boards and the members and the terms . . . um . . . I note that in the Animal Control Board, there are two members that terms expired already. Have we done appointments to that already--3/31/04?

MR. DELEON: What is the date on your attachment?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: March 18, 2004.

MR. DELEON: Yeah. That would have been--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Before the . . .

MR. DELEON: --before the major appointment.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Oh, okay. So that's . . .

MR. DELEON: Yeah. So we have replaced it.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay.

MR. DELEON: This is the last vacancy on the board.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah, all right.

CHAIR KANE: The final one.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I would just--do you have a motion already, Chair?

CHAIR KANE: No, we do not. We do not have a motion. So I just was asking if there's any questions or comments or clarifications that any member would like to make because it was pointed out that we do have a discrepancy on the date for the Animal Control Board, but the Chair has opened it up to any questions or comments regarding the list of nominees and then the Chair will make a recommendation.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. I would speak in favor of the following nominees, since I have some knowledge of them. First of all, for Mr. Robert Hobdy for the County Arborist Committee. Mr. Hobdy has some roots to Lanai. He grew up there. His mother was the . . . uh . . . and father were a very important part of our community, especially Bob's mother, who was a very

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fine school teacher on our island for us; and I know Bob's love for the . . . uh . . . you know, this is just a perfect fit for him, Chairman. This is part of his passion plus part of his work with Department of Land and Natural Resources. So I find Robert Hobdy to be an excellent nominee and I would be in great support of this person. The other person I would speak in favor of--that I have gotten to know over the last few years, that is quite outspoken herself, and is not afraid to express views even though it may be contrary to others--is the nomination of Verna Boonstra to the Police Commission. I find her to be an independent lady with . . . uh . . . again, no fear to express her opinions on the issues that may be before the commission and so I see her as a very good nominee that is being proposed by the Administration for the Police Commission and I would give my strong heartfelt endorsement and support for this nomination. Thank you.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you, Member Hokama. Any further discussion or comments prior to the recommendation? Okay, members. As stated at the beginning of the meeting, the Chair is going to be recommending deferral of this item and the . . . uh . . . again reasoning, we do have (in order to make our deadlines posted on this Friday's agenda for the Council) the action to discharge and support of the resolution with these names attached. Members, so are there any objections to deferring Item No. 10(1) of the Government Relations Committee?

**COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (PRESENT: CHAIR KANE, VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA, MATEO, MOLINA AND TAVARES)**

**ACTION: DEFER.**

CHAIR KANE: Okay, thank you very much. Members, we are moving on.

**GR-10(2) NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS (STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE) (C.C. No. 03-25)**

CHAIR KANE: Next item up, we have GR-10(2). This is for the Street Lighting Committee and I will note that the committee is in receipt of a correspondence dated March 22, 2004 from the Mayor requesting consideration of Mr. Charles Hirata for the Street Lighting Committee with a time or expiring date of 3/31/05. Members, any questions or comments prior to the Chair's recommendation for this nominee? Hearing none. Members, the Chair recommends approval of Charles Hirata to the Street Lighting Committee with an expiration date of 3/31/05.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Second.

CHAIR KANE: Moved and seconded by Members Molina and Tavares. Discussion? Mr. Molina.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Chairman. I think Mr. Hirata or . . . uh . . . I think we know more as Captain Hirata would be a fine addition to the Street Lighting Committee with his expertise as far as the needs for lighting in this community as it relates to the Police Department. I think he can express a viewpoint there and as you know, we do . . . we are considering an outdoor lighting bill for the County. So I think his whole general knowledge of lighting and how it impacts the community will serve as an asset on this committee, Mr. Chairman, so I wholeheartedly support his nomination. Thank you.

CHAIR KANE: Thank you. Further discussion? Hearing none. Members, all in favor signify by saying "aye".

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR KANE: Opposed?

**VOTE:       AYES:   Chair Kane, Vice-Chair Hokama, Councilmembers Mateo, Molina and Tavares.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:    APPROVE NOMINATIONS TO STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

CHAIR KANE: Let the record show, it's unanimous. Thank you.

**GR-10(3)       NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**  
**(SUBDIVISION ENGINEERING STANDARDS COMMITTEE) (C.C. No. 03-25)**

CHAIR KANE: Finally, members, the Chair directs your attention to Page 3 of the agenda, GR-10(3). This one is noting the receipt by this committee of the correspondence dated April 14<sup>th</sup> from the Mayor requesting consideration of John Maloney (replacing Rebecca Collins) expiring on 3/31/06, to the Subdivision Engineering Standards Committee. Members, prior to the recommendation, are there any questions or comments? Hearing none. Members, the Chair's recommendation is to approve the nominee of . . . uh . . . nomination of John Maloney, expiring 3/31/06, to the Subdivision Engineering Standards Committee.

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR KANE: Moved and seconded by Members Tavares and Molina. Discussion? Hearing none. Members, all in favor signify by saying "aye".

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR KANE: Opposed?

**VOTE: AYES: Chair Kane, Vice-Chair Hokama, Councilmembers Mateo, Molina and Tavares.**

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: APPROVE NOMINATIONS TO SUBDIVISION ENGINEERING STANDARDS COMMITTEE.**

CHAIR KANE: Let the record show, it's unanimous. Members, we have completed our work for this afternoon by this committee.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: What time is it?



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CHAIR KANE: Time now is 1:48. . . . (*chuckled*) . . . This meeting is adjourned.

**ADJOURN: 1:48 p.m.**

APPROVED BY:



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DAIN P. KANE, Chair  
Government Relations Committee

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