

# HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## MINUTES

November 29, 2004

Council Chamber

**CONVENE:** 1:33 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair  
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member  
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Member

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member

**STAFF:** Carla M. Nakata, Legislative Attorney  
Tammy M. Frias, Substitute Committee Secretary

**ADMIN.:** Gilbert Coloma-Agaran, Director, Department of Public Works and  
Environmental Management  
Alice L. Lee, Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
Edward S. Kushi, Jr., Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the  
Corporation Counsel

**OTHERS:** Item 1: Sean Lester

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . .(gavel). . . The Housing and Human Services Committee meeting is now in order. At this time I'd like to . . .introduce the Committee Members that are with us this afternoon. We do have Member Carroll, Member Johnson and Vice-Chair of the Committee, Member Molina. Representing the Administration is Corporation Counsel Ed Kushi as well as Gil Agaran-Coloma [*sic*], and the Council Staff people that are here this afternoon, Carla Nakata and Tammy Frias. Tammy is substituting for our Committee Secretary. . .Clarita.

Members, we have two items on the agenda this afternoon, HHS-1 as well as HHS-8. We do have a person that has signed up for. . .to testify, and at this time I'd like to open the meeting with public testimony. For those that are testifying, you have three minutes. . .to testify and the Chair will grant you an additional minute to conclude. If you do have cell phones or pagers, can you turn it to the silent mode or turn it off? Thank you.

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Okay. Our first testifier, and only testifier, is Sean Lester. Sean.

**. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

MR. LESTER: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Members. My name is Sean Lester. I'm here on my own behalf. I hope that this building is actually named after one of you. It would be really great. I, I think that. . .that someone over here to my left, that would be a wonderful thing.

The reason I'm before you today. . .I just happen to be dropping by and the main thing I had to say is please, now that Pu`unoa has come over and moved on. . .I'm just asking you to start looking at a possibility of a comprehensive affordable housing. . .procedure within the Council, to come up with something that's comprehensive--that's really what I'm here to ask you to do--and perhaps to make it 100 percent, if they're coming in from the HCDCH, for it to be 100 percent affordable and if it's, and also ensure that it has perhaps an EIS that's directly attached to that. And if it's not, then just let the State know that it'll be an automatic no from the Council and from, from this Committee so that you can get this off of your, your table and move on.

So that's basically it. I don't want to take any more of your time, but I just wanted to drop by and. . .ask for that.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Sean.

MR. LESTER: You're welcome.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Although the. . .item that you testified on is not on the agenda, thank you for that testimony.

MR. LESTER: . . .*(chuckle)*. . . Okay, no problem. Well, I got the first part in, yeah, so--

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, right. . .*(chuckle)*. . .

MR. LESTER: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, not seeing anybody else in the Chamber to testify, the Chair would like to close public testimony. No objections?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much. Public testimony is closed.

**...END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY...**

**ITEM NO. 1: NAMING OF WEST MAUI SENIOR CENTER (C.C. No. 04-246)**

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, the first item we have on the agenda is HHS-1, naming of "West Maui Senior Center". This is a result of County Communication No. 04-246, from the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management, transmitting the proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME THE WEST MAUI SENIOR CENTER". The purpose of this bill is to name the facilities located at 778 Pau..., Pauoa Street in Lahaina the "West Maui Senior Center". This afternoon, again, we do have. . .and welcome to the Director of Housing and Human Service, Concerns Alice Lee--

MS. LEE: Hi.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --and we do have also our Director of Public Works and Environmental Management Gil Coloma-Agaran. So at this time. . .Director Lee, if you can make some comments?

MS. LEE: Mr. Chair, Members of the Committee, good afternoon. The Department is in support of the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management who transmitted the proposed bill to name the "West Maui Senior Center".

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Agaran, comments?

MR. COLOMA-AGARAN: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chair. At the September 9, 2004 meeting of the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks and Facilities, the Commission recommended that the Council approve the name of the above. . .of, of this facility as the "West Maui Senior Center". If you look at the materials that were submitted with my letter, the name was selected by the West Maui senior program participants and the Senior Services Division of the County of Maui. There was really no, not much discussion at the meeting by the Commission members, and so we are in support of the bill that was submitted with this application.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any questions for either of the directors, Director Lee or Director Coloma-Agaran? Member Johnson.

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: My, my only question was what were you reading from, Gil? Because the only thing that we had here was. . .just from your Department and there was no other letters attached to it.

MR. COLOMA-AGARAN: Oh, I'm sorry. I guess looking at the materials that I have included the actual application that was submitted to the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks and Facilities and among the, among the items there is a space that asked who selected the name, and that information indicated that the participants in the program as well as the Senior Services Division suggested the name "West Maui Senior Center".

MS. NAKATA: Excuse me, Mr. Chair. Staff would note that that document is immediately behind the proposed bill.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. And it just said. . .I'm just reading from mine and it just says that at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Commission on Naming Streets, Parks and Facilities, the Commission recommended approval for naming of "West Maui Senior Center". That's all that's in mine. So, I. . .you know, and that's fine. I think that the seniors approve of it from everything, Mr. Chair, that I have been able to gather and that they feel the name is appropriate and I have no problem with it. . . .(chuckle). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. Member Molina.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. I guess for the, the. . .either. . .and Ms. Lee or Mr. Coloma-Agaran, were there any other names being considered for the, the Center itself? I'm just. . .just out of curiosity sake as to your knowledge.

MR. COLOMA-AGARAN: I think there were discussions about something like Kaunoa West. . .things like that. I don't think there was any, you know, any one. . .any person's name like we have on, at some of the recreational parks.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Any more questions? If not, the Chair would like to recommend the. . .approval of this item and also filing of County Communication 04-246 in naming the "West Maui Senior Center". . .to "West Maui Senior Center".

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Second.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. It's been moved by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Molina. All in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you very much. Motion carried.

**VOTE:       AYES:       Councilmembers Carroll, Johnson, Vice-Chair Molina, and Chair Pontanilla.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**EXC.:       Councilmember Mateo.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     FIRST READING of proposed bill and FILING of communication.**

**ITEM NO. 8:   DONATION OF A SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE (C.C. No. 04-268)**

CHAIR PONTANILLA: The second item on the agenda is HHS-8, donation of a sports utility vehicle. This is a result of County Communication No. 04-268, from the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, transmitting a proposed resolution "AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF A SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE FROM KULA COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS, COUNTY OF MAUI, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3.56, MAUI COUNTY CODE". The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the acceptance of the donation of a 2002 Suzuki Vitara XL7 valued at \$9,150 from the Kula Community Federal Credit Union to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns for use by its Kaunoha Senior Services Division for transportation purposes.

Again, Members, if we can have some comments from Director Lee in regards to this SUV that is being donated by Kula Community Federal Credit Union.

MS. LEE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is one of a number of vehicles that has been generously donated by the Federal, the Kula Federal Credit Union over the years and we're very grateful for this source because, as you know, we have transpor..., Assisted Transportation Program, we have Meals on Wheels and a

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variety of other uses of vehicles. So we're very, very grateful and happy to be receiving this gift pending your approval.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Director Lee. Members, any questions for the Director? If not, the Chair would like to recommend approval of the item. . .as well as filing of County Communication No. 04-268.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Moved by Member Molina, seconded by Member Johnson. All in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oppose. Thank you very much. The motion is carried.

**VOTE:       AYES:   Councilmembers Carroll, Johnson, Vice-Chair Molina, and Chair Pontanilla.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**EXC.:       Councilmember Mateo.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:     ADOPTION of proposed resolution and FILING of communication.**

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, are there any other discussion or announcements that you would like to make? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: There's only one announcement, but we're not being televised, but I just wanted to remind the Council members that tonight our meeting is taking place in Haiku with regard to the transit program, the five-year program. So that's the first, I believe that's one of the first community meetings that is taking place at 6 o'clock at Haiku Community Center.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Johnson. If there's no other comments or discussion, this meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

**ADJOURN:** 1:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
JOSEPH PONTANILLA, Chair  
Housing and Human Services  
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