

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

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December 13, 2011

Council Chamber, 8th Floor

CONVENE: 1:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member
Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr., Member
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member
Councilmember Mike White, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member

STAFF: Scott Kaneshina, Legislative Analyst
Camille Sakamoto, Committee Secretary

ADMIN.: Patrick T. Matsui, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
Robert M. Halvorson, Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Parks and Recreation
Jeremiah L. Savage, Deputy Director, Department of Finance
Wendy Taomoto, County Capital Improvement Program Coordinator, Department of Management
Adrianne N. Heely, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

Seated in the gallery:

Sananda K. Baz, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor

OTHERS: One (1) additional unidentified attendee

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

CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...*(gavel)*... The Budget and Finance Committee meeting for December 13, 2011 is now in session. The time is 1:37. Chair would like to recognize the Members that are present this afternoon: Member Carroll, Member Cochran --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Aloha.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --Member Couch --

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Aloha.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --Member Victorino --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Hello, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --Chairman Mateo; and joining us is Member Hokama. At this time, excused are Members Baisa...just Member Baisa. Joining us is Member White. As usual, we do have a support staff. We do have Scott Kaneshina, Legislative Analyst, as well as Camille Sakamoto. This afternoon, we have a number of people from the Administration. First of all, we have Deputy Corporation Counsel, Adrienne Heely.

MS. HEELY: Good afternoon.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Good afternoon. The Deputy Director from the Finance Department.

MR. SAVAGE: Good afternoon.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Good afternoon, sir. The Deputy Director for Parks, Pat Matsui, as well as their CIP Manager for the Department of Parks and Recreation, Robert Halvorson. Failed to mention the Deputy Director for Finance Department is Jeremiah Savage. Secretary, do we have anybody signed up for public testimony?

MS. SAKAMOTO: No, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, fine. Members, seeing hardly anyone in the gallery, if anyone of the people in the gallery would like to provide, provide public testimony at this time, you're welcome to do it. Seeing, seeing none coming forward, if there's no objections, the Chair would like to close public testimony.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. This afternoon, the Chair has posted for discussion the Finance Director's Quarterly and Capital Improvement Projects ("CIP") Reports for Fiscal Year 2010, '11, and '12, and the Capital Improvement Projects ("CIP") Implementation Reports for Fiscal Years 2010, '11, and '12. As indicated on the agenda, it is the Chair's intent to focus on projects from the Department of Parks and Recreation. Therefore, Members, if you have a particular project that you would like to discuss, please provide the project title and document that you are referencing. Members, this is a...the first in the series of reviewing the CIPs for the different departments in Maui County in preparations for the 2013 Budget.

ITEM BF-4(1): FINANCE DIRECTOR'S QUARTERLY AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ("CIP") REPORTS (FISCAL YEAR 2010) (CC 10-114 and 10-207)

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- ITEM BF-4(2): FINANCE DIRECTOR'S QUARTERLY AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ("CIP") REPORTS (FISCAL YEAR 2011)** (CC 10-261, 11-66, 11-151, and 11-262)
- ITEM BF-4(3): FINANCE DIRECTOR'S QUARTERLY AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ("CIP") REPORTS (FISCAL YEAR 2012)** (CC 11-313)
- ITEM BF-5(1): CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ("CIP") IMPLEMENTATION REPORTS (FISCAL YEAR 2010)** (CC 10-90 and 10-216)
- ITEM BF-5(2): CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ("CIP") IMPLEMENTATION REPORTS (FISCAL YEAR 2011)** (CC 10-268, 11-79, and 11-152)
- ITEM BF-5(3): CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ("CIP") IMPLEMENTATION REPORTS (FISCAL YEAR 2012 (JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012))** (CC 11-312)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, Staff has . . . is going to be distributing the Parks and Recreation section which has been sorted by district. The original submittal is by fiscal year of the Capital Improvement Projects Implementation Report for the period ending September 30, 2011. So, Staff, before we start, if you can. . . distribute. . .

MR. KANESHINA: Done.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, you already distributed?

MS. SAKAMOTO: We did already.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, fine. Thank you. At this time, the Chair would like to recognize the Deputy Finance Director if you have any comments to make?

MR. SAVAGE: No, thank you, this afternoon, Chair, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: And for the Parks Department, any comments to make prior to reviewing your CIP from the September 2011 Report?

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, one comment. I, I think you got a bunch of status reports and, and we'd like to go through the latest one and give you up-to-date status of the projects.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, thank you. Members, if there's no objections, the Chair had indicated on the sheets that you received...I'm looking at Fiscal Year 2012, first quarter as of September 20, 2011, Capital Improvement Projects Implementation Report. Looks like this, okay? And I wanna review with the Department on some of the projects that is highlighted. And if you have any questions after the Chair has concluded his questions, then I'll, I'll go from, you know, Chairman Mateo all the way down the line. So at this time, for the Parks Department,

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I'm looking at Page 1 of 4. This is Countywide. . .Countywide Park Facilities, various projects, Countywide. . .Countywide Park Facilities, again various projects. And if I could have the Department provide the Committee with what are those various projects include? . . . Staff, do. . .do they have the same handout?

MS. SAKAMOTO: Yes.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. That's the one, yeah.

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, I think there's two--2011 and 2012.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, if you can go over the 2011 one first?

MR. MATSUI: . . . Okay, yeah, there's a number of projects...this one?

. . . In 2011. . .we only got 67,000 dollars of which 50,000 was earmarked for Pa'ani Mai Park. So that left us 17,000. We spent it on. . .some fencing at the Ichiro Maehara Stadium. . .and Paukukalo Park. . .some fencing there. . . And then, and then the rest we've been spending at Pa'ani Mai Park and we pretty much encumbered most of the. . .that 50,000 for Pa'ani Mai. Some was for plans, and some we've started construction for Pa'ani Mai Park. So we could go into the details on Pa'ani Mai Park later on. Um . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. That's for the 2011?

MR. MATSUI: Yes.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Members. . .Member Mateo, you got any questions to that? We're looking at. . .failed to answer, provide you more information--if you look at, under the Index Code, it's 314018, almost to the bottom of the page.

. . . Member White, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: I'm sorry, where are you?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Uh. . .on Index Code 314018, which is about two-thirds down, on Various Countywide Park Facilities.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: No, not at this time.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: I have questions on other items, but . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . Question, Mr. Victorino?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, not at this time, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Ms. Cochran? Mr. Carroll, Pa'ani Mai Park?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. I would just like to commend the Parks Department. They've been working very closely with the community. The community is really happy with their response and their concern in implementing this project. And we are very pleased on how it is progressing. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Okay. . .Mr. Matsui, the next one down, 324031, 2012, various projects. If you could let us know the projects that are earmarked in regards to the 400,000 dollars?

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, we've spent some already. . .for some fencing. . .and we, we did one. . .for the fuel tank for the golf course. We were a little short on that, so we used. . .I think we were short 60. . .about 6,800 dollars, so we used that to supplement the. . .appropriation. And right now we have, we're advertising for bids for two backstops--one at Luana Gardens, one at. . .Lower Paia Park.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions?

NOTE: Silence.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . Okay, thank you. Seeing none. . .on the next page. . .page 2 of 4. . .this is Kamaole Point Improvement, Fiscal Year 2007. If you can provide us the status. . .on this particular project, Mr. Matsui?

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, this, this project started some time ago. Basically it's for a design of a pavilion at Kamaole Point. We started. . .we've, we've gone as far as preliminary design, and then we kinda put it on hold. Since then, we've kinda redirected our efforts at. . .we started doing projects at Kalama Park, we did the walkway lighting, playground improvements. And then the other effort in South Maui was at the South Maui Park. So, you know, we don't have construction funds for this one and so it's kind of, priority wise, we've kinda moved that further back. So right now, it's just kind of. . .we're at the preliminary standing. . .planning stage and, you know, until more money becomes available, you know, we're not gonna move ahead with it.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: So according to the notes that I have, design is 81 percent complete?

MR. MATSUI: No, that's not correct. It's actually. . .it's 15 percent.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Fifteen percent?

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, one five.

NOTE: Silence.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . But you say some of the monies had been used already for different projects?

MR. MATSUI: No, I, I'm saying that we didn't move ahead with the design until we got more indication of getting some construction funds for it. And since we started it, you know, we started. . .other projects became more of a priority and, and some of which was the Kalama Park Improvements and the, the South Maui Park.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: So the total of 181,500 dollars is still encumbered then?

MR. MATSUI: Yes, it's still there.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Mr. Couch, you got questions?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. So you say it was only 15 percent complete? 'Cause the report says 81 percent. So I mean I'm not quite sure which one to believe.

MR. MATSUI: The 15 percent. The 81 is, is not correct, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. I'm just curious then how about all the other ones in here? Have you had a chance to take a look at 'em to see if they're correct?

MR. MATSUI: Yes, we have.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. Along that--and I don't know if this is part of the deal--across the street from Kamaole Point Park, we have that parking lot there on the corner of Keonekai and South Kihei Road, is that part of this project because all of a sudden it became a paid-for parking lot? Is that something that you're aware of or. . .

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, I'm aware of that. Well, first of all, it's not part of this project.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. MATSUI: It's a separate project. We don't own the land. My. . .we're still researching this, but my last recollection was--must've been almost 20 years ago--when the property owner had

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voluntarily paved that lot to provide public parking for Kamaole III. And, and, and right now, as you said, now it's, it's a paved lot. So we're trying to check our records to see what kind of commitment, you know, if they can do that. If, if there was any commitment on the landowner to provide it for the. . .for our parks or whether it was completely voluntary and, you know, since it's private property he had that. . .he has that right to do it. So we're still looking at that.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So, so it isn't our lot. 'Cause we have a County sign in the lot saying. . .about prohibiting drinking. Is that our sign or is that his own?

MR. MATSUI: I, I think it's our sign. We've been acting like it was ours for many years.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, well that, that's good to know just 'cause I always thought it was a County parking lot as well, but you're saying it is not.

MR. MATSUI: It's not.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions regarding this particular item?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chair?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Chairman Mateo.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you, Chairman. Just, just to follow up, Mr. Matsui. This park improvement, this was since 2007 projected?

MR. MATSUI: You're looking at Kamaole Point?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah.

MR. MATSUI: Yes, that was. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And, and at what point--and I'm just asking because I don't know--you got. . .funds was made available because somewhere along the line the Department made it a, made it a priority so it is included in CIPs. So at what point then can we expect this project to reach its completion date as originally thought it would have been done?

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, as I said, you know, since we started it, our priorities have changed. And, and right now we're focusing on the South Maui Park and, and that's, you know, the next phase we're looking at is the gym which is 10 to 12 million dollars so I think the Kamaole Point has kind of moved back further.

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COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Well, and that's, that's kinda my, my concern. That as South Maui Park start to develop because of its major infrastructure with that particular park, that the smaller parks--who we've already appropriated funds for--will continue to slip farther and farther behind. So I just look at the dates that allocation was provided, look at the so-called urgencies that was presented to this body a while ago as you come forward with your CIPs and we wait. So for me, I'm just expressing my concern over projects that we're still waiting to be completed, yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions? Maybe just a fast question for Mr. Matsui. Since we already got 15 percent complete, can we just close out this thing and, and start new again?

MR. MATSUI: I would rather not. You know, it's, it's still. . .we're at the point where if we were to close it out and we wanted to start again, we would have to go through the consultant-selection process and then negotiate a design contract and, you know, it's, it's time involved. And, and right now if we needed to react to certain things, you know, we'd, we'd be in a good position. You know, we have a consultant on board, we can just amend his contract if we were to change directions on improvements at Kamaole Point.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. And . . .*(laughter)*. . . Members, Chair is going to write a letter to the Administration in regards to this outdated type projects. . .and maybe have some explanations and maybe some, a priority list as far as going forward. We got too many. . .a lot of monies just tied up--

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --at this time. Okay, next project, the Lanai Youth Center. Mr. Matsui? It says here, Current Encumbrance, 130,000, design zero complete. This is a project that was budgeted back in 2009.

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, this is another project that we started. We're in the preliminary design phase. We're at the point of looking at a site and, and we still need to get Lanai Company's approval on that; but, you know, since when this project started and today, you know, the funding for the County is, is kind of at a low point now. So you know, a lot of these projects that, you know, at, at the time we had looked optimistically that we'd be able to fund, you know, now we're kind of taking a second look. And, you know, as you know the last few budgets it's been flat so, so it's more looking at projects that's absolutely necessary; and, and some of the projects just have to be delayed until there's more funding available.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Hokama, you got questions?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So I see, you know, the request is for General Fund, Mr. Matsui, and you know, for me the interesting comment you share with the Committee is that a Notice to Proceed was given on February 2007. So that Notice to Proceed, and now which we show zero design

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complete, so what is the status since we gave 'em the green light to go? Was just, just to encumber the money?

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, I, I don't understand your question. Can you kind of reiterate?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm trying to understand that, you know, we gave you a green light to start work on this, and yet the current status is zero percent design complete; and now we, we saying we pending a site selection. So, what was the Notice to Proceed on, just to design a, a youth center?

MR. MATSUI: Well part of the process is, you know, going through a site selection process and also kind of scoping, you know, how big a facility that we're looking at; and we went as far as selecting a site. We, we had kind of identified where the. . .next to the swimming pool there's a basketball court --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh huh.

MR. MATSUI: --that was the site. And we thought was a good site 'cause you already have that big parking lot that's next to the gym --

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. MATSUI: --and you have the pool right there.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. MATSUI: So that was where we were at, and then the next step was to get Lanai Company's approval and, you know, we haven't gotten that yet. I, I think for a while there we didn't have I guess communication with Lanai Company. You know, they weren't so available, you know, they, they were experiencing some downsizing, too. So, you know, the project has just been on hold.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so for the Committee's understanding, that contract that has 242,000 dollars, that is still fully encumbered and available for the project?

MR. MATSUI: Yes, it is.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, and I appreciate that. And I notice we use General Fund. There is no balance left in the Lanai Park Assessment Fee Account?

MR. MATSUI: Yes, there's none. Yeah, there's none that's available, excuse me, if I would clarify.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for saying that 'cause if you tell me there was none, then, then I'd, I'd definitely have one problem, yeah, Mr. Matsui? Okay, well, you know, maybe later on

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you and, and I can sit down to see how we can maybe move this project forward and what kind of support I can give the Department to have our youth center move forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions regarding the Lanai Youth Center? If not, Baldwin Park Improvements. Mr. Matsui?

MR. MATSUI: Okay, for Baldwin Park, we have two projects going. One is the design of a new restroom that has since fallen into the ocean; and the other was to refurbish the existing pavilion, and we just completed the refurbishing of the pavilion. We're in the design process for the restroom. We are going to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals to get a variance from the requirements for the flood zone and--that was it, yeah--for shoreline setback.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Good. Thank you. Mr. White, questions? No? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. You're asking for a variance for a shoreline setback on a shoreline that is eroding?

MR. MATSUI: Yes, and, and also the flood I guess flood, flood permits, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So is there a reason why we aren't putting it further back I mean really far back outside of the shoreline setback?

MR. MATSUI: It's not within, we're. . . we're, we're. . .we've moved it further back than--what is that--you know, that road that comes in where the pavilion is? It's further behind that. It's actually in the field. That's how far back we are.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: But that's still inside the shoreline setback?

MR. MATSUI: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, wow. And, and, and, you know, this is Mr. White's area, but I had a person from that area call and say, you know, they have these fancy Porta-Potties that it might be better to put some of the fancy ones in there and be much cheaper in the long run instead of having one eventually, especially if it's in the shoreline setback, go into the ocean. Many of these really VIP-type things that I bet you could spend less money on over the years. You know, on that one, that might be something you might want to consider. I don't know if, if that's okay with the representative of that area, but they have some really snazzy ones.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: The representative from that area would be more than happy for you to take all the Porta-Potties to your district.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: We getting out of hand now.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, any more questions? Mr. Matsui, you know at Baldwin Park, I, I know it's. . .the land is owned by A&B. Do we have like say a long-term lease where we spending all our Capital Improvement monies improving the building as well as looking at putting up a new bathroom?

MR. MATSUI: Yes, we do have a long-term lease with A&B on that.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, thank you. Members, any more questions regarding that? If not, then go to War Memorial Maehara Baseball Stadium. And my question to Mr. Matsui is actually not the ADA Improvements but the building next to the stadium. You know, your maintenance building, has it...has the building been completed or where're you at, at this time, in regards to that construction?

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, we're, we're looking at completing it in like three to six months to actually occupy it. I would. . . the building is like 90 or 80 percent completed right now.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: And do you have a budget to do that?

MR. MATSUI: We're pretty much using our, you know, we don't have too much work to do. It's mostly labor which we're doing in-house.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: So you're not circumventing the process, though, anything under 25,000 dollars?

MR. MATSUI: No, we still, you know, we still have to follow procurement procedures.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, fine. Thank you. Members, any questions for that one particular item? Okay, thank you. So once completed, who moves into that building?

MR. MATSUI: Basically our Construction Maintenance Division. That, that's our BMRs, painters, electricians, cabinetmakers, and then the Construction Maintenance Supervisor.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: So once they move, you're gonna relieve any other areas, you know, where these personnel are now located?

MR. MATSUI: Yes, right now they're at the Wailuku baseyard at the bottom of Kaohu Street and they're gonna be moving out of there; and, and I think Public Works has plans for that building or that area.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Hokama?

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just one quick, quick question for our Director. Who's, who's our general contractor for this project, please, Mr. Matsui?

MR. MATSUI: The general contractor was D. T. [sic] Ting, David Ting, or Maui Master Builders, one of the two. It's . . . they're like parent companies or . . . but their work is pretty much done already. They did the . . . pretty much the main structure, they, they had to bring in a waterline, fire flow line, bringing in waterlines and . . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So we're pretty much on punch-list status?

MR. MATSUI: Their work is, is been completed. So the rest is for our BMRs to complete.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So our internal crew will finish up the project?

MR. MATSUI: Yes, that's correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, and, and that's not an issue with, with any procurement issues since we already had a general to basically build the facility for us by contract?

MR. MATSUI: Well, the general did a portion of it, and we're, we're doing up the rest that, that we're capable of doing.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Building maintenance. Okay, I just want to make sure, you know, we don't get into some situation later, Chairman. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: I understand, Mr. Hokama . . . *(laughter)*. . . Okay, Members, any more questions on this one? Okay, the next one is the Waiehu Golf Course Fuel Tank Replacement. And you had mentioned that we utilized some of the Countywide monies to supplement this project. Can you explain?

MR. MATSUI: Um. . . actually, it was two projects. One was cart path replacement; and the other was to replace the fuel tank. The fuel tank came in a little higher than what we had budgeted, so we supplemented with Countywide for that. But the cart path is completed. . . and, and the fuel tank is order. And. . . we'll be done in a few months.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. So the money . . . *(laughter)*. . . we budgeted, 200,000 dollars actually *could have* covered the cost. . . for the fuel tank? . . . And when you added the sidewalk, it created. . . a larger amount that needed to be. . . funded?

MR. MATSUI: Um. . . when we asked for the 200, it. . . it included the cart path. We had estimated the cost for the cart path *and* the fuel tank. The fuel tank, we estimated at 60,000, so you know we spent the rest on the cart path. When the bid actually came, came out, I think, 67,000.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . . Okay. Mr. Victorino, questions?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Members, any more questions? Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So . . . this type of work, BMR couldn't do for the Department?

MR. MATSUI: . . . You mean the fuel tank? No?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no, the, the cart path.

MR. MATSUI: The cart path . . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Because we talk about, you know, doing some. . .taking out the old macadam--if you look at like number 5, the Par 3, on Par 3, placing your new, new parameters and then, you know, replacing it with the new, new material. That, BMR couldn't do? That, that, the general had to do?

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, we don't have that kind of equipment to. . .well, you know, the cart path is actually a pavement.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. MATSUI: You know, kinda where you gotta compact and you gotta haul materials and, and then. . .pour the cement. We could have poured the cement, you know, the cement cart path.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MR. MATSUI: But you know there's a lot more that was involved in that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, I know it was a safety issue, so don't get me wrong, it's, it's a very good project. But yet we've seen the efforts of Public Works, they just resurfaced this parking lot, they did Iao Park. So, you know, within our internal capacity since. . .so that certain things like the Chairman's previous question on the War Memorial project, I, I hope we would look internally since we do have some. . .Water Department, you know, can put in asphalt, they got the bumpers and whatnot; Public Works have shown they can pave. So I'm just trying to get a sense of if we can get some consistency on what we are willing to support internally so when you come for budget request we understand it and what needs to just be done by the general contractor through a full-blown procurement process. That's what I'm trying to get at, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Uh huh.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Where we can save by doing internally makes sense to me and what we need to do outside with the generals is, is fine with me. But I'm trying to understand why for certain projects it's okay and then for certain ones that. . .to me it makes sense we don't do it that way. So hopefully we can maybe help the departments come up with some consistency 'cause I would like to think that we have the capacity through our employees to do more than we currently are. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, I agree. Members, any more questions regarding . . . Member Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. I guess this is a question for the Finance Department. I'm not quite sure how I'm reading this report because it says, as of September 30, 2011, there wasn't even a Notice to Proceed and now you're saying it's. . .now the, the Department is saying, "It's done." How accurate. . .or, or did or, or, Mr. Matsui, did, did we get everything done from. . .in essentially two months from Notice to Proceed to finishing of the project? And if so, how can we get more projects to go that fast?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Matsui? The magic wand.

MR. MATSUI: You know, when you're dealing with a contractor, you set the amount of time you need to do and they're bound by the contract to complete it within that timeframe. And, you know, there's liquidated damages, there's penalties for them. So, you know, if it's done in-house, it's, a lot of times, it's as the men are available. A lot of times little projects come up here and there that they gotta be pulled from the project so, you know, it's, it's not 100 percent that they can put all of their manpower there for the whole completion of the project and that's the risk you take when, when you start doing things in-house. And for the golf course, for us, it was something we wanted to go in and come out real quickly because, you know, there's golfers involved, safety issues, that kind of thing.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, well, I commend you on the speed. Hopefully other projects can go that fast, too.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Let's see, the other one that I have over here is the parking lot resurfacing. And I think Mr. Hokama kind of touched bases in regards to the resurfacing area and, you know, we do have Public Works that does resurfacing projects, but I, I don't know. You know, because of the size that they can do it, but is there a possibility or, you know, I, I would just ask if you could, you know, kinda work out with Public Works if this type of work can be done by their Department?

MR. MATSUI: Again it's, you know, that War Memorial parking lot it's really huge. I think as far as being capable and having the equipment they could do it, but then again it's a matter of time. If, if they can just, you know, it's a large project. We. . .they recently did the Kepaniwai parking lot for us; but, you know, if you look at it, it was pretty small. It was like I think 40 stalls at the

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most; and, and the one at the football stadium it's, you know, like 800 stalls so I don't know if they can dedicate all of that, you know, to one projects.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, and again, you know, some, some of the projects that I see are, you know, kind of old, yeah, 2007, 2009, 2009. The other question that I have for the War Memorial Complex is that the football stadium field. I know going there for the Maui High graduation, I saw a lot of goosegrass and how is that thing being eradicated in the football field? Have we taken action?

MR. MATSUI: The football field has been an issue for us, you know, this past. . .when we first came on board. And if you've been to the football games right now there's a large portion of the center of the field, there's no grass; and, and so, you know, we gotta have time for us to do our work for the grass to reestablish. You know, we looked at the schedule, not only is it MIL football but then Pop Warner was there. I think they had like 50 games in there. And then now that Pop Warner is done, we're into soccer, and, and they had . . . the MIL girls soccer scheduled in there. So we're asking them to move out of there and, and use a different venue until. . .for us to give us time for the field to. . .so we can reestablish the grass.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, let me ask you this question. The first time we replaced the sod, I don't know how long it took but once completed, it, it was noted that it was one of the. . .in fact the best football field for high school sports; and, you know, to see it deteriorate the way it is today it kind of, you know, upsetting. So if you were to close the field to get it back into shape, how long we looking at?

MR. MATSUI: Well, the next big use is, is the high school graduation and that's like May, and, and that's where, we're, we're targeting, getting everything on board at May.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: So completed in May?

MR. MATSUI: Yes.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Victorino followed by Mr. Hokama followed by Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I don't, I don't wanna disagree with you, Mr. Matsui, but, you know, actually we got a lot of use. Track and field uses that both for practice and, and the track is not the only place - the field, the field events, pole vault, long jump, broad jump, you know, all of this, and that's the only public one we have. Maui High School's one is not, you know, can, but doesn't really fit the bill. And the other high schools--and I'm not sure about Kamehameha--but most of the other schools really don't have all the venue one place, right? And I think that's one of the challenges we face, and to go back to this issue on grass and taking care of and all

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that. . .we've had football in there for many years and now we even have less football when it comes to high school because they play up at Kamehameha, they play up at King Kekaulike, and they play out at Lahaina. So what is the problem? What is the problem when we have actually less football games in there today than we had three years ago? I'm taking a page out of Mr. Mateo by the way so don't, don't get excited. I just --

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Hey, hey.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --saw him do it, so I figure why not, you know. But no, I'm, I'm not joking I mean that's a fact, and am I not correct in saying that? We have less games in there. No more St. Anthony, they're not a football team any more I mean at least a full football team. They get their eight on eight or whatever they have, poor thing, but I'm just saying. So you tell me, oh, in one term we're using the field more; but in the same token, I say, no, you using less. Pop Warner not only uses that field, they use the Pit and some other places. So again I get really upset when I see one of our jewels of our Parks and Recreation that is not taken care of; and we have one problem and it hurts the soccer community because they don't have a lot of places to go for which they can collect revenue. We charge them based upon, you know, using lights and all that. But they go Keopuolani we charge them, but there's no, no methodology of any revenue intake. I mean let's be honest MIL hurts because per capita we spend the most in travel than any other community, any other county per capita because we have water separating Lanai and Molokai. You know, I, I . . . this is a real. . .this really gets under my skin because this is something that I do not understand why it occurs. I mean, you know, all the excuses about usage, you know, just somebody didn't really take good care of it. That's the bottom line. We can shut it down at times, but then they shut it down then couldn't have Relay for Life. We had to move over to the War Memorial, the parking area where the fairgrounds, we moved over there because we were told it was closed for renovation, okay,. so we had to move that. A number of other . . . Boy Scouts I mean this is my community, I get all the word when they get. . .I get the call, "Oh, I cannot use 'em now"; "Okay, well they doing renovation"; "Okay, well please excuse this year, next year you can come back." But now we get to high school soccer, and they're being moved all over the place and they're not even sure where the games can be played. So I find it very upsetting--sorry that, you know, I took a page out of Mateo's book--but really it is upsetting to find after all of this, we use less. . .we're using the field for less football games. And other events that have been moved because we were renovating, we were letting the grass grow and all these other stuff; and now we're told we gotta move everything again as far as high school soccer is concerned, girls and boys. Again, Mr. Matsui, excuses are not acceptable in this, in this, in this day and age. I mean I, I would believe you guys should be able to maintain that field a lot better than it is being maintained. So that being said, I'll stop.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I thank Mr. Victorino for bringing up an important point, Chairman, 'cause that was one of my concerns, too, is, you know, we've built some additional facilities and I guess the Pit per se which is I guess Kaahumanu and at the intersection is one of the additional fields for use; yet, that field of grass always looks pretty good to me driving by. And yet our main

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facility, you know, we all have the calls about the deterioration of that field; and we all know how much we spent when we got, I believe, Mr. Toma of the NFL to assist our Department in bringing that facility back to where it should be so I have my concern. And that is why, Chairman, I think it's very important we call in the MIL and have them show their audits to us on how they utilizing our facilities. Because my understanding of what we agreed with the MIL is that we waive certain fees and charges in return for all of the revenues that they will be generating to subsidize all Maui schools in the County. Travel to and from the sister islands, whether it's Molokai coming to Maui or Baldwin going to Lanai, you know, I think we should have a report of what the MIL has been collecting and how they've been utilizing revenues they've generated at our facilities. I have yet to see a report from the MIL, and I think it's only prudent that we request an audit and have them respond to the Council whether or not we should continue this policy. Because we put a lot of good monies of our General Fund through taxpayer to take care of the maintenance needs of these facilities and so that would be one of my concerns. The other one is, as my understanding, Mr. Matsui, the, the scoreboard replacement and the whole PA system upgrade has. . .is all completed and done at the complex or football complex?

MR. MATSUI: Yes, that's correct.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that, that's great news. I, I, I, I think that was important. And then my. . .what I wanted to know is since there were calls to me that the old scoreboard was still. . .have some useful life yet, whatever happened to that old scoreboard that, that was replaced?

MR. MATSUI: Yeah, that scoreboard was old and, and we looked at trying to just replace, you know, defective components but it was. . .we just had to get a new one. It was just too far gone. We had replaced a lot of things over and over again, and so. . .

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So the old one is at Central Maui Landfill I mean what did we do with the old one?

MR. MATSUI: I don't know what we did with it. Got rid of it.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And I hope we did it by appropriate procurement procedure, Chairman. And the last one again, Mr. Matsui, I know, as you mentioned, Iao was a small project. So, Chairman, maybe it's time we go get our departments the right equipment, take care our projects, and if possible let's go bid for outside work, too; and make it a revenue generator for this County. I've got no problem with reverse privatization. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Two questions. One, since we were talking about the football field first, the, the work that Mr. Toma did, that was, that, that was work he did on the field as well as instruction for you guys on how to bring the field back to that state or is that. . .was that a one-time thing and we're done with that?

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MR. MATSUI: The work that was done was, one was to put in a subsurface, some drainage system. We changed the, put gravel underneath so, so it would drain. And then we brought in different top soil and then we also crowned it so the water would shed off and wouldn't pond in the middle and then we came in with sod and then we redid the irrigation system so there was better coverage. So when it was done, you know, the field was very pristine. And, you know, I wanted to clarify that, that I agree with Councilman Victorino that the, the field should not look the way it is right now; and, and that is our task right now that it won't happen again. There is a lot of use, but like anything what I was trying to say was that the field needs to be in top condition before the football season. Because once football starts, it's just a matter of maintaining and it's just gonna to get worse, it's not going to get better because the field needs time to rest. Right now is the time for us to do the catch up. And it's the worst it's ever been, I've never seen that field like that and especially since we did all of that work earlier to improve the soil condition, the drainage, irrigation. So, you know, it's something that we are working on and it is a top priority for our Department right now.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair? Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I still had a follow up. We actually were talking about the parking lot resurfacing and didn't go through. My, my question is, they were, they were given a Notice to Proceed in 2009, and they are still only 40 percent complete in the design? And just, we just talked about at the golf course, it, it took two months to do, prior to a, a Notice to Proceed, to actual finish some cart paths. So I'm just wondering what, where's the disconnect there? This sounds like something. . .I know it's a big project but something that could I mean even if they're only going to design it, why is it taking two, three years now. . .two years to design only 40 percent?

MR. MATSUI: Again, it has to do with funding for construction. You know, at that time, we were optimistic that funding would come for construction so we started the design; but then as we got into it, you know, the funds for the County and the economy just dried up. And then, then we got redirected to redoing the football stadium lights and then the bleachers and, you know, the scoreboard, the PA system. All of those kind of took, you know, got on the front burner in front of the paving of the parking lot. So, you know, the, we started with the plans, but we didn't continue knowing that, you know, this construction is a, you know, is, is awhile away, you know, it's going to be awhile 'til we get construction money.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: You, you know what bothers me, really? Okay, we start. . .you, you talk about construction dollars, okay, that's separate. But when you start the design, you know, you start, when you start something, especially a design, you, you expect to complete the design and then come back to the Council in regards to your construction dollars. But when you look at the design, 40 percent, zero percent, you know, we get all these monies all tied up and nothing has been completed. So I don't know about you but, you know, it sure bothers me when we say... we give you the money to do the design and, you know, you have enough money to do the design and it's not completed because you don't know if you're going to get the construction dollars.

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But once the design is completed, then you already know that you have something in hand. Once you get your construction dollars, you know, you can already go out to bid. I'm hoping that Ms. Taomoto out there is taking good notes because when come budget time, you know, same questions going come up. So, Mr. Victorino, you have any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, and the, the, the question I had is, as far as even the War Memorial Complex improvements for the parking lot area and all that, you're, you're not. . .are you referring to the football side or are you talking about the gym side? The gym side right? The football side?

MR. MATSUI: The football side.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, 'cause I know that has come up a number of times and there's been that always that gnawing reason why we don't because when the fair comes along they pound in all their stakes and all their tenting and, you know, kinda no sense ever repaving that until we get a new fairground because that eats up that parking lot every year. And so I know that was one the main reasons why we always have been putting that one off isn't that correct, Mr. Matsui?

MR. MATSUI: Yes, and funding.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And funding, but I mean but that one in particular. The other side, we are, we had the design but just never got anything going for the football side, right?

MR. MATSUI: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Okay, no, I just wanted to make sure, you know, because that's, that's another important point. If we ever to do that one, Mr. Chair--and knowing what I know about the, the fair--that either some kind of system be put in where all of these plats be planted in, and with covers over it. So that you take it out when you, you need to use it, cover it up or not, or we just going be repaving and getting all pavement all busted up every year when they go back and that's part of the reason why it's all busted up right now.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: No, I agree. Yeah. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman. Director, if you can maybe help the Committee? Do we have just one turf management team for Parks and Recreation and the golf course? Can, can you maybe help us understand your Department's approach towards turf and grass management for facilities under your Department's jurisdiction, please?

MR. MATSUI: The golf course has their own separate crew and, and they take care of just the golf course.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, for parks, the County parks and maybe roadside requirements?

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MR. MATSUI: For our parks, we have a beautification crew and, and they have, they do the mass herbiciding, mass fertilizing, and, and they do have some, you know, like I said, beautification that they'll do spot projects here and there. But for the most parts, the districts are responsible for taking care of the turf with the assistance of the beautification crew.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so the, the district or the beautification crew as, as you shared with us, would be the ones that are certified and licensed regarding the ordering and use of pesticides, fertilizers, and whatnot? Because you and I know, especially with, with real grass instead of turf, fake turf, if you're going to spray poison, there's a requirement of how you do the post application. Whether it be the watering cycling or the period between sunlight versus rainfall kind of situations, Chairman, whereby you can either hurt or help what we're trying to accomplish. And I'm just concerned that if we need more people that needs to be qualified and put in appropriate pay categories, then that's what we need to do. But if we're going to pump out good money to maintain our facilities and then have something happen whereby, you know, my colleague to the left of me has some concerns about then the condition of our main facilities and ability for us to use it to our benefit, you know, it's a concern to me, Chairman. And so you do we require those type of things for licensing or certification regarding application requirements or it's like one person in your whole department that has the license and they order for all the districts and "Iron" Maehara, War Memorial grass, little league fields at War Memorial, fairgrounds area or, or it's, that's not, not a issue for the Department?

MR. MATSUI: Well, overall, I think we would, you know, welcome more staffing for our beautification, you know, but, you know, because of budget we don't. We're, we are doing as well as we can with the people we have. They do go out to different fields and, and they have the larger spray equipment that they'll use the boom sprayer to spray herbicide. They have a, a pull-behind aerator and that kind of thing. So they'll go from district to district, but, you know, there's only so much they can do. There's only certain times of the year that, that you can do some of these things. So, yeah, we could use more.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And I appreciate your, your, you know, candidness, Director. And so, Chairman, you know, what we. . .I would like us, at the appropriate time and this, I know this is one CIP and quarterly financials, but I remember supporting a dedicated turf crew after Mr. Toma's assistance to the County. And I do know that we have golf course superintendents that volunteer and offer the County assistance if requested to help us regarding turf management and maintenance. So I hope we would see how we can maybe have these components either revisited or adjusted so that our facilities can be utilized to the most, maximum use. I would appreciate that, Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. And, you know, I had the same concerns in regards to how much training our personnel has in regards to, you know, herbiciding and, and the like. And I, I, I don't know if you provide training to your personnel in regards to, you know, taking care of turf or utilizing herbicides. Mr. Matsui, do you folks train your employees in regards to herbiciding, proper use?