

**COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
Kalana O Maui Building, 9th Floor, Mayor's Conference Room
Thursday, October 11, 2012**

PRESENT: Frank De Rego Jr., Chair
Garrett Evans, Member
Jeffrey Halpin, Member
Joseph Kanahuna, Member
Ronald Kawahara, Vice-Chair
Fred Rohlfling, Member
Rick Tanner, Member

EXCUSED: Victoria Johnson, Member

STAFF: John Buck, Executive Assistant
Michelle Makii, Administrative Assistant
Scott Hanano, Corporation Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair De Rego called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS

Chair De Rego introduced Mr. Rick Tanner as the newly appointed commissioner. Commissioner Tanner introduced himself to the commission.

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no public testimony.

IV. REVIEW AND DISCUSS SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 MINUTES

Vice-Chair Kawahara moved and Commissioner Rohlfling seconded the motion to approve the September 13, 2012 meeting minutes with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

V. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Commission received correspondence from Mr. Chris Salem requesting a letter of support for the "Fairness Bill" from the COGC. Chair De Rego observed that the subject of this correspondence was also an item on the meeting agenda, so discussion of Mr. Salem's correspondence would take place at that time.

VI. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CONDOLENCE LETTER TO FAMILY OF FORMER COMMISSIONER WALTER BALOALOA

The Commission is sending out a letter of condolence to the family of former Commissioner, Walter Baloaloe, who has passed away on September 30th. Chair De Rego composed and read the letter. Without objection, he asked the Commissioners to sign it at the end of the meeting.

VII. REVIEW AND DISCUSS FAIRNESS BILL AS PROPOSED BY MR. CHRIS SALEM

Chair De Rego explained that Mr. Chris Salem had been an Executive Assistant for a former Council Member and is a property owner affected by the issue of unpaid developer obligations. Mr. Salem is working with a current member of the County Council to develop a bill to resolve this issue fairly both for property owners and the County. The Commission's Deputy Corporation Counsel, Scott Hanano, explained that the Office of Council Services has staff attorneys that draft bills it is only the Department of the Corporation Counsel that has the power to draft and approve the form and legality of bills considered by the Council. He also commented that the draft bill Mr. Salem requested the Commission to review has not been approved by the Department of the Corporation Counsel.

Chair De Rego proposed three options to the commission -- Postpone any action on this issue until the bill

is reviewed and approved in form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, review the current form of the proposed bill and send a letter of support for the intent of this bill, or do nothing.

Vice-Chair Kawahara proposed to postpone discussion of the bill until it is reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the Department of Corporation Counsel. Without objection, after seeking the consensus of the members present, the Chair postponed consideration of this matter until the bill is approved in form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel.

VIII. DISCUSS IDEAS AND ORGANIZATION FOR THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION 2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

a. Subcommittee Reports

i. Permits

Commissioner Evans reported that the permits Subcommittee met with Dean Sargent, an Account Manager representing Computronix. Commissioner Evans explained that Computronix makes government enterprise software specifically for Land Management, which includes permitting processes. At that meeting, Mr. Sargent was provided with the Executive Summaries of the Zucker Systems Report, *Review and Assessment of the Department of Planning*, (2006) and the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee Report on the Permitting Process (2009). In two weeks, the Subcommittee will be receiving recommendations from Computronix addressing points brought up in both reports.

Commissioner Evans commented that their next step is to create a procedural recommendation to work in conjunction with their technology recommendation.

ii. County Services

Commissioner Rohlfing reported that they still have half of the list of services from Managing Director, Keith Regan and Deputy Managing Director, David Ching. Executive Assistant, John Buck reported that he spoke to Mr. Ching who said that maybe one recommendation to the County can be to acquire a system to track the costs associated with the County services provided to the public. Currently, the County accounting system is not setup to provide that kind of data.

Chair De Rego commented that it is more important to obtain a list of County services rather than the costs so that the Subcommittee can start determining whether these services should be completely self-sustaining, partially subsidized, or completely subsidized by the County.

Chair De Rego also commented that the COGC could propose a broad recommendation for the County to do a thorough review of their services and the fee structures associated with those services.

Chair De Rego announced that on October 30, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., the COGC will be presenting the 2011-2012 Annual Report to the Budget and Finance Committee.

b. Report Organization and Production

Chair De Rego requested an Executive Session. Commissioner Evans moved and Commissioner Kanahuna seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

Executive Session

Chair De Rego called the COGC meeting back into order. Vice-Chair Kawahara announced that the COGC selected Pu'umakani Publishing, LLC as providing technical writing services for the 2012-

2013 Annual Report. It was a unanimous decision.

IX. Determine Next Meeting Date and Agenda

Next meeting will be November 8, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Evans moved and Commissioner Rohlfig seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.