

**COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
Kalana O Maui Building, 9th Floor, Mayor's Conference Room
Thursday, September 8, 2011**

PRESENT: Frank De Rego, Jr. Chair
Sunny Gutierrez, Member
Ronald Kawahara, Member
Walter Baloalua, Member

Harold Davis, Vice-Chair
Garrett Evans, Member

EXCUSED: Jody Yoshida, Member
Joseph Kanahuna, Member
Fred Rohlfing, Member

STAFF: John Buck III, Executive Assistant
Michelle Esteban, Administrative Assistant
Scott Hanano, Deputy Corporation Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair De Rego at 9:01 AM.

Commissioner Kawahara moved and Commissioner Evans seconded the motion to add **DISCUSSION ON HIRING A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH ANNUAL REPORT** to the agenda. Motion carried; five ayes and one recuse.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no public testimony.

III. REVIEW AND DISCUSS JUNE 09, 2011, JULY 14, 2011, and AUGUST 11, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Kawahara moved and Commissioner Baloalua seconded the motion to amend June 09, 2011 meeting minutes to show Garrett Evans as excused from the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kawahara moved and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion to pass the July 14, 2011 meeting minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kawahara moved and Commissioner Baloalua seconded the motion to pass August 11, 2011 meeting minutes with corrections. It was noted that Commissioner Evans goes by the name Garrett and not Gregory. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

No correspondence received.

V. REPORT ON LETTER SENT TO MAUI COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

Chair De Rego gave a report to the commission regarding the Maui County Charter Commission. He reported he made a short presentation to the Charter Commission based on the Cost of Government Commission's (COGC) charter recommendations.

Chair De Rego reported due to an oversight on his part when sending out the original letter to the Maui County Charter Commission, he will be sending an addendum to the letter, with the commission's recommendation of increasing the term for Cost of Government Commissioners from a two (2) year to a four (4) year term. On that point, Chair De Rego also observed that other charter recommendations have been offered to bring the terms of COGC members in line with board and commission terms as outlined in Section 13-2 of the charter. Chair De Rego suggested that the

commission consider amending its original recommendation to be in line with the 5 year term outlined in this section of the charter.

Chair De Rego stated that a suggestion was made by Charter Commissioner Wayne Hedani to have the Cost of Government Commission (COGC) become an independent commission within the Office of the County Auditor having the power to appoint and dismiss the County Auditor. Chair De Rego observed that COGC members would be still be nominated by the Mayor and approved by the council.

Chair De Rego brought back to the commission a suggestion made by Charter Commissioner David DeLeon that the COGC consider a charter amendment requiring some members of the COGC have certain qualifications or job experience (e.g. accountant, business owner, etc.)

General discussion ensued on these three items.

Commissioner Kawahara moved and Commissioner Evans seconded the motion to amend the COGC's recommendations to the Charter Commission for the COGC to become an independent commission within the Office of the County Auditor having the power to appoint and dismiss the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gutierrez moved and Vice Chair Davis seconded the motion to amend the COGC's recommendation to the Charter Commission to have Commissioners serve staggered terms of 5 years with a limit of two (2) -- five (5) year terms. This would bring COGC terms in conformance with other commissions as per the County Charter. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission Kawahara commented that the present system of appointing commissioners to the COGC serves the commission well and did not see the need for adding requirements for certain qualifications or individuals with particular jobs or career experience. No action was taken on this item.

VI. DISCUSSION ON HIRING A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH ANNUAL REPORT

Vice Chair Davis reported that he met with Herman Andaya, the Mayor's chief of staff, and recommended that the Mayor's office hire Ms. Shelley Pellegrino to assist with the preparation and final production of the Cost of Government Commission Annual Report.

Vice Chair Davis moved and Commissioner Kawahara seconded the motion to recommend to the administration that they hire Ms. Shelley Pellegrino to assist with the preparation of the annual report. Motion carried with five ayes and one recuse.

VII. DISCUSS SUBCOMMITTEE OBJECTIVES, WORK PLAN AND TIMELINES FOR THE 2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT

A. UNIVERSAL TRASH PICK-UP

- Vice Chair Davis informed the COGC that his subcommittee plans on speaking with Hana Steel in regards to recycling.
- The subcommittee will also speak with Tracy Takamine about trash/refuse pick up and the pilot program for curbside recycling and green waste pickup planned for Maui Meadows.
- The subcommittee will meet again with the Department of Finance to discuss the number of available single family dwellings in the County of Maui that would be available for trash/refuse pick up. The subcommittee wants to know how many single family dwellings that exist based on property tax roll. This would help obtain the potential customer base for

trash pick up. Vice Chair Davis stated that he would like see hard numbers and not percentages.

B. COUNTY SPACE MANAGEMENT

- Commissioner Kawahara reported his subcommittee will meet after the meeting was adjourned.
- The subcommittee is considering the following recommendations:
 - to centralize all lease negotiations and contracts and have this function handled by the Department of Finance
 - to use a standardized county generated commercial lease document for all leases. combining county departments that perform similar or related services into one location,
- The subcommittee is working on recommendations for county storage space issues and for using the old Wailuku Post Office property.
- The subcommittee recognizes a conflict between the Chris Hart Campus Study and the Munekiyo and Hiraga Campus Study.

VIII. DETERMINE NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Mayor's Conference Room.

The Commission set the next meeting agenda to include a discussion on the objectives of each of the subcommittees, their work plan and timeline for their report.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Baloaloa moved and Commissioner Kawahara seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.