

ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

November 29, 2004

Council Chamber

CONVENE: 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Charmaine Tavares, Chair
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Member
Councilmember Dain P. Kane, Member

STAFF: Lance Taguchi, Legislative Analyst
David Raatz, Legislative Attorney
Tammy M. Frias, Committee Secretary

ADMIN.: John D. Kim, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel

CHAIR TAVARES: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Energy and Economic Development Committee please come to order. This morning we have present with us Vice-Chair of the Committee Danny Mateo, Councilmembers Robert Carroll, Riki Hokama, and Dain Kane. Thank you, Members, for being here.

On the agenda this morning. . . Well, let me first ask, is there anyone signed up to testify?

MS. FRIAS: No, Madam Chair.

CHAIR TAVARES: Okay. Seeing none. . .with no objection, we'll close testimony at this point.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR TAVARES: Thank you, Members. Testimony is closed. I'd also like to recognize our Committee Staff: Tammy Frias, our Legislative Analyst Lance Taguchi, and our Legal Analyst David Raatz.

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**ITEM RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL TO THE COUNCIL CHAIR FOR
THE TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2005, PURSUANT TO
SECTION 19 OF THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL**

**ITEM NO. 12: WAILUKU MUNICIPAL MULTIPURPOSE CENTER AND PARKING
STRUCTURE (C.C. 02-245)**

CHAIR TAVARES: Members, we have before us this morning EED-12, which is the Wailuku Municipal. . . Multipurpose Center and Parking Structure, and pursuant to the Rules of, of the Council, Section 19.A.3, I'm recommending that the following, that the item be referred to the Council Chair for the 2005-2007 Council term and everything else will fall under the guidelines for referrals or filing. That's the rest of the agenda for. . . that remains in the EED Committee.

Is there any discussion regarding this, the file. . . the referral to the next Council?
Mr. Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I, I speak in support of your recommendation this morning, Madam Chair. I believe that this project is still very critical to advancing the improvements that the County needs to do in Wailuku. I believe we have been made in. . . we, we have been informed through various participations with our National organization as well as our State association that there are very viable options available to us to consider how to move this project forward while still maintaining a solid fiscal position for this County. I believe that. . . we have talked about the impact that this project will do to continue the revitalization of Wailuku town, and I'm hopeful that next term we can put some monies forward that will help move this project to a construction stage if at all possible, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR TAVARES: Thank you. Any other comments from Members? Seeing none, Mr. Hokama is exactly correct about the, the need for us to keep this item active because it is key to I think the revitalization of Wailuku town. I know the Administration and the MRA. . . the, you know, Redevelopment Agency is still working on this particular project, and I hope that they will be able to come forward during the budget session next, next year to, to offer us some more definitive ideas, plans or whatever that they would like us to support.

Last year, as you recall, there was a budget proposal with no plan basically or not enough detail in the plan. So. . . I think that this, this is critical for Wailuku town. We can take this opportunity to combine the needs of our business community as well as the needs. . . or with our, our government or our County needs into this parking structure and multipurpose center.

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So, Members, I'll entertain a motion to refer Item No. EED-12 to the next Council.

VICE-CHAIR MATEO: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Second.

CHAIR TAVARES: It's moved by Mr. Mateo, seconded by Mr. Hokama to refer this item to the Council Chair for the term 2005-2007. Any further discussion, Members? Alright. Seeing none, all those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR TAVARES: All those opposed say no. If not, this. . .this is carried unanimously.

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

NOES: None.

EXC.: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: REFERRAL of communication to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2005.

CHAIR TAVARES: Members, any announcements. . .the committees? I would like just now to take this opportunity--oh, we have J.D. Kim, by the way, from Corp. Counsel who's been serving our Committee--and I want to take this opportunity to thank both. . .all J.D. and Tammy Frias, Lance, and David for serving the Committee and also to thank you, Members. We have had some very interesting discussions in this Committee regarding our energy future in particular, and I appreciate the work that you've done, especially on the Model Energy Code and I think that's well on its way to passing at least the first step toward us getting a little more self-sufficient regarding our energy uses in Maui County.

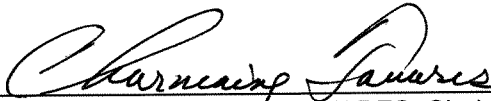
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So if there are no other comments. . .anybody, no? Okay, this meeting is adjourned.
...(gavel)...

ADJOURN: 9:08 a.m.

APPROVED:



CHARMAINE TAVARES, Chair
Energy and Economic Development Committee

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