

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

March 3, 2015

Council Chamber

CONVENE: 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member
Councilmember Don Couch, Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member
Councilmember Mike White, Vice-Chair

EXCUSED: VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Mike White, Vice-Chair

STAFF: Michele Yoshimura, Legislative Analyst
Mark R. Pigao, Legislative Analyst
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Sananda Baz, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
Teena Rasmussen, Economic Development Director, Office of the Mayor (BF-24)
David Goode, Director, Department of Public Works (BF-25, BF-29)
Jeffrey T. Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

PRESS: Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .(gavel). . . Council's Committee on Budget and Finance shall come to order. This is the committee's meeting of March 3rd, 2015. Happy Girls Day ladies.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: It's every day.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, that's what married men keep telling me.

EVERYONE: . . .(laughter). . .

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Glad you know.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So thank you for being here this morning. We have three items before us this morning for our agenda. So at this time a few housekeeping. Let's turn our noise making devices to silent mode or off mode, please. Thank you very much. I will. . .the committee will receive testimony on any of the agendized items. We provide three minutes for testimony in this committee and we will ask our district offices if there is anyone in those offices wishing to providing testimony. Ms. Lono anyone in the Hana office would like to share testimony this morning?

MS. LONO: Good morning, Chair. This is Dawn Lono at the Hana office and there is no waiting to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Fernandez. Lanai office please.

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez on Lanai and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Alcon. Anyone on Molokai wishing to share testimony?

MS. ALCON: Good morning, Chair. This is Ella Alcon on Molokai and there is no one here waiting to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Is there anyone wishing to provide testimony in this chamber? We have had no request. Therefore with no objections we shall close testimony for today's March 3rd, 2015 meeting, Members?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you so much. So ordered.

**ITEM 24: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET: OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR (HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE)**
(CC 15-37)

CHAIR HOKAMA: Let us move to BF-24 under the heading of Amending Fiscal Year 2015 Budget, Office of the Mayor, subtitled "Hawaii State Energy Office." So this morning I'll ask Mr. Baz if you would give us any opening comments before we check with Ms. Rasmussen.

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MR. BAZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Members good morning. We do have a budget amendment requested here today to recognize and appropriate the money that is given to us by the state office so that we can put on this conference, and we have Teena Rasmussen the Director of the Office of Economic Development here to answer any questions you might have. The budget amendment's required so that we can spend the money. The conference is coming up very shortly that's why we're asking for it to be heard so quickly. So thank you for scheduling it and we're here to answer any questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Ms. Rasmussen would you care to share any comments?

MS. RASMUSSEN: I just wanted to say that this is sponsorship that has come to use from the Hawaii Energy Office which is a division of DBED and they have come to us with a \$20,000 sponsorship for the conference which is, is we really appreciate that and them coming forward that it shows the value of what they see is the value of this conference. And as you know it will be coming up in March 25th and 6th [sic] and I hope that if you haven't registered yet you will and it's. . .we have a great program plan so thank you and we really thank DBED for their support.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Can you tell the committee about approximately with this 20,000 support from the state how much does the conference actually take to put on?

MS. RASMUSSEN: The conference is going. . .I don't, I haven't seen the budget projections actually for this year complete, completed, but it was well over 100,000, well over 100,000 to put the conference on last year. So and it's with. . . all the travel. . .'cause we bring in speakers from the mainland and so forth so but we'll be happy to provide a complete budget for you. As you know our office is a sponsor, but this conference is now put on by MEDB, Maui Economic Development Board.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Guzman, subject matter chair, any questions or--

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Nothing further.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Nothing at this time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Carroll. Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Nothing at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch any questions or comments?

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No thank you Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I don't think we have any other questions for you. Any other comments you might wanna share before we take action?

MS. RASMUSSEN: No, but thank you for your support for the conference and we'll give you a full, we'd be happy to give a full report after we're done all the proceedings.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Okay, the Chair will entertain a motion to move forward a bill for an ordinance that amend Fiscal Year 2015 Budget as it pertains to Appendix A, Part I, Grant Revenue – Schedule of Grants by Departments and Programs, Office of the Mayor (Hawaii State Energy Office). We are adding a \$20,000 appropriation from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Second.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I have a motion made by Mr. Guzman, seconded by Mr. Victorino. Members any discussion on the motion before us? Having none. All in favor of the motion please say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: "Aye."

CHAIR HOKAMA: Opposed say no. Motion passes with eight ayes, one excused Mr. White.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Hokama, and Councilmembers Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, Couch, Crivello, Guzman, and Victorino.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Vice-Chair White.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: FIRST READING of bill by C.R.

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MS. BOUTHILLIER: Mr. Chair, are you going to be filing the communication?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Pardon me.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Are you going to be filing the communication?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for that. Yep. I'll take a motion to file the communication 15-37, please.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So moved.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Second.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Motion by Mr. Victorino, seconded by Mr. Couch which is to file County Communication 15-37. Any discussion? Having none. All in favor of the motion please say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: "Aye."

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oppose say no. Motion passes with eight ayes, one excused.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Hokama, and Councilmembers Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, Couch, Crivello, Guzman, and Victorino.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Vice-Chair White.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: FILING of communication by C.R.

**ITEM 25: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (FEDERAL
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TRANSPORTATION
GRANTS) (CC 15-38)**

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, may I now direct you to BF-25. Thank you Ms. Rasmussen.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: This is now another proposal to amend Fiscal Year 2015, Department of Public Works (Federal Highway Administration Transportation Grants). We have a request by the department, let's see, for two point nine-two-five-five-five-zero million dollars regarding the Federal Highway Administrative/Intermodal *[sic]* Surface Transportation. . . oh, that was the old Act. Anyway the key Members is to receive Federal monies of two point nine plus million dollars which will take from eighteen point four-zero-one million to \$21,326,550. Regarding this item the Chair will inform the Committee Members that the Chair had the bill revised. ISTEA is basically a program that use to be there fifteen plus years ago. There is no longer an ISTEA program. It's called MAP-21 which the Federal government is currently using so we have adjusted the ordinance to be reflective and more accurate of the current status. At this time I'll ask Mr. Baz for any comments on BF-25.

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just briefly again this budget amendment is to recognize additional revenue from the, a grant from the Federal Aid Program of the Federal Department of Transportation Highways Administration and Mr. Goode is here to explain the uses of these additional funds in our projects that we have going this fiscal year.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Director Goode, please. Your comments.

MR. GOODE: Okay, good morning, Chair, Members of the Committee. I'm Dave Goode, Director, Department of Public Works. For these three projects noted here, the last phase of Lono Avenue Rehabilitation, Hansen Road, and Kokomo Road, all three projects we expanded the scope by putting in thicker sections of pavement than we originally thought was needed when we essentially conceded doing the projects. So after doing soils analysis and various testing was determined we needed thicker sections. We applied to the State Department of Transportation who administers the Federal Aid Program here and they concur and were able to set aside more funding for us. We'll be making up the match with our existing funds. We save some money on construction management by doing it in-house and it'll be the primary source of our match. That's it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Good job, Director. Let me ask one question first before I ask the Members. This additional Federal dollars, Director, is we are insured regardless of what happens and what we are told regarding the solvency of the highway trust fund, these funds are committed and guaranteed to the County to be utilized for our projects?

MR. GOODE: That's correct. They are Federal Fiscal Year '15 funds so starting of October 1st of this year. And so that's the, I think the next budget battle will be this coming May and we've received assurances that we'll get the funds.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, we'll cross our fingers 'cause I'm told the funding will be insolvent in May.

MR. GOODE: Fingers crossed.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So we'll keep our fingers crossed. Ms. Cochran, infrastructure. Any questions for Mr. Goode, Director Goode?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No, not at that this time, Chair. I see the projects and I'm happy to get every penny we can from the federal government so I appreciate this additional. Very happy to support this.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Totally in sync with Ms. Cochran.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Carroll. Thank you. Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Whole-heartedly agree. Whenever we can get money from the feds let's grab it and run. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I have nothing further. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Nothing further Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Nothing, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. The Chair will recommend that. . .one second. Do we have the revised bill? Okay, Members, I would direct you to the February 19th communication from the Office of the Mayor. Attached to that is the revised proposed bill that I will ask you to take action on this morning. This one we've as I told you earlier have adjusted the underscoring or the language under the Department of Public Works, 12, subsection A, to more accurately reflect the current federal program. Therefore we'll entertain a motion to move this revised bill forward by increasing the appropriation by two point nine-two-five-five-five-zero million dollars for a total of \$21,326,550, as well as filing of all communication associated to BF-25.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, so moved.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Second Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. I have a motion made by Ms. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Victorino. Any discussion Members on the motion before us? Having none. All in favor of the motion please say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: "Aye."

CHAIR HOKAMA: Opposed say no. Motion carries with eight ayes, one excused. Thank you, Mr. Goode.

MR. GOODE: Thank you.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Hokama, and Councilmembers Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, Couch, Crivello, Guzman, and Victorino.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Vice-Chair White.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

ITEM 29: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND) (CC 15-60)

MR. BAZ: Oh, you have one more.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You have one more, sir. Safe Routes to School. Final item for today, Members, is BF-29. If I may direct you there, please. This is from direct communication 15-60 from Mr. Baz the Budget Director, proposing a bill for an ordinance, an amendment that will add \$101,000 for the Department of Public Works. This is a grant from the Department of, State Department of Transportation – Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund. Mr. Baz, any comments for the committee?

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MR. BAZ: No, Mr. Chair. Just the same thing additional revenue from the state. This is a federal program as well, Safe Routes to School that we appreciate receiving to be able to assist our children attending schools and making it so that they have a safe path. We did in addition transmit the Administrative Rules so you can see what the Safe Routes to School Program is about in the attachments.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Director Goode, any comments please.

MR. GOODE: Thank you, Chair. The Safe Routes to School Program just a quick background. We've completed two projects at Kamalii School and Princess Nahienaena. We're currently in design for one at Paia School which will link the upper side of Skill Village over and across our park to Paia School. We plan on using part of these funds to conduct some workshops to engage other DOE schools in seeing what types of projects might work for them and then we use the balance of these funds to do as much of that particular project as we can whenever get selected and if we needed additional funds obviously we'd come back to the Council for that or petition Safe Routes to School. In any case the funds became available and they seem to like the progress we'd been making having engaged three schools to date. That's it Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Director Goode. Ms. Cochran, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I just wanna say thank you to the department because this has been a ongoing issue up at Nahienaena and thank you for addressing it through this route and again wonderful to have additional funds from outside sources other than our own home front so definitely in support, Chair. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Wonderful. This is a wonderful morning where we see people coming to help us with additional money. It's a great day. Let's hope we have more.

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

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Carroll.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Definitely support.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Very thankful again. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Crivello.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you Mr. Chair and thank you Mr. Goode for the update on the Safe Routes to the Schools and thank you for handling a very difficult area in Kihei as well. I've seen it and it looks really good. So hopefully the rest of these funds will put to just as good use so thank you for doing a good job. Thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Not that, I just wanted to ask a question whether this would be within the parameters of permitted use of the funds, not that we would use it, but some of our af..., like our after school adults that we use at like Wailuku El that helps with traffic, is that an activity or that coordinator, traffic manager, whatever is appropriate title we give them, would that qualify under the safe routes county portion regarding use of those funds?

MR. GOODE: Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director. I mean if you guys need to check on it I just would ask that.

MR. GOODE: Yeah, we'd have to check on it see if the operational funds would be covered instead of capital type projects we'd have to look into it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I would just ask if some of those things might be considered and if we would get a response back before we. . .once we get into budget, please, Mr. Baz.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, sure we'll look at that the school crossing guards in the department, Police Department. We can see if they are eligible for this funds. It looks like it would have to be a part of the plan maybe but, yeah, we'll discuss thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, that would be appreciated. Okay, on this I. . .oh, Members, on the previous item that we passed on the revised bill for a amendment, I would ask with no objections you allow the staff to make nonsubstantive revisions to the document within the parameters of our approval.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much. Okay, the Chair would recommend that we move forward the proposed bill for an ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 2015 Budget, Appendix A, Part I, Grant Revenue, this would be under Department of Public Works (State of Hawaii Department of Transportation – Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund). This would add \$101,000 to the department's budget.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, so moved.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Seconded Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. I have a motion made by Ms. Cochran. Seconded by Mr. Victorino. Is there any discussion Members? Having none, all in favor of the motion please say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: "Aye."

CHAIR HOKAMA: Opposed say no. Motion passes with eight ayes, and one excused.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Hokama, and Councilmembers Baisa, Carroll, Cochran, Couch, Crivello, Guzman, and Victorino.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Vice-Chair White.

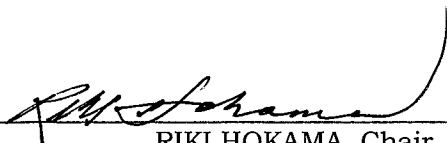
MOTION CARRIED.

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

CHAIR HOKAMA: We have completed the agenda for the committee. So thank you very much for your presence. Thank you Director Goode, Director Baz. This meeting is adjourned. . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 9:21 a.m.

APPROVED:



RIKI HOKAMA, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

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