

# **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Council of the County of Maui**

## **MINUTES**

**February 16, 2010**

**Council Chamber, 8<sup>th</sup> floor**

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

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair  
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member  
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Member (in 1:39 p.m.)  
Councilmember Sol P. Kaho`ohalahala, Member (in 1:39 p.m.)  
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member  
Councilmember Wayne K. Nishiki, Member  
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Bill Kauakea Medeiros, Member

**STAFF:** Gayle Revels, Legislative Analyst  
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

**ADMIN.:** Frederick Pablo, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor  
Kalbert L. Young, Director, Department of Finance (BF-64, BF-53)  
Lori Tshako, Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns (BF-69)  
Debra Arendale, Executive on Aging, Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
(BF-69)  
Traci Fujita Villarosa, First Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation  
Counsel

Seated in the gallery:

Ken R. Fukuoka, Director, Office of Council Services (BF-53)

**PRESS:** Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.

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**CHAIR PONTANILLA:** . . .(*gavel*). . . The Budget and Finance Committee meeting is now in session. Today's February 16, 2010, and the time is 1:33 p.m. At this time the Chair would like to introduce the Members that are here. We do have

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Members Molina, Baisa, Nishiki, Mateo, and Victorino. Excused at this time are Members Johnson, Kaho`ohalahala, and Member Medeiros.

Members we only have three items on our agenda this afternoon. But before we go into our. . .and I don't see anybody signed up for public testimony at this time, but before we go into our agenda items I'd like to introduce the Administration personnel that are here this afternoon. First we have the First Deputy Corporation Counsel Traci Fujita Villarosa. Our Budget Director Mr. Fred Pablo. From the Department of Housing and Human Concerns we do have Lori Tshako, and from the Executive. . .she's the Executive Director on Aging, Deborah Arendale up front. And again supporting the Committee we do have our Legislative Analyst Gayle Revels and our Committee Secretary Yvette Bouthillier.

Members, seeing no one signed up for public testimony, the Chair at this time would like to close public testimony if there's no objections.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. We do have one Member that has requested to be excused at about 3:15 so we'll try and see if we can complete this agenda items by three o'clock.

**ITEM NO. 69: AMENDING FY 2010 BUDGET, APPENDIX A (DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS - UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM) (C.C. No. 10-28)**

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, the first item on the agenda this afternoon is BF-69, which is amending Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, Appendix A (Department of Housing and Human Concerns - University of Hawaii Development of the Aging and Disability Resource Center) and this is in the amount of \$6,200 to Appendix A of the Fiscal Year 2010. So at this time the Chair would like to call on Ms. Tshako for comments.

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and Members. The Department would ask for this Committee's consideration to allow us to accept these grant funds. Along with me today is our Executive on Aging for the Maui County Office on Aging Deborah Arendale, and Ms. Arendale will explain to the Committee the details of this grant funding.

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MS. ARENDALE: Aloha, Chair Pontanilla and Members of the Committee. This money has been reallocated to the counties from the Executive Office on Aging through University of Hawaii, and this amount represents Maui County's share of the funds that are to be divided amongst all the counties to assist us with our portion of the ADRC website, maintenance, and development.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the Department?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Molina followed by Member Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair. No question. More of a comment just to say it's finally nice to get monies from the State in these very difficult times and I certainly await your recommendations, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, just specifically this monies only can be used for this, this purpose of the web page and developing that, that aspect of the . . . on aging?

MS. ARENDALE: Yes, sir. And activities related too.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Activities related. So when you say activities related what, what would that encompass just so I'm clear.

MR. ARENDALE: I can read you from the draft of the contract.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: If it's not too long, yeah, yeah.

MR. ARENDALE: Yep. Administrative, technical assistance and/or programmatic costs of its ADRC site, including but not limited to expenses such as material supplies, consulting services, personnel, and any other administrative or program costs.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Pretty clear cut. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any more questions? Member Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No question. Comment. . .let's take the money and run. Thank you.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo.

VICE-CHAIR MATEO: Chairman, thank you. So there is no additional County costs other than just taking it in at this point?

MR. ARENDALE: No, no, sir.

VICE-CHAIR MATEO: And is this a onetime funding source or multiple year source?

MR. ARENDALE: Onetime funding. This is actually a no cost extension of grant funds that University of Hawaii had been totally in charge of.

VICE-CHAIR MATEO: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any more questions, Members? If there's no objections the Chair would like to make his recommendation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Recommendations.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. The Chair's recommendation is for passage of the proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM" and the filing of County Communication No. 10-28.

VICE-CHAIR MATEO: Mr. Chairman, I move for the passage of the proposed bill as you had just read including the filing of the communication as well.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair, I second the motion.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. It's been moved by Member Mateo, second by Member Victorino. Members, any discussion? All in favor of the motion please say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

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**CHAIR PONTANILLA:** Any objections? Seeing none. Motion is carried. Six ayes, three excused, Member Johnson, Kaho`ohalahala, and Mr. Medeiros.

**VOTE:**       **AYES:**       **Councilmembers Baisa, Molina, Nishiki, Victorino, Vice-Chair Mateo, and Chair Pontanilla.**  
                  **NOES:**       **None.**  
                  **ABSTAIN:**   **None.**  
                  **ABSENT:**   **None.**  
                  **EXC.:**       **Councilmembers Johnson, Kaho`ohalahala, and Medeiros.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:    FIRST READING of bill; and FILING of communication by C.R.**

**ITEM NO. 64:   CREATION OF A RECOVERY ZONE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (C.C. No. 10-4)**

**CHAIR PONTANILLA:** The next item on our agenda is BF-64, creation of a Recovery Zone under the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to declare the entire County of Maui as a Recovery Zone under the ARRA of 2009. This will allow the Department of Finance to sell Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds with proceeds to be used to finance expenditure for purposes of promoting development of or other economic activity in the Recovery Zone.

Joining us this afternoon is Mr. Young, but before I call on Mr. Young, the Chair would like to recognize the presence of Member Johnson and Member Kaho`ohalahala.

**COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON:** Good afternoon.

**COUNCILMEMBER KAHO`OHALAHALA:** Good afternoon, Chairman.

**CHAIR PONTANILLA:** Mr. Young.

**MR. YOUNG:** Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and Members. The resolution you have before you the purpose of which is to designate or declare the entire County of

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Maui as a Recovery Zone, and this designation is specifically necessary to take part in a program that was established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, more commonly known as . . . people refer to it as that bailout bill, but within that large omnibus . . . larger bill there is a specific provision that allows for municipalities to take part in a different or a more contemporary financing structure for selling of bonds, and that is the establishment of these "Build America Bonds". And the difference between a "Build America Bond" and say your typical General Obligation Bond is that a General Obligation Bond is sold typically as tax-exempt to the purchaser so therefore the issuing authority or the government usually has a very low interest rate costs. "Build America Bonds" instead are to be sold as taxable issues which means we would likely have a higher interest rate costs, but as part of the ARRA 2009 provision we can . . . if we do sell these "Build America Bonds" we can ask for a rebate from the Federal government for a portion which is 35 percent of our interest rate expense. So we can get a rebate from the Federal government.

This particular resolution though is for a very special form of "Build America Bonds". They're called Recovery Zoned Economic Development Bonds or in the financial world they're know as Super BABs or Super Build America Bonds. And the reason for that is there's a set specific allocation from the U.S. Department of Treasury to different jurisdictions for specific amount. You can sell BABs up to that amount or "Build America Bonds", but instead of the 35 percent rebate that I told you we would be eligible for 45 percent of the interest cost as a rebate.

Now the thing to realize is that in selling these BABs, whether they are Super BABs or just regular BABs, you must evaluate whether or not the subsidy, the 35 percent or the 45 percent rebate, is enough to get you below the interest rate cost that if you had sold a traditional GO tax-exempt bonds. And if it is enough to get you less than what a General Obligation tax-exempt bond is of course you would then sell these BABs instead, but if not, of course you would wanna stay with, you know, the GO Bond. However, in order to sell RZEDBs or those Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, it does require that the legislative branch of government declare a specific geographic area where the projects that you will fund in them, declare that area as a Recovery Zone, and there are certain economic criteria of which I believe Maui County, the entire Maui County does exhibit those criteria. The County of Maui has been very severely impacted by this economic down cycle in the last two years. Most notably we can point to a significant drop in our prime industry which is tourism which has affected overall employment. The rate of unemployment in the County of Maui is now surpasses the rate of the statewide number. My last research into the County of Maui unemployment number was, has just topped above 10 percent. The State of

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Hawaii as a whole has unemployment numbers that are just under that amount. We've also seen a number of significant closures of major industries and businesses in the County of Maui, and we are also seeing continue significant growth in the number of real property foreclosures. For all of these reasons I believe that the County of Maui is appropriate to be declared as a Recovery Zone, and that by doing so we could benefit from the issuance or the authority to issue these "Build America Bonds".

I respectfully request the Council's consideration to, to pass on this resolution and to declare the County of Maui Recover Zone and that the next opportunity that the County goes out seek debt financing. . .the Department of Finance would like the opportunity to utilize the "Build America Bonds" program as a potential means to finance our capital projects. With that I'm available for any questions the Committee may have, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. Couple of questions, first of all, you'd, you'd definitely make an evaluation which would be more advantageous, a regular GO bond or this type of bonding before you make any kind of decision am I correct?

MR. YOUNG: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. YOUNG: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: All right, now secondly, this type of, this type of bonding, this recovery bonding does not count against our bond debt or does this still count against our bond debt?

MR. YOUNG: This, this type of bonding is still debt. So it will count against our debt ceiling and our debt load. However, the. . .when we do sell bonds next, whether they're GO bonds or these BABs these will. . .we will only be selling one or the other.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

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MR. YOUNG: So instead of selling of GO bonds we would sell these, or if it made sense to sell GO bonds we would sell GO bonds. We wouldn't be. . .this is not additional debt. This is just a different form of the debt, but it would still count towards our debt ceiling.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: These BABs now, just because it kind of reminds me of when you get interest free loans you buy. . .you buy something from Sears you get one year to pay it, but they put the interest upfront. It's there. As long as you pay it off by that point, you're good to go. If you don't then they nail you with the interest. Is there any specific time limit on the repaying, and if you do not repay whatever time or, you know, as far as the bonding, as far as the sales of the bonds are concerned is there any kind of penalty that would be involved?

MR. YOUNG: Well, of course we would have to pay to be eligible for the rebate.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. YOUNG: These will still be General Obligation Bonds. The only difference is that they will be taxable to the, to the purchaser not tax-exempt. Taxable bonds, just by their nature in the market place, we know will have a higher interest free costs to us. So we know that we will have a higher debt, annual debt payment, but we will have to rely on the rebate to offset and make it more attractive and affordable. There is a risk that we were somewhat cautious of. This act passed back in early 2009 and we've been slow to come to the Council to get this designation partially because I wanted to evaluate whether or not the Federal government would actually honor these rebate requests. I always draw the analogy of that cash for clunkers program that some of us remember just about a year ago. If you rush in and you sell these bonds and you upfront the money or if you sell those vehicles up fronting the money and then waited for the Federal government to rebate you, you may be waiting longer than you can afford. So we've, we did wait before we initiated this request to Council. There have been jurisdictions that have sold these Recovery Zoned Bonds and BABs and they have in fact received their rebate payments from the Federal government. In fact in the municipal bond market now, there, there isn't any sales for the traditional tax-exempt General Obligation Bond anymore because the market appetite for municipal bonds now has migrated over to the taxable BABs so it dominates the market place, and for that reason the interest rate evaluation thus far has matured to the point where it is more favorable to the bond issuer to issue BABs and get the rebate than it is to try and go out and issue a tax-exempt bond. And at the same time it is more attractive currently for a bond buyer to purchase a taxable bond as opposed to trying to purchase a tax-exempt bond now.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So in. . .and the final question, so in your opinion from what you've researched and this period of time you've waited to do something and you've seen what other municipalities have been. . .rebated or refunded their money, you feel relatively confident. . .like anything else you can't be 100 percent sure, but relatively confident that this may be, as you say, the wave of the future at least initially and probably have better overall results as far as the County of Maui is concerned?

MR. YOUNG: Yes, I think it's a good tool to have in our arsenal. I'm not. . .I'm still not telling you that we definitely will sell these, but it's a good tool to have. The other thing to note is that RZEDB, those Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, the authority to sell those expires December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. So we will be selling bonds before then, but I'm not telling you that we definitely will take part in this program. It, it's a matter of which makes financial sense at the time for the County.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So as long as you say it that way and you know you assure us that that's what you're gonna be looking at, again, we give you another methodology to, to bring in money into this County I got no problem with that. So thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Young, for your explanation.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions for Mr. Young at this time? Seeing none, if there's no objections the Chair would like to make his recommendation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Recommendation.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: The Chair's recommendation is to accept the proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A RECOVERY ZONE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT OF 2009 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING RECOVERY ZONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS" and the filing of County Communication No. 10-4.

VICE-CHAIR MATEO: Chairman, I move for the adoption of the proposed resolution as you have just read as well as including the filing of the communication as well.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair, I second the motion.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Moved by Member Mateo, second by Member Victorino. Any more discussion, Members? Seeing none. All in favor of the motion please say aye.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Any opposed? Seeing none. Motion is carried. Eight ayes, one excused Member Medeiros.

**VOTE:**

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Councilmembers Baisa, Johnson, Kaho`ohalahala, Molina, Nishiki, Victorino, Vice-Chair Mateo, and Chair Pontanilla.</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None.</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None.</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None.</b>
<b>EXC.:</b>	<b>Councilmember Medeiros.</b>

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION: ADOPTION of resolution; and FILING of communication by C.R.**

**ITEM NO. 53: DISPOSAL OF COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY**  
(C.C. No. 09-288)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: The final item this afternoon is BF-53, disposal of County personal property. The purpose of the revised proposed bills is to amend Chapter 2.72, Maui County Code, relating to the disposal of County property to specifically limit the Chapter to County personal property, and to authorize its disposal of by sale, grant, exchange, or discard. Again it's personal property. At this time the Chair would like to call on Mr. Young for comments.

MR. YOUNG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This proposed ordinance I believe is a revision taking into account the original proposed resolution which was heard before this committee in January of this year, and Corporation Counsel has accommodated some revisions that were discussed at the previous Committee meeting. I would defer to Corporation Counsel for any more specifics on what revisions were made.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Ms. Fujita Villarosa.

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Mr. Chair, in addition to changes that were discussed at the last Committee meeting, there are some revisions in here. . .let's see which section. . . the miscellaneous provisions. Those provisions were requested by Office of Council Services so they were inserted in this section and I think

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that's about it. The other sections are pretty much the same from what was discussed at the last meeting.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for either Corporation Counsel or Mr. Young at this time?

VICE-CHAIR MATEO: What was discussed. . .Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Mateo. (chuckled)

VICE-CHAIR MATEO: Chairman, perhaps Corporation Counsel has a better memory than I do. I'm old. Perhaps if Corporation Counsel can once again remind us of those provisions that were discussed at the last meeting just for the sake of remembering what the discussions were. She was so prepared and I just don't wanna make her feel like we don't wanna use her expertise.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. And again, you know, Mr. Fukuoka did make some changes. Ms. Villarosa, please.

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Okay, let me just take a . . .take a quick look here.

. . . (long silence) . . .

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Yeah, the changes that were. . .I don't recall the ch..., if there were any real substantial changes that were made from the last meeting. I know that there were a few questions, but the main difference between the two bills is that new section that was added by Office of Council Services the miscellaneous provisions. But as I look at the other sections. . .yeah, there's not, not a, not a lot, a large amount of changes.

. . . (long silence) . . .

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Chair, for the Committee's recollection, I believe the majority of the discussion at the last Committee meeting centered around the granting of personal property and I think the majority of the conversation just centered around the example of personal computers in the County and the. . .you know how we grant obsolete computers or other equipment that the County doesn't necessarily have a need for but that nonprofits could benefit from.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

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MR. YOUNG: And this. . .and in the proposed ordinance would expand a method of disposition to include that type of granting for those type of items.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any more comments, Ms. Fujita?

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: No, not at this time.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Mateo.

VICE-CHAIR MATEO: Nope. Clear.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: I just wanted to make sure everybody keep on their toes right. Is there any more question? Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. Just a question for maybe Mr. Young or Ms. Fujita just to help refresh our memories, if you look at Section 2.72.054 Grant of personal property, I think on the, on page 4 under. . .I guess the nex..., would be the next paragraph where it says the Director may require the agency to submit information and documents and, you know, pertaining to the grant. Why not the word "shall"? I don't know if that was discussed at the last meeting if you could help us refresh our memory. And I'm asking that because in the event we're, you know, the County could come under question why did you give, you know, nonprofit A this equipment and nonprofit B didn't get any I mean where's the Director. . .with the language as it is the Director "may" require instead of "shall" so just for more accountability purposes why the use of the word "may" instead of "shall"?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department.

MR. YOUNG: I don't recall why if the discussion further vetted out why it should be "may" versus "shall" but I do know in practice. . .in the area of the computer for instance the MIS division takes care of all the computers in the central throughout the County versus in some other areas and depending on other equipments you have different departments that have control over their own specific equipment, and requiring every department to submit those type of documents may. . .may not be appropriate in the, in the MIS or the computer world versus say the individual equipment. As you remember when we discussed the computer, for instance, there was a single service contracted that they. . .the single contractor basically dispersed the equipment. So the MIS division couldn't say exactly, you know, which computer was going to which specific nonprofit or how many computers for instance versus say another department like the Department of Finance getting rid of a. . .I don't know. . .like a calculator or adding machine or

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something, something of that nature where if we wanted to personally or if we wanted to individually directly grant it we would have better control over which nonprofit was actually selected. And I'm not sure if that was the reason for the selection between "may" versus "shall".

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you, Mr. Director. And Chair I bring it up too because with money being so limited now for many of our nonprofits I think there may be more requests from the County in terms of disposal of anything that we don't, we're not making use of I'm sure a nonprofit out there could use some of that. So just for accountability purposes in the event that you have more than one agency requesting equipment and. . .so that way they know why nonprofit A got it before nonprofit B or nonprofit C and so forth. So that's the reason I asked why the word "may" instead of "shall" so at least for some accountability purposes in terms of writing is something written so in case it ever gets questioned. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions?

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Corporation Counsel.

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: I do have a copy of a memo that goes through the changes that were requested by the Office of Council Services so I could go through that that kind of highlights the different changes between the bills.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead, please.

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Okay, the first section that was revised is Section .054 this is grants of personal property, and in that section language was amended to elaborate a little bit more on the process that the grants would go through.

The second section that was amended is Section .056 and that is the other disposals so this is basically the property that's gonna be disposed of either in a landfill or destroyed. This section was again just. . .there was just a little bit more language added to it so that the Director has a little bit more direction on how to go about determining, you know, whether property has value. . .and clarifying how the various methods of the other disposal.

And then. . .let's see. . .the other section that was revised is Section .060 and this is the proceeds and records. In this one we struggled a little bit with the language because if you look at the language that currently exist in the Code it talks about

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the funds being credited back to the department who had control of the property and that's not what happens now. So we knew we had to delete that language. So now it's a little bit more general and it just talks about depositing the money into the appropriate fund as determined by the Director. This language was agreed on because at times. . .at first we were thinking of putting the money into the general fund but then there were times where, you know, possibly equipment was purchased from, you know, like a special fund and so we thought it was appropriate that the money would go back to the special funds so that's why it talks about the appropriate fund.

And Section .075 in that. . .under Section .075 this is the miscellaneous provision and as you can see all of that section is new in the bill. And that section it's kind of a disclaimer section I guess and put some responsibility on the people that are responsible for the property and are seeking to dispose of it. And that's about it.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions in regards to Corporation Counsel's comments regarding the changes? Seeing none, if there's no objection the Chair would like to make his recommendation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Recommendation.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: The Chair's recommendation is for passage of the revised proposed bills *[sic]* entitled. . .(end of tape 1A). . .A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DISPOSAL OF COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY" and the filing of County Communication No. 09-288.

VICE-CHAIR MATEO: Chairman, I move for the passage of the proposed bill as you have just read including the filing of the communication.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair, I second the motion.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. It's been moved by Member Mateo, second by Member Victorino. Members, any more discussion? Seeing none, all in favor of the motion please say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Motion is carried. Eight ayes, one excused Member Medeiros.



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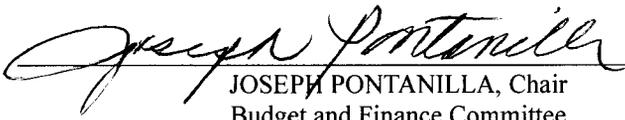
CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Since today's Fat Tuesday, Mr. Victorino I do have one double XXL jacket that I can give you--

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --in commemoration to Fat Tuesday. Members, any more discussion? If not, this meeting is now adjourned . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**ADJOURN:** 2:06 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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JOSEPH PONTANILLA, Chair  
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