

# BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## MINUTES

May 3, 2015

### Council Chamber

**RECONVENE:** 9:03 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair  
Councilmember Mike White, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member  
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member  
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member (in 11:02 a.m.)  
Councilmember Don Couch, Member  
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member  
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member (in 9:31 a.m.)  
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

**STAFF:** Michele Yoshimura, Legislative Analyst  
Mark Pigao, Legislative Analyst  
Jordan Molina, Legislative Analyst  
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

**ADMIN.:** Sananda Baz, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor (in 1:15 p.m.)  
Jeffrey T. Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

Others (2)

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

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**ITEM BF-1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (CC 15-41)**

### EXHIBIT "1" MATRIX

CHAIR HOKAMA: ... *(gavel)* ... Okay, good morning. We shall reconvene our recessed meeting relating to the continued review of the Fiscal Year 2016 proposed budget. Working off the Chair's draft. So we're close, Members. We're close. We shall finish up. We'll go through the Capital Improvement Projects budget portion at this time. So we have a few remaining items to go through. May I direct you to please, Page 44, Line 1251. This is under the heading of the Wailuku Redevelopment Municipal Parking Lot Expansion. So...

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair. And thank you so much for bringing this back onto the docket. As you are well aware of and many in this room, it's been many years we've had a number of plans come and go and there is still two on the table that have been waiting for approximately four years since 2011 when this final version was brought forward. At that time we had hoped with some Federal funds, and hopefully there will be Federal funds available, we just need to look in different areas. This Municipal Parking Lot was supposed to be the gem of Wailuku to make parking available not only for employees, tenants, merchants, it was supposed to be the catchall for parking...the parking problems here in Wailuku. And that way we could then convert maybe Market Street into like Fort Street Mall, a pedestrian walkway instead of a vehicle pass-through. So there were many, many ideas that were banded about through the years, and I'm hoping with this and the Members can support this we can start to really truly move ahead on this. But I thank you because you brought it forward again. It kinda has been in doldrums for a long time. One of those plans done and put on the shelf collecting dust, and you've brought it back out. I think some of us believe that some of the adds we've put in, they wanna take out of this area, and I'd have no problem with some reduction because it's a process. Gonna take two or three years to really get this started, designed...well, it's designed already. The actual construction, see what the bids come out on all that. So...but Mr. Chair, thank you for putting this in, and I hope my colleagues can support it in whatever, you know, end number we end up with I can support and move ahead with this, this expansion of the Wailuku Municipal Parking Lot. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Victorino, something needs to be done, and you, you're the one that put it in there and something needs to be done. I know there's quite a few plans out there, all the preliminary designs. So even if a preliminary design was chosen, it would still take quite a long time to get the construction plans and everything done. So I'm more than willing to have some money in there, but 7.4 is a little high. So I'm gonna listen to what other people say, but I have an idea of what I wanna do for that number. So, I'd be willing to hear what everybody else has to say. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Anyone else would like to...has issues, questions, comments? The Chair will just say that yeah, you obviously know I support this project because I've asked you to consider it in the Chair's draft. I appreciate the comments of both Messrs. Couch and Victorino. So hearing your comments, Members, what I would say is at this point in time, with no objections from the Committee, if you just leave this as it is, let us go through the balance of the projects that we have yet to determine, and then I would like to be able to offer you a comprehensive approach to making up the differences including rates, potential

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borrowing, and some other considerations. But I would like to give you a proposal to work from instead of all of us coming from nine different ways to...we going take a lot longer and we all know, yeah how much time we got left, and I know it's not a easy process. So that's how I would like to proceed if you have no objections, Members?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Molina, give us the next project for consideration, please?

MR. MOLINA: The next project, Countywide Fire Facilities on Line 1315, and I believe Ms. Crivello requested this revisit.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: What page is that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: On 46. It's about the upper-third, the Line 1314.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You know, while they're looking that up, Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I just want to make a quick note, and thank you for your comments, and we wait, I think all of us are waiting to see what we need to go as far as rates, and as well as other changes in the budget, but I just wanted to turn around and say, I feel kinda lonely today 'cause there's only one, one of our groupies in the back, the rest decided not to show up at this time, and I feel kinda lonely. I don't feel that heat in the back of me today, so I just wanted to mention that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we thank her for vigilance and perseverance, Ms. McNeff. Yes, Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I think I was looking at the...I'm not sure what we decided on the Countywide Police Facilities, excuse me, I stay overhang, hangover mode.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Countywide we already have consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: We do?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We don't have?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: We're up on the Fire Facilities first.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, I'm sorry. We're on the Fire Facilities. Okay, the Fire Facilities, I'm okay because we kinda removed all the...*(inaudible)*...I'm not sure.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Staff would just like to point out that the Fire Department did submit a list of the project they had proposed to use this funding for on the letter identified as SF4. They had said they plan to use it for apparatus doors at the Kula Station for \$50,000, and apparatus doors at the Hoolehua Station for \$35,000, and to relocate storage locker and turnout gear for \$175,000 also at the Hoolehua Station.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, okay. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Molina. So that being said, I'd like to reverse the reduction and add it back on.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: The whole thing?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: For all of 'em or...

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: For Fire fuel tank and Police?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: All what Mr. Molina just...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: This is only on Line 1315.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: She wants to restore that. Any other comments, Members? Okay, do we have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Consensus.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, we'll move on. Yeah, thank you. Mr. Guzman and Ms. Cochran has advised the Chair that they'll be delayed this morning. So they're both excused. So, okay, this is decided. We'll restore 200,000. Okay, next, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Three nineteen for the Countywide Fuel Tank Replacement.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, is there any proposals for the Committee?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I have consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, we'll move on. Next Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: The next one is, I have noted is 1335 for the Kalepa Rock Fall Assessment, and it was a question over the funding source.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thirteen...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair? Both Ms. Crivello and I have 1323 as a revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. We can go to that, 1323.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Part of I understand this monies are to renovate, repair the police cottages. As you're well aware about the Police Officers from Maui make their home on Molokai for a little bit, and this is part of the routine and rentals are not readily available, but we do have these cottages. And if we can bring it up to, you know, livable conditions, I don't know when was the last time it's been repaired, but those cottages were built many, many years ago. So I would like us to consider some budget to add on to the return. And I'm sorry, I don't have the breakdown what they're budgeting for the renovations, but I can go with at least 50,000 to return.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Molina, you have my breakdown?

MR. MOLINA: If you allow Staff a moment to look for that, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, any other comments? You've heard the request from Ms. Crivello. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair and I think it was, it might have been your comment that part of it was for the classroom at Ukumehame Firing Range?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh yeah, the fire...yeah, at the firing...yeah, it was.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And I think we all agreed that we wanted to cut that out and we kinda all agreed that 100,000 is fine for the renovations, but I think what either Ms. Crivello or you know, I have it set up to is to add a proviso that it be used first for the Molokai cottage repairs. I think that's what the revisit was for.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I agree with Mr. Couch. I have it as a consensus, but we're looking for the proviso.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: That was, that was my understanding too.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We needed the wording for the proviso.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And I have some wording, I don't know, I defer to Ms. Crivello if she has some wording, but I put it as a backup.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Provided, I...well, we can make note that. Thank you, Mr. Couch, I appreciate it. If we can just make note that provided it will be applied for renovations and repairs for the Molokai Police Cottages.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Molina, do you have anything you wanna share with the Chair and the Committee?

MR. MOLINA: No, I had the proviso noted with just a comment that last year with this same account, the Police had indicated they would be using it towards the Molokai Police Cottage. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, so and--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So yeah, the consideration is to add the proviso for you--

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --Ms. Crivello.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: And then may I ask Mr. Molina? So the 100,000 that we have leftover without returning the reduction is that sufficient according to their budget?

MR. MOLINA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: The Department did not provide a specific dollar breakdown for the projects they were proposing.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: But it was two of the projects, right?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Why don't we just add...I'm happy to support you in 50,000 back.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, any objection, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No objection.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Consensus, thank you. We'll add back 50,000 and then add the proviso from the Committee. Okay, anything else, Members? Okay, thank you. We'll move forward. Mr. Molina, the next line please?

MR. MOLINA: Thirteen thirty-five for the Kalepa Rock Fall Assessment, and also these next three are all, all revisits with a concern on the funding source.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, on what line again, please?

MR. MOLINA: Thirteen thirty-five.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thirteen thirty-five. Okay, this is Kalepa Rockfall Assessment under Highway Fund. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And that was again my concern as to the funding source. And last night I was talking to an accountant who said that no, you wanna do the borrowing on long-term stuff especially at cheaper rates. Just my last final thing, otherwise, if we go the other way, I'm fine with that as well.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, and I understand your philosophy, Mr. Couch, and you know, I would agree most of the time for certain things I would agree with you and then for this year, my approach is slightly different, but it's in the same direction, but slightly different from the normal course.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So that was for the next three and if, you know, we're done with that discussion then we can just go on.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, is there any further discussion Members? 'Cause there's no discussion on the amounts. It was just how we fund--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --the funding that Mr. Couch wanted to express his philosophy and approach. Is there anything else? Okay if not, we will move on. Thank you very much, Mr. Couch. Okay, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Mr. Chair, next project is Kamehameha Avenue at Maui Lani Parkway, 1363.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thirteen sixty-three. Oh, okay, yeah thank you. Okay, I know Ms. Cochran is not here but I remember her, if I recall correctly, she mentioned that Mr. Goode, our Director has transmitted I believe on Friday--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: That is correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --documents to help secure the issues of sight control in her Committee. She plans to expedite it and so the request to reconsider this project and the project amount. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. And I also want to mention that the...this is only partial funding. That I believe the Director mentioned I don't think it was in the Chambers, but on the...I asked him about the involvement of Maui Lani Partners, and they're providing a million dollars of funding for this project. So I would agree that if the paperwork is all set to go and there is participation by the property owner or adjacent property owner, then I think this should go back in.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Guzman, any thoughts you might wanna share?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I don't, Chair. I agree. I was present during the time that we...that had that discussion that it was ready to go.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, any other comments, Members? If not, the Chair would be happy to have consensus on putting this project back in.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.



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CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, good we have consensus. Thank you. Mr. Molina, next project, please?

MR. MOLINA: The next project is 1393 for Countywide Resurfacing, but I believe we're gonna revisit that once we balance.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

MR. MOLINA: So the next project would be 1397 for Countywide Safety Improvements. Member Guzman had indicated a proviso here.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. I believe that I had requested a proviso in this section for a street light on Kamehameha and...I have it written down...I submitted it to the Staff if you could repeat it?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MOLINA: It's provided 10,000 shall be for installation of street lights at the intersection of Kamehameha Avenue and Mahaolu Street.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Members...

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No, no, it's just a street light, light. It's not a flashing. I had spoken to Mr. Goode, and he said it wouldn't be a problem because there's an existing pole. Apparently, it was supposed to go up many years ago, and it never happened. They just put the pole up without the...so I just want a light there so that there's constituents that really been waiting for that for years. And he said it wouldn't be a problem, so...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for your due diligence, Mr. Guzman. So okay, Members, you've heard the proposal by Mr. Guzman, any other comments, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Mr. Molina?

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MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. It was Councilmember Victorino had also requested a proviso onto the Countywide Resurfacing. I'm not sure if you want to take that up now on the prior line 1393. And that proviso was to set aside \$300,000 for Eha Street upon its dedication to the County.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, that was it. I mean, we know that according to Mr. Goode that that also is one of those agreements that should be coming forward very quickly. And like Maui Lani, Eha Street is a main...is a major thoroughfare for this community both for business as well as residential traffic. So, and so this is a method of getting the dedication completed. The owners have I think agreed to keep two years of worth of insurance until we get all the major upgrades to that street. So Mr. Goode had mentioned in a number of meetings that I attended that 300,000 would be able to complete this. And the quicker...once the agreement is in place, they'd like to go in and get it done. So that's what, that's what that proviso is. And I put it in so long as the agreement is reached and signed, if not...if it's not dedicated then this money can be used somewhere else. But at this point in time, it looks very good that it will be done in the next few months and we can get Eha Street up to snuff as far as a thoroughfare for this County.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so that's been...you ran that through Mr. Ueoka and Staff already then, right? We have the language in Staff Committee?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That language. I did mention it to Mr. Ueoka, and the Staff actually helped me formulate the language, Mr. Chair. It was the Staff who helped me formulate the language.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I mean, I know what you wanna do, but it's multiple steps. So I just wanna make sure the Committee is okay to make the decision--

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We're fine.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --yeah, with this.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I will just mention the same concern that I had when Ms. Cochran wanted to put in Wainee Street. You know, we all have some roads that we consider really bad in our, our own districts. And I just, I trust Mr. Goode to select those that need the attention first. And I would, I would appreciate it if everyone would just simply try to trust their, trust the Department of Public Works and that they're gonna get to the roads on a timely basis based, well not, I'm not sure if we can guarantee a timely basis, but at least in order of the condition of the road. So I

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appreciate what Mr. Victorino is suggesting, but I just from a philosophical standpoint, I think we need to have a hands-off approach on the selection of road surfacing. Mr. Goode has presented a breakdown of where his priorities are and I don't, I don't have it handy, but if Eha moves to the top of that list for the upcoming year, I certainly don't have problem with that. But I just feel like if Mr. Victorino and Ms. Cochran both put in provisos, I'm gonna put in a proviso for the roots on the top of Olinda Road. I don't drive over them, but I've got a lot of constituents that feel it's very unsafe. I've got Kaupakalua Road which is busting up everybody's trucks because of the patchwork and it's not gonna get done for a number of years. And so I'd like to have some resurfacing in that area too. So I just, I think if we go down this road, everyone of us is gonna have roads that we wanna get done, and then you know, we may not be doing them in the right or the proper lineup. So it's just my concern. I have nothing, nothing against either Wainee or Eha, but I'd just like them to get done in an order of priority. So that's my concern.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. And I hear what Mr. White is saying, and of course, we can all have a long list. I'm sure none of us escapes the comments of constituents who, you know, all want their roads fixed, and of course, it's a thing of somebody figuring out which one needs to be fixed the most. But I do want to support Mr. Victorino's recommendation. I happened to be on Eha Street, the little street off of Eha last evening, enjoying...watching the fight, and I did leave there around, I think might have been around 9:00, 8:30 or 9:00, it's dark already. And every time I am in that area, I am very concerned. There is a safety hazard. The striping on that road is really, really bad. It isn't striped properly. There's gonna be a terrible accident one of these days. You know, there's lanes, and they're not clearly marked. So you don't know where you're supposed to be. And leaving that time at night, there's cars parked all over which make it worse because the lane that I'm supposed to traverse in is all parked cars so now I'm into the other one. And it's a wide road, but if you have cars all over the place because the markings are so bad, and there's...something's going to happen, and I don't, you know, I don't think that's a good idea. I think...I have potholes all over my district. I mean, come on, our roads are really old and they need help. But when it gets to safety and something like this, it scares me. And so that's why I would support, you know, trying to have somebody really take a look at that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Any comments? Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: You know Ms. Baisa brings up a, you know, I think an important point. Eha Street is an uncomfortable width. I don't think this is gonna do anything about the width, and I don't think you can do...you can't fix much with striping because of the width. So I, you know, again, I'd just like to be sure that we're fixing a problem 'cause I agree with the safety issue, but resurfacing doesn't, you know, doesn't fix the width of the road.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And thank you, Ms. Baisa, and even you, Mr. White, thank you. Again, this again it's not just only resurfacing and pavement preservation. I'm taking it from here because Mr. Goode felt that was a good place to take it from, because some of the concerns it will, it will be addressed because the dedication of the road will be ours, and part of it was, this will ensure the owners will now step up to the plate and sign the contract, because they would like to know that we're gonna help take care of this road which if you all remember some 20 years ago was opened up as a favor to our Mayor back then. That road was locked. It had a gate both sides. You could not traverse Eha from Wili Pa down to Waena I think is the street where, Waina [sic], whatever the street is, where the community center was. That was, that was actually gated, they couldn't go and then they moved the gate up further to where Wailuku Parkside is. And I don't know that street either. But it was a favor asked of the Mayor to open it up, and the owners opened it up. And today, it is a very heavily traveled road for a lot of commercial as well as residential. And very important not safety only, and safety is part of it, but getting the ADA and all the things compliance, get it done, and that way the road would be under our control, and Mr. Goode, I would be asking down the road to put no parking on maybe one side to make sure we don't have this problem. Because one of the biggest problems is the residents and visitors park on both sides of the road. So the street kinda goes like this, and you just don't know where you're, where you're moving along. So this is a multiplicity of improvements that could fall under this according to Mr. Goode. So anyhow, I don't wanna take all the time. You know, we'll see how they fare as far as voting for the proviso, I would hope they would give strong consideration because again, this is a very heavily, heavily traveled street by residents, and our commercial entities on both sides, both Wili Pa Industrial Park side and the Wailuku Parkside, Industrial Park, excuse me. These are both sides that use that road very heavily. And I'll remind everyone there was a very major tragic accident right off of Waena, I think Wainee[sic] or Waena Street, that's the street where next to their community center where a pedestrian was not seen by a what do you call those, container trucks and was killed. And so that street is something that needs our attention ASAP. So anyhow, Mr. Chair, I've made my point and we'll see how the Committee feels. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, any other quick need for a comment, questions regarding a request this is for a proviso from Mr. Victorino? Okay, do we have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Consensus.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that's fine. Let's move forward.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Next please?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Next project is Traffic Calming Program on 1404, and the matter here was to reduce the amount of 60,360 as proposed by Ms. Cochran to provide for the staffing in the Public Works, Highways section for the equipment operator and laborer in West Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: What was the number again?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah ...*(inaudible)*...

MR. MOLINA: Fourteen zero four.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Fourteen zero four.

CHAIR HOKAMA: What was the amount, in dollar amount?

MR. MOLINA: It was 60,360.

CHAIR HOKAMA: See, she's proposing this because right now this is under Highway Fund, Cash. And this would be for two...I guess two positions that qualify for Highway Fund use. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I believe also Mr. Goode said that that amount was fine, 'cause he wasn't getting a lot of requests from traffic calming...for traffic calming devices. And we did okay the laborer device...the laborer position previously so with that in mind, so...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I...the Chair recalls. Is there any questions or additional consideration for this area? Okay, you've heard the request made by Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. We'll provide that proviso. Thank you. Next, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Fifteen thirty-three, the Waipuilani Park Irrigation System.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Page 53, Members, all the way on the bottom. This is under Bond Fund, Kihei-Makena Community Plan. Mr. Couch?

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I have it down as consensus.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I do too.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, me too.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Was there any proviso you were considering?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No, I think we...the consensus to restore, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I think it was going to be revisited because Mr. Victorino was not present. I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, and I did, but you know, again for the sake of expediency, consensus.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I have it consensus to leave it at 800,000.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, either way.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I thought that was what we had...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Either way.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, thank you, Members. Okay, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Fifteen thirty-nine for Pavement Rehab at Various Locations in South Maui.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And that was the one where there's four roads that go from Piilani Highway to South Kihei Road and all of them were in less than stellar shape. And I know you wanted to take that out of Pavement Rehabilitation Countywide, but there was another portion of South Kihei Road that was scheduled to be in that too. And this one gets Federal dollars. So that's the reason why I wanted to revisit that. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And I wanted to restore.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Any other questions, comments, Members? Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, is there any room in the Highway Fund for this?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I think we know...now we're in deficit once we do the...because I think...

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Maui Lani?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, so okay, I will say, Mr. Couch, if you would allow me, like with the Municipal Parking Lot project, if the Members just...you know, I'm just gonna ask you if the Members want to support the project title first? Once we go through this, let me see how we look in various funds and cash, and then propose to you a number that may work for you--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and for your consideration. If you're okay with that, then I'll ask the Members if they have no objections if then we can proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I'm fine with that.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, fine. Thank you for allowing the Chair to work on this for Mr. Couch and you. Next, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Next we're at 1583 for Countywide Equipment, and this was a revisit just to confirm the items that are being proposed under this item.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Can you read the list? Okay, here we go. Under Department of Environmental Management, the proposal from the Mayor was to borrow 3.210 million so that was Bond Fund of \$1,050,000. We did a reduction of 157,5 so on the bond it'll be 892,500. Four-thousand gallon tank, we reduced that by 15 percent. So we're gonna borrow 255. Roll-off truck we reduced by 30, we're gonna borrow 175. We deleted the 950, Wheel Loader. We deleted the one 28 Cubic Yard Refuse Truck of the two that was requested, so we're moving one forward. That's on the Bond Fund. So in this area, we're gonna...I'm asking that we borrow 2.162 million instead of 3.21, so a reduction of 1.04 million. Fire and Public Safety at this time, the current proposal is deletion of the fuel tank and pumper truck for Kahului. So there's no borrowing in there. Public Works, there is no borrowing there. Under Roads, Bridge Maintenance Program, Highway Fund, let's see, okay, we reduced their CIP from 2.887 million to okay...we reduced it so now we only need 1.35 million. We reduced it by 1.78 million. So we're in good shape, Members right now, so the Bond Fund I'm looking at 2.1 for equipment, and then again, depending on the Highway Fund situation what we'll borrow, I'll recommend to borrow 'cause that probably will then replace the Borrowing Debt Service and interest costs from a Special Fund. Any questions, Members? Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I'd like to know, and thank you for giving us all of those figures and I don't mean to add a wrinkle but this is the only opportune area that I could identify where I could try at least to justify for the Fire Department

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Pukoo Pumper. Mr. Chair, the Fire Department submitted a CDBG and got approval, but we rejected the CDBG assignments. And I would like the Committee to take into consideration I have photos here of the situation that...you see this is for wildland fire and the frame rails of the apparatus is in very bad shape. So if you bear with me, I'd like to...I don't have for every Member, but I'd be if we can have this passed out to take a look at. As...at I am really doing this on behalf of the Manae which is the East Side community and for the fire fighters that use this in the operations. And so part of the justification reads as, frame rails are the main structure members of the chassis of a fire apparatus that carry or distribute the weight of the entire apparatus as well as flex twist during driving on uneven terrain. The current Pukoo Pumper carries 750 gallons of water weighing 3.13 tons. This water weight combined with the overall weight of the fire apparatus and equipment places a significant amount of strain on the structural frame rails. Weakening of frame rails due to corrosion does not work well with twisting and carrying significant weight. Some of the other factors that have not been able to be fixed on E-12 by fire mechanics after multiple attempts and efforts. Front suspension is damaged or worn and out of balance causing feathering or cupping of tires. Air leak that goes down within a few hours to at or below 60 psi. This causes delay in apparatus response until air pressure rebuilds. Truck needs to be started multiple times per day to build up air pressure. Auxiliary pump panel gauge and other pump gauges inoperable. Front nozzle turret has no vertical movement, is not able to be fixed. Auxiliary pump primer does not work causing pump to be inoperable. Stress fractures in body, in hood area, corrosion to frame rails, pump and discharge pumping corrosion. I'd like to also add that, you know, several years back when Molokai had its designation as an enterprise community, we had the privilege of having visitors from HUD as well as USDA or the different Federal agencies, and one of the opportunities that I recall in our meetings with them on behalf of our community was public safety for the safety of your community should be utilized through CDBG Funds and that included at that meeting that we had from presentation from the Federal people at that time was that includes your facilities as well as whatever equipment that would necessitate safety for your community. And so I come before you on behalf of my...the what we call our Manae community. It is wildland and for the safety of the fire fighters and because we rejected the CDBG Funding for this pumper, I ask for reconsideration or consideration to add this on the Equipment List. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How much?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Six-hundred fifty thousand.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. What is being assisted by the Staff is photographs Ms. Crivello has submitted to the Committee for your review regarding the visual condition of the vehicle at this current time. Okay, other questions or comments regarding this? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair, in reviewing the photos that Ms. Crivello has presented, and understanding the area. I spent much time out there when I used to



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work with Combined Insurance and I traversed that whole area, dirt roads and all, I understand the importance because there is nothing except you have to come in from Kaunakakai and that's quite a distance when you have a major fire out there. So I really, really, really could support something of this nature. I think it's something that a small community like Molokai, who is an island within a county is really dependent on what they have there because by the time help can come in from the neighbor islands or even from our County, I've seen brush fires, and you're well aware of the forest fire they had many years ago up on the mountain that got out of control and went for over a month and a half and devastated a lot of the forest preserves and indigenous and flora and fauna from Hawaii that was...cannot be replaced. So anyhow Chair, to make a long point short...make a point, I'm trying to make is taking too long, is really I can support this, and if somehow, somewhere we can find the money to help this get completed for Molokai, I would be more than happy to try to see what we can do. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I, too can support this that those pictures look much worse than Mr. White's tractor. So my concern is, is this all we need to do or is there a lot of moving around and stuff? Can we just do it right here?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, this is...would be borrowing from a GO Bond. So we could consider doing it from this...through this mechanism.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. All right. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. Is this possible through the Equipment Bond?

CHAIR HOKAMA: And again, yeah I mean, you know, we could...I mean, definitely we're gonna work so that we go for the least costly way of financing anything. So this doesn't take additional personnel?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No, not at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, cause I don't want that we make this call and then the next thing, we're gonna visit, I need three more positions 'cause you gave us this truck that now we need one driver for this truck.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Oh, but Mr. Chair...(inaudible)...truck would need additional positions there, no just...(inaudible)...

...(laughter)...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I saw that.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, I mean, buying a truck is not the problem. For me, it's that annual operating costs that's the problem for me. Okay, because that is an expense that don't go away. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. You know, when I look at the pictures, it looks like it's not very well maintained, and my concern is if, if we have a 13-year-old truck that's built to last for a lot more than 13 years, then we seriously need to look at how the department is maintaining their vehicles. When I look at the steel...the rust on the steel frames or the...can't remember the term they use, it doesn't look very deep to me. It doesn't look like it's structurally deficient, but you know, I can, I can support my...I'm not one of those districts that can hanai like Mr. Couch and Ms. Cochran, but I, like you, am more supportive of equipment needs, but you know, at the same time, I know that Molokai has a bunch of equipment parked at their Kaunakakai Station. I don't know how many backup trucks they've got, but anyway I'm not excited about this, but I can help my friend from Molokai.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Your hanai.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. No I cannot hanai, I told you no mo money.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, you're receiving.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm a receiver like you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You're a subsidies district too.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I know. Thank you, Mr. White.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so this is what I would recommend. Because there is another round going on currently in the community whereby we will receive another resolution for a CDBG proposal in the near future, so that may have or may not have a vehicle that Ms. Crivello is talking about. So I would say, I don't have a problem leaving it here and finding it...*(inaudible)*...but I would prefer we put in a figure of 500,000. Again, I...the way we estimate drives me crazy. I think 500,000 is a good number. It should be able to work well and then if need be, we have those other Countywide pots that we can make adjustments. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. On your comment about CDBG, when I was reading the notices in the paper, they had said in there anybody who is...had applied for it before cannot apply again on this round.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I, I have an issue with that, but that's the way it appears to be going so unfortunately they won't be able to do that unless, I don't know if they could

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word it differently or I don't know how they would be able to do it, but essentially they pretty much nixed all the projects in there and said, come back, but except for those there 'cause for whatever reason they're saying if we reject one, we reject 'em all which is total BS in my opinion, but that's another story. And I don't know if that's our local rules or HUD's rules or what, it's just something that we probably need to bring up...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, it will be part of...they have to put forward their new consolidated plan for the next so many years, and they would have to do...I believe we have a chance to review that document, Mr. Couch, so we can have our input then at that time in the process.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Chair. Okay, Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. And you know, I think part of our concern with the CDBG, while Ms. Crivello is correct that it can be used for equipment, our concern with the CDBG request was that it has always been heavily laden with equipment, and I would prefer that we make the Federal funding more available to bricks and mortar types of things that provide benefits to the broader community, and that the County equipment be funded by us. So the other question that I would like to ask the Department is what's gonna happen to this tanker? Is it gonna become a backup or is it gonna be decommissioned and sent to the scrap heap, because I would bet that if we go to Molokai a year from now and when this tanker is replaced, we'll find this tanker still parked in the lot, and that would tell me that it's not as deficient as they're suggesting.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, one thing that we are gonna learn more about in the near future as a body is government surplus auctions where the County can get revenue from auctioning of its old equipment, and so that's part of a policy that the Council can eventually review for seeing if there's a source of additional revenue in our disposition of existing equipment and materials. Okay, anything else on this one? We have consensus on the Chair's revised proposal of 500,000 at this time?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, my recollection it was last year's request of the 500,000.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And then I'll add...at this time, place it in the Revised Equipment Bond area, okay.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. We'll move forward. Mr. Molina?

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MR. MOLINA: I have a note for under the Solid Waste Management Fund for language to insert 300,000 for the Hana Landfill Berm.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What, what page?

MR. MOLINA: It would be a new add.

CHAIR HOKAMA: This would be I believe...will more than likely fit under Page 59, Solid Waste Fund, West Maui Community Plan, more than likely it will be under Sanitation.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair, it may just be--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --be my notes, but I think Line 1616 I still show as revisit, but I'm not sure.

CHAIR HOKAMA: One six one six

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: One six one six.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, I got that. We went through that already.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I have it as revisit.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, I think Chair, Ms. Baisa was the one that wanted to revisit.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, we can go to that right now, campus extension. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes, I just wondered if we wanted to take out everything and leave nothing what this might do to our timetable or trying to move things forward?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay well, what we've done is we've took this Lapsed Bond money and by deleting it this is how we paid for the Haleakala Highway Improvements at Makawao Avenue, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Well, that's pretty clever 'cause I'm not gonna argue about that. I mean, that's my district and I have to drive through there and it's a mess, but you know, I am also concerned about relocation and space and whatever and I'm...you know, I'm just concerned and I don't want everything to come to a screeching halt.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm open to a consideration if you have one?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Well, I don't...maybe Mr. Couch has something to offer here?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I believe when we talked about the Kalana O Maui Expansion for the 29 million, there was some...I think Mr. Baz told us that they only spent around 200,000 of the 1.5 million that's per the question Mr. White, Chair White brought up. So I believe there was more than enough in the money that we already had allocated for them, the 1.5 that we were okay with getting rid of everything because they've got plenty left. I think that's the way the conversation went, but I'm not sure. So if that's the case, I'm fine with--

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah, if that's the case, I'm okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --getting rid of it.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Take it out.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm not sure what is Mr. Couch suggesting that they can use the design money we presented for Kalana O Maui Expansion? Is this design money that they're requesting?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Molina? Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Mr. Chair, the Administration had requested \$30 million, \$29 million was in the Bond Fund, another million dollars was in the Lapsed Bond Fund. They do have a contract with Group 70 for the design at approximately \$1.5 million. The current expenditures so far is 207,000. The current...the balance remaining is about 1.3 million.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So it sounds to me like they have enough money.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So this money, this money for design?

MS. YOSHIMURA: This money I think was for the construction of the Kalana O Maui Expansion. It was...the appropriation was split in two different funding sources.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so yeah, Mr. Baz can review his parameters of his language and need be he can send an amendment--

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: He can come back to us.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --like we did for the other project, where we made plans, design, and construction. So we can do the same thing for this project if the language is holding them back.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So that sounds like they have something to work with, so that's okay, fine.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Do we have consensus on the...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Molina? Okay, 1691.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Chair, before we get to, oh yeah, 1691, in speaking with the Solid Waste folks, they need additional monies put in this year's budget on the '16 Budget for the remediation of the Hana Landfill Berm. And so I would like to recommend that we reduce the Makani Closed Landfill Remediation from 350 to 300. Do the same with the Waikapu Closed Landfill, and reduce Kalamaula from 500 to 400 thousand dollars and then use those reductions to fund \$250,000 for the Hana Landfill Berm project.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so Members, let's see, around 1691, the proposal is to add a project called the Hana Landfill Berm project, 250,000 and with that would be from Line 1678, that would be adjusted to 300. On Line 1684, that would be adjusted down to 300. On Line 1690, that would be adjusted to 300. And on Line 1696, that would be adjusted to 400, and that would equal the 250 for Hana Landfill Berm. Any questions--

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --issues, Mr. Molina? I mean, Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, thank you, sir. At least you know, you got the right Mike in there. This will have no impact on all these remediation projects by taking this monies out especially you know, Kalamaula, you know, that's a big chunk taken out. So that would be my concern, and if the Department feels okay, and I don't know if you've checked with them or if somebody's checked with the Department?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I haven't checked with them, but I will between now and the first reading.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, okay. So long as we don't impair those remediation programs I have no problem, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. So we'll await Mr. White's ability to respond and get...after he discusses with the Division. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Actually, that's fine, sir.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, any other questions? Have any issues? Do we have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Okay, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Next item is 1723 for Countywide Upgrades and Replacements on their SRF Loan Fund.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes, Chair. I made the plea already to please restore this. I think that its time has come, as we heard from the Director the project is ready to go. Design is 90 percent complete. They wanna go out to bid this year. And I would certainly like us to consider restoring this and consider an SRF Loan so it won't affect the cash.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for your proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And thank you. You know, I have been around this program for a long time and I realize the value. This is Federal pass-through money. It's a revolving fund as I had mentioned. I think Mr. Taylor mentioned we got something like \$231 million in there because it's money we get every year, we lend out at a very, very, very reasonable rate many times below what bonds, GO bonds are, and we're able to continue these CIP projects by using this money. And so I would...I know this indebtedness, but at a very, very reasonable cost. I think in fact, if I remember right, there is no real interest. All it is an administrative charge and a very, very reasonable, I think 1 percent, 2 percent, I forget. Mr. Taylor gave us those details and if Staff would like to go find that, but this...take it from me, this has been one of the Godsend as far as the development of wastewater, water, and other environmental issues. And so, the Revolving Fund to me is, is something that I'd like to see preserved. You know, it's something that we use and can continue to use and you know, you said, you know, you've set aside for 7 million for Upcountry. Well, you could set aside 300 million and only then would we really get a chance to catch up in just the Upcountry area, not talking many other areas around this community, especially areas like Wailuku and even Kahului that are hitting 50, 60, 70 years of life

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expectancy. I sure as heck do not want to us be like Oahu where they have mains, water main breaks, constantly, and these are the large ones. They are not talking about the small ones that are like 2-inch or under that they don't even report. 'Cause the news, the sensationalism is the 18-inch when you see that water gushing or see a big pool of water flowing down the street. So Mr. Chair, I would like that that reinstated and so that Mr. Taylor and the Department can continue. And we've put his feet to the fire. I've got 20 months more to put his feet to the fire to get the job done. That's it, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I agree with Mr. Victorino and Ms. Baisa. This is gonna add one, I think 1.5 million gallons to the system to the areas where the Maui Island Plan and the General Plan say are gonna have the biggest growth, South Maui and Central Maui, both of those we have a project coming in. It's gonna be coming to us pretty soon for that area, and again, the Maui Island Plan talks about that's where all the growth is going. So if we can get that...if we can get ahead of the curve on that one, that would be unique for us. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is there anyone else that has a question or...Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. You know, I generally support this measure, and I will support it. I agreed with your reduction simply because of my frustrations with the Upcountry water problem. And I continue to be frustrated. I don't believe the Department has the commitment, and Mr. Taylor communicated with me last night that he has a...he's willing to put forth a plan to completely evaluate...hire a consultant to completely evaluate the...each of the locations of the meters that have been requested and come up with a design that would provide the main line, main line construction, storage construction, and potential well locations to start solving the problem. So I don't think that can be put in CIP because it's consultant work, but I would like consideration that that be put back in the Operating Budget so that we can have him work on something that we can hold his feet to the fire with. My disappointment is that that recommendation is something that could have been made four years ago. My disappointment is that, you know, we're still way, way behind in providing water resources to people, excuse me, that are unfortunately being treated differently than everyone else in the County. This increase in capacity for Kahului is simply going to allow us to shut some pumps off, and have things in reserve. Well, we don't have that Upcountry. As Mr. Taylor said, we're working at 100 percent capacity and we can't over the next six to eight years, I don't think he's gonna get more than 400 meters. So I've...my frustration is that once we pass the Budget, it's a question of whether something's gonna get done. So each year, I feel like once the Budget is passed, he has a, he has a free pass to do what he feels are his priorities, and not necessarily the priorities or the policies we set by utilizing the Budget to provide direction. We gave him bond money of 10 million last year, and 2.6 in cash, my guess is that 2.6 in cash is gonna lapse, because he has not provided the leadership and direction that is necessary to make a change in the Upcountry water system. It's



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been, it's been said by people in Ms. Baisa's community and my community that he's made comments to them that the Upcountry water system is not a priority for him. Well, it's a priority for this body, and I don't know how we can sit here year after year giving him what he wants when his priority is not helping the people who have been waiting for water for years, and years, and years. And I know Mr. Victorino has tried to hold his feet to the fire, Ms. Baisa is now the one trying to do the same, and you know, I guess, guess we'll just have to hope like hell that he's gonna perform. And so, I'm, you know, I'm happy to take him up on his offer of coming up with a consultant contract that will provide the first critical look and significant evaluation and projection of what needs to be done to fix the problem, but it's just part of my ongoing frustration because I...these are some things that should have been done four years ago. So...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, we had our chance during confirmation. That's when we hire and fire. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. And I want Mr. White to know that I totally understand his frustration 'cause I do too. And you know, I really would like to see more, more attention paid to that Upcountry problem, 'cause I think it's been around too long and it's a challenge to all of us to try to deal with it. I've been listening to all of this now and you know, as I keep reminding people, I'm only four months on the job as Water Chair, so I'm still in the learning mode, but I'm learning quick. And I'm thinking that maybe it was said, you know, we pass the Budget and then we don't do anything about it until we're back in Budget again. I'm thinking that maybe as part of my Water Resources Committee meetings at least maybe every other month or so that we have Mr. Taylor come and report to us on what we have approved rather than kinda waiting and letting it go. So I think we can monitor it a little more closely. That will make him review it, and I'm sure he does, but you know he needs to come and report to us. So maybe I should make that part of my Water Resources Committee agendas and let's kinda pay more attention than we have, that might help too.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I...I agree with the concept that Ms. Baisa is talking about and we should all do that to all of our Committees involved all our Departments come in more than just right at the beginning and keep us abreast of where we are in the budget. Thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair. And let me, let me close this if I may? You know, Mr. Taylor, let me give him some love if you wanna use that term, and it's very important because criticism is easy. He did which no other, which no other Director has done in the past 20 years, get started on the water meter list. Slow as it may be, he started. Now, Mr. White said about the 2.5 million cash and the

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10 million, well a lot of that still stuck in Water Resources Committee to decide how we're gonna do it. That has never been settled. Okay. I tried. Ms. Baisa is trying and you know what, everyone has ideas and no one wants to in a essence come up with what we all can agree upon. Okay, so that's number two. Number three, as a part of this study I would like to also put in, I don't wanna put a proviso, but a request to have part of study about Upcountry for the connection of Central and Upcountry. We've talked about it. We've talked about it for 25 years. It's not something new. It's not my idea. It's an idea that's been around long time, but I gotta have assurances from Upcountry that I cannot hear from them, oh, we can't send any water downtown because we don't have enough. When it's raining up there, and the reservoirs are full and all that, sometimes sharing is caring is necessary. So anyhow, I don't wanna continue to belabor the point. I don't want Mr. Taylor to get all the blame 'cause some of it falls right back on us. Some of it falls on people not willing, I repeat, not willing to pay more because we cannot, the low-hanging fruit is no longer available. You said many times Mr. Chair, there is no free lunch. We got to pay for what we need. Are you willing to do that? I hear yes many times until the figures come out and oh, no, no, I can't afford that. I don't know the answer to that question except the fact is we gotta have the political where-all [sic] to get this job done. So Mr. Taylor, you're listening to this, I agree, we're gonna put your feet to the fire whether it's reports, whether Mr. White is in your office every other week to tell you that it's gotta get done. I don't know what the answer on that one is, but what we need to do is we have to have the political where-all [sic] 'cause we are, I repeat, we are the only county for which the Department of Water Supply falls under the Council and the Mayor. We are the only County, the rest work semiautonomous and they don't seem...other than Honolulu that have problems, you know what I mean? So, and we don't wanna go back and forth anymore. This is it. Let's work together. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I just wanna make one last comment. You know, Mr. Victorino brings up the fact that we're the only County that has the Water Department under us, but you know, we have moved it back and forth, and I haven't seen that anything works. I mean, I'm beginning to think...well, let's let them be autonomous, and I'm thinking well, we tried that before, and we came back. So I don't think that just moving it back and forth is gonna solve the problem. I think what will solve the problem is everybody getting together and focusing on a solution and not getting distracted. And I promise you that this is a job that I'm really having a hard time doing, but I'm gonna be on it, and I'm gonna pay attention because it's my district and it's my entire life that I have dealt with this Upcountry water problem. I owe that to this community to try and I'm gonna work as much as I can with Mr. Taylor and anybody that I have to, to try to at least make one little difference. I don't think that I can solve it, but I wanna make it better.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Baisa? Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. And I'll...I'm happy to support the Water Committee Chair and her request to put this back in the budget, and I would agree with Mr. Victorino that Dave Taylor certainly cannot be blamed for a lot of the challenges that he's dealing with, but it is his responsibility to serve all of our citizens and he has been in...on the job for four years now. So I...and to...the other point that, you know, I can be in, in his office telling him what to do, I can't do that. None of us can make them do anything. The only thing we can do is is kind of like, if I can, if I think back to my youth, roller derby, all we get to do is build the cart and put it in the back of our truck or back of our car and take it to the hill and once we pass this budget, the kid is in the roller derby car going down the hill and whether he crashes or crosses the finish line, we have no control over. We can do, you know, we can do nothing once that happens so you know, we have to count on Mr. Taylor's willingness to make this a priority. So my...I would like to say that my support of this is conditioned on us going back to the Ops Budget and putting in I would suggest a figure of about \$900,000 with a proviso that it be utilized for, you know, for an Upcountry water supply study and recommendation.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I would say one, in this area I thank the lady, our colleague from Upcountry for this reconsideration and discussion. He was pretty broad, I let you guys go pretty broad.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Let's...trying to refocus back on this request. So one of the things I would ask you 'cause I'm hearing it that why you want support is, is there a need to place the Iao project specifically in this Countywide area, because that is my understanding is that is what you are supporting for us to issue funds for this specific project. So it's not necessarily a Countywide situation. It's about Iao, the Iao project. Second, I am not too keen on adding more money in Ops. Hearing the discussion, I see no reason why the Department cannot currently use some of the \$10 million we have in the current Budget for the Upcountry Main Line Extension and under the parameters of working with Mr. Baz and Mr. Ueoka do a design project RFP, use the existing money out of this year's appropriation to do what Mr. White has just discussed.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, good point, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So my feeling is we don't need it now. I don't wanna add more in the Ops at this point. We already budgeted a lot of money for Upcountry water. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. I would agree with that. And I would like to suggest that we rename the project to what it is.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And I think it would be appropriate to do what we've done with the wastewater projects and reduce the total by your Chair's deflationary calculation.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so anyway, that's my recommendation to you on how to move this forward, restoring the funding, and then again, if you want, the Committee can, I can send out a letter from this Committee to Mr. Taylor requesting that he consider this year's funding as a source for his, this Committee's requesting movement of the design project for the Upcountry water meter program. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And you made a comment about getting it out of Countywide or somebody made a comment of getting it out of Countywide, I believe...

CHAIR HOKAMA: For which one?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: For this, the 15 million.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I would just say...my thing was if you, if this Committee wants...I'm sorry, I'm not supporting this, but this is for the Iao project, and I know what I'm voting on, but it's not a Countywide thing anymore. This money is going for the Iao project.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, well...

CHAIR HOKAMA: So do we really want to be specific in our approval that this is what we supporting and this is where we want the money to go or you just wanna leave it in Countywide, and if for some reason it doesn't happen then there's 15 million for them to do whatever they want under Countywide.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, two things. One, I believe yes, it is for the Iao project, but that affects County or at least two or three districts in the County. So I'm not sure if that is good for Countywide. But the other thing is is we can just change it from Upgrades and Replacement to that specific Iao project and I think we should be fine. But I think it would be a Countywide thing.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, that's why I mean, it's just a matter of how we wanna address the project.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: --That's all. It's not an issue...the funding is not the issue, it's just how we want to describe the project in the Budget, that's all. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And I have no problem with that, again, you know, thank you, Mr. Couch you know, that's exactly what I was going to say, three specific districts, four specific districts are served by this. Four out of the nine districts are serviced by this system. And if we were to get the interconnection with Upcountry and it would be six districts. You know, so I mean, it's important. But anyhow, if you want to rename it, that's fine. But I also wanna note that if, if something goes wrong or things don't come along real well, and other projects could move up to the top, it will still give these projects an opportunity. But once we specify, it may make it more difficult, Mr. Chair, but it's your call. I mean, I understand what you're saying.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And so if you please allow me, Mister--

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Sure, sure.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --to interject at this time? Part of the package of legislation that has been submitted with the Mayor's proposed...and that's why I remember why now I brought it up, there is a proposal of a specific legislation, a bill for an ordinance to enter Intergovernmental Agreement for a loan from the State Revolving Fund for the Iao Water Treatment Facility Replacement. That is the specific legislation name that's gonna refer straight to this for an amount not to exceed \$15 million. So that's why I said it's easier that the legislation in the...the title in the legislation budget match the bill for an ordinance that's the vehicle for the Mayor to go get the \$15 million. Would you agree with the Chair, Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Yes, Chair. That would be good for clarity. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much. I don't have any problem with what you're doing. I think it...you know, it's the thing we've been talking about the frustration, and this will eliminate frustration because if the 15 million is for this, and we don't use it for this, well you can't use it for something else. We just tighten it up, and I think everybody will be a lot happier with you know, getting the results that we hope we're gonna get. So I don't have any problem with that. What I need help understanding is you mentioned using this year's funding. We know that we're sitting on this kitty that had 10, \$10 million of Bond and \$2.6 million of cash, is that what you're talking about, that 12.6 million?

CHAIR HOKAMA: That money I'm saying the existing money, Ms. Baisa is available for the Director to currently use to address the concern that Mr. White brought up regarding the design, the strategic conceptual design once you know where all the 500 or 800 meters that are gonna be phased in. That kind of planning work and predesign work can be done from the existing monies we already have--

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And that's, that's the--

CHAIR HOKAMA: --where we don't need to add additional in the Budget to accomplish what Mr. White is requesting.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, let me try again. I'm trying to specifically refer to the monies that we have.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: What are we specifically referring to? Money that's floating around in the Water Department Budget or this pot that we set aside which I'm having difficulty trying to figure out how to do use?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm talking about the Budget we have set aside.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes. And how to currently use some of that money currently to address the pre...the next stage of the big construction funds that Mr. White is going after for Upcountry improvements. There is money because that's gonna lapse on December 31<sup>st</sup> --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --if nothing happens.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So there's ability of the Department to currently use some of that for Upcountry purposes, that's all I'm saying. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. Just for clarity, is it your feeling that we can use the 2.6 in cash that is in CIP for the design study?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Again, without checking, I'm assuming we made some broad enough language on that fund, planning and design instead of just construction 'cause you need that before you reach construction.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I believe it was--

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I would suggest we check before we finish.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --from main line\_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we can do that, happy to--

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Would you please, 'cause you know--

CHAIR HOKAMA: --be happy to do so.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --I wanna know with what I'm dealing with.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: If I'm still dealing with figuring out how to use this 12.6 million, we're gonna figure it out.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: If we can use it for something else and save it, I'm okay with that too, but I wanna know where we're going.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is there any other questions on the proposal as I have presented it to you regarding the \$15 million? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Can you just...now that we've had all this discussion, just restate it for me please?

CHAIR HOKAMA: We are going to change the project to the Iao as was proposed, the Iao Water Treatment Facility Replacement, that's the name of the project, \$15 million will be reinserted in the Budget and that's it, and that's it.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So that Budget line would read that, the Number--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Fifteen million dollars.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --yeah, 1722.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Right or unless the Staff recommends that we throw it in the community plan district, but it will be in the Budget under Countywide or in the appropriate community plan district.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, do we have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. And we shall follow up on the request from Ms. Baisa. Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Mr. Chair, next item is 1728, continuation of the Countywide Upgrades and Replacements.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Water, Restricted Funds, any requests for the Committee? Again, we are under Restricted Funds.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We were...I was hoping we could restore this. It's \$800,000, and we...we heard from the Director that this was for two water tank renovations. And one of the tanks was Omaopio, and God help me, I can't remember the other one, but that was what this money was for. And you know, we have be careful with our water tanks because we, you know, we have the water problem Upcountry and we wanna make sure that our tanks are in good condition, because a leaking tank is all we need on the top of the reservoir, you know, reservoir problems we already have so, I would like to have this put back and to at least talk about it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: One second. Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just to clarify the Department's proposed project sheet indicates its 800,000 in Restricted Funds would be for design. In the project description, they describe design monies for preliminary engineering reports for transmission lines in Napili and Kihei.



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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Oh, that's wonderful.

MR. MOLINA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: That's wonderful.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I was...that's what I was going tell. That's--

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay, I don't know, I don't know where I got this note about Omaopio. I must have had, it must have been 1 o'clock in the morning. Okay, I still feel the same way. Still feel the same way about...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah, I don't have a problem with the project you just talked about.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: In this area is there any proposal for Restricted Funds in this area?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, having none, let's move forward, Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thanks. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. No problem, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: What are we doing on that one?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Restoring.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Restore.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, we're not restoring.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, we're not restoring, no. But you know, Mr. Chair...

CHAIR HOKAMA: 'Cause that's one proposal, that's why I say, any proposal for this 'cause Ms. Baisa's ones would be in one different area.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, the problem is the representative from the area is not here, and you know--

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --I feel bad. I'd like to leave, I know we're trying to get done, but I'd like to leave it open until she shows up and tells us specifically what she feels about it if that's all right with you, Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'll give her till noon, but we are gonna finish.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, I mean, she, she told me that she will be late and that she knew exactly the situation and she understands the need for the Committee to finish. So, the Chair takes her at her understanding, I no question her understanding. Okay. Okay, this is what was adopted by the Council on the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget regarding part of the request from Ms. Baisa. So this is the report from Budget and Finance Committee last year. Okay, your Committee recommended \$12.6 million Capital Investment Project for Countywide Main Line and Water Infrastructure Improvements, Countywide. The project is intended to increase water meter access to residents across the County. Your Committee recommend a optimization of this capital investments be discussed in detail by your Water Resources Committee. So you have a opportunity right there, Ms. Baisa, to be a little bit strategic and precise in how you wanna direct the monies further. Right now the parameter is very wide. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much. You know we have had ...(*clears throat*)... I'm sorry, and the frog has taken over, I guess the late nights are not helping, but anyway, the Committee has discussed this money several times and we have still, we of course we had the Budget break so we haven't been able to go back and finalize. We do have some recommendations to make. We have a couple bills that are being drafted. One of the things we're trying to deal with is to see how we can reduce the need Upcountry and that water meter list by doing some fire flow restriction...reductions. You know we have strict requirements and we don't know if we really need to have them Upcountry in very rural areas, so we're looking at possibly doing that. We're looking at ways to assist with people that have very expensive connection problems, but we have not been able to, you know, to nail it down. And I'm aware that the clock is running and I do know that this money is gonna expire in December. So I don't wanna give it back. I think it's ridiculous that you know if Water Department really needs money then let's use it for some meaningful project and let's make things better. You know we may not get the outcome we originally wanted, but we need to have an outcome, and I don't wanna give it back. I think that's one of the things that people have watched the Water Department and say, oh you guys give money back. So I'm trying not to go there.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right, right, and I think you have great opportunities in front of you because it's a combination of cash and borrowing.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Correct. And so you know, we will obviously jump on this as soon as Budget is over and we can resume our Committee meeting, but that's where we are.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Great. Thank you. Okay, any other comments? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Real quickly, and yes, Ms. Baisa, and if you remember also, we made it Countywide because Molokai, Waihee and--

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --many other districts had similar problems.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And so, Upcountry is just one, and maybe the biggest and most publicized area, but many other areas have very similar problems. So anyhow, I agree with you Ms. Baisa, once Budget is over, let's jump into the fire and get it, get it taken care of. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, thank you. Anything else, Members? Okay, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to provide further clarification. The Director of Water Supply did provide correspondence dated April 24<sup>th</sup> identified as WS-5. In this correspondence he breaks out the Water Restricted Fund Projects, this is \$800,000 where it's preliminary engineering report for a Kihei 8-inch water line replacement at 150,000; preliminary engineering report for Kahana-Napili water line replacement at 150,000; and a Makai Heights, 2-million gallon tank land acquisition at \$500,000. Makai Heights is in Kihei.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So Mr. Couch, I'll give you some time to see if you wanna...how approach this pot. Is there any other areas or projects that we need to review, Mr. Molina, besides this restrictive consideration?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We also have revisits, several more revisits on the water projects, the next one being 1740 for Central Maui Fire Protection.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, this is the one on Baldwin Avenue. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Chair, I'll restate my objection from last year that the...I'm not willing to spend money in this part of my district when many others parts of my district are without water.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: What line?

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: This is Lines 1740.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, 1740, this is for that...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I believe this is just for design work, but--

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, so you're okay with the Chair's revision?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm okay with that revision.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Members. We have consensus? Okay, let's move forward.  
Mr. Molina, next one?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. There was also revisit for the Source Transmission Storage for Water Meter Wait List, but I believe we're gonna return to that later on. So then the next project would be the Countywide Facility Improvements, the \$4 million on 1757.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Line 1757, Members, Water Fund, Unrestricted, under Countywide Facilities. Any proposals? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Just if Mr. Molina can find out what that was on the list again? What was on the list for that again? We had so many.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is the pot that they use to cover any cost overruns or unexpected change, change orders in their projects.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh yeah, I recall this now.

CHAIR HOKAMA: This is my greatest displeasure.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah. Yeah, yeah, I remember your comments on that too. Yeah, it's not a good idea to have everybody, all the contractors out there know that hey, oh we got a slush fund so we can do cost overruns. So I agree with the removal. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, anyone else at this time? Okay, Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. I have notes on that and I recall the conversation, and I know that it's nice to have you know, an emergency fund for lack of a better name, but I also understand the other side of it and I clearly share

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your frustration. You know it seems like when the County or State puts out a project, the bids go up, and I understand part of it is what we require and the paperwork and the contractors get frustrated with us. But maybe, we're gonna be having a whole bunch of budget amendments so maybe this can be handled that way, you know? If everybody can see that a project is gonna be more expensive than what we thought it was gonna be, then we're gonna have to find a way to get the money, but that's...that can be handled. You know, it's a compromise.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Again, we're gonna do more close monitoring. I think that's important.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I agree. I agree. And again, Mr. Baz and I are already working on a plan on how we're gonna address it. Work in coordination with the Budget Office and the Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, any other comments? If not, we're going...I'm gonna take this as a consensus at this time and move forward. Mr. Molina, next one?

MR. MOLINA: Last CIP, 1760 for Countywide Upgrades and Replacement.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, this is the one, Members the Chair's...the request was 4.2. I am moving this forward with a revised number of 2 million, \$2 million. Is there any considerations you would have for to present, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --Mr. Chair, if we can make that I think 2.5 because there's a lot of stuff that he's trying to get going on that, and I'd like to see if we can get him to use all of that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, you've heard Mr. Couch's proposal or he's requesting an additional 500,000 of Water Fund Unrestricted for Countywide Upgrades and Replacement. Any other thoughts, questions? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, this is one of those that you know, you look at this list, it's a big list.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's really a nice Christmas wish list, and you know, and I know some of these projects very well. You know, these have been, some of them have been for a few years now, not just something brand new. I believe...the challenge I have just like you in this area now, Mr. Chair, I'll agree with you. How much will the Department really get to, and where does this money go if it's not gotten to? And I know it's Unrestricted Funds so that's a different than Restricted Funds.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right, right.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, so I'm concerned. I wanna help Mr. Taylor and the Department to get as much done as he can, you know, and so what I would really want to see is if we're gonna put any more money in that we...in fact I would like to ask is there any accounting of last year how much funds are put in and how much we have left or how much they've encumbered from last year in this particular area on the Unrestricted Funds?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Mr. Chair, on the Countywide Unrestricted Funds for Countywide Upgrades and Replacements, there was \$1 million and the \$1 million remains unencumbered.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, yeah so Mr. Victorino, that's...*(inaudible)*...funds.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah well, I'll yield to Ms. Baisa, but you know...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I really like Mr. Couch's suggestion, but I do wanna add something else. We do have a little bit of time, and I know the Director is watching us. Maybe he can take a look at this laundry list and tell us what the priorities are, if we wanna narrow it down a little bit more. 'Cause there's this concern about, you know, the list is so long and whatever. I'm sure he has some of these that are at different stages and some that can probably be done. Maybe if he can tell us, we can, you know, tailor the Fund to what he says he can really do.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Any other comments at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Go ahead, Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, Mr. Couch?

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I'm sorry.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair. I recall Mr. Taylor being up here saying that sometimes they get over-aggressive just in case they can do it. So I can imagine that's why it's the 4.2. I would like to see...I think they can do it at the 2.5.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, you know what, Mr. Couch, that's a great challenge. I can support moving it to 2.5, because that's a great challenge from this Committee and let's see if they can perform and then we reassess in ten months. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you Chair, and you know, I just have to bring up again the fact that we have \$6 million in the Water Fund that is a overhead charge back to the, back to the County, back to the General Fund. If we were serious about, and I believe everyone is serious about moving ahead with capital projects and expanding the reach and capacity of this system and the safety of this system. But it's kinda hard for me to think that we're really serious if we're allowing \$6 million to be taken out of this fund, and shipped of the General Fund, by just a rough calculation that's \$87 million in CIP that could be covered by that amount of money if it stayed in the Water Fund for this year and ensuing years. So it's, you know, when you look at the fact that they have their own Finance Department, they do...they have done because they were on their own for a while they do a lot of things themselves. So I, I'd like to challenge Mr. Baz to go back and look at the allocation of overhead to the Water Department, because, you know, they do get charged for the time the Water Committee spends, they get charged for Corp. Counsel, they get, you know, supporting them in water issues. And some of these are I'm sure are appropriate, but I think it would be an important thing for us to request a very thorough review.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We're gonna review the rate study. This Committee itself is gonna review the rate study.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So we'll be able to address your big concern of overhead charges.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Anything else, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And finally, I will add that, you know, I really don't wanna support any more here, because you haven't even touched the 1 million we gave you

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last year, but for the sake of expedience I'll go and agree with Mr. Couch, but this is also to put Mr. Taylor on notice that hey, you got 1 million you even haven't spent and then you want another 4.0...or 2.5 we will give you. Best you start spending this money and get things done or else maybe next year, we'll look at a zero like you call, zero budgeting. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Do we have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Okay, so let's go back to 1746. Is there any other directions from the Committee for the Chair before we take a recess? 'Cause we just have a few items and then we'll be completed with CIP, 'cause then we gotta also go do Rates and Fees. Yes, Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Were you gonna use that to balance out some of our adds?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm gonna be looking at everything, but you know, I wanted direction from you folks.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I think with the add back of the 15 million then...and of course, that's coming out of SRF.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That different, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So...

CHAIR HOKAMA: So yeah, I'll be looking at...but I just wanted to know is there...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I guess there's only the 500k.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, the Chair would only say that I may be recommending a revision to the title. I mean, but stay within the parameters of how I understand this money is to be utilized.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?



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CHAIR HOKAMA: That's all. Yes, Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Only consideration I would say is of the, all the adds that we've all put back in--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --and maybe looking at, and this is my, my position of about 2 million reduction in this area, and...because it helped all the districts across the board, you know, and so that would be my only request in that respect, and then rates, and other things that, you know, how we move money around or move programs around, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, that's my, that's my recommendation.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Molina, anything else I need to do at this time? You have anything else for us to review at this time?

MR. MOLINA: No, Mr. Chair. However, Council Chair White had provided language for a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for Water Source which may correlate to this Source Transmission Meter List Funding amount.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, why don't you read it so at least the Committee is aware 'cause that's what I was considering if we should change this title?

MR. MOLINA: Just wanted to show comment that this would actually be noted under the Special Purpose Revenue section along with the other, the other fund that you had proposed for the wastewater.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. And just so that...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: What page is the Wastewater Fund on?

CHAIR HOKAMA: That would be on Line 1746.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Which one?

CHAIR HOKAMA: This proposal from Mr. White.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, my notes say to add it on Line 2368.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Mr. Chair?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: The creation of the fund would actually be on Page 84, on Line 2368.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Page 84. Oh yeah, okay, okay, I see it, yeah. So yeah, I may be changing the current location to another, so okay, but we will...that will be all explained to you, Members. And as well as if it does make it into the Budget, and Council does pass it, there is still need for enabling legislation of a bill for an ordinance to place it into the Code, the purpose--

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right, right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --the operation, and the administration of the fund. So it's a multi-step component to implement what is being proposed by Mr. White and myself with the Sewer Reserve Fund. It's a multi-step process. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: To save some time, can't we discuss that now? It's all part of the...I know it hasn't been...

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, because there is no specific bill for an ordinance proposal to implement it to put it into Code yet.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Gotcha, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That needs to be developed and then presented to Council. Okay, anything else, Mr. Molina, Ms. Yoshimura, that the Committee needs to review at this time?

MR. MOLINA: There were revisits in Special Purpose Revenue under the Open Space Fund.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Line, please?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So Chair, did we add that Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for Water?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm gonna use that in my preparation of my proposed draft on--

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Oh, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --after we do all this and then that would be part of the corrections.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair. And Chair, real quickly--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --I wanna thank Mr. White because that's exactly the kind of language I was looking to put that type of funding so thank you very much, Mr. White, for doing that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you. The first item for the Open Space Fund is on 2323.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Two twenty...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Twenty-three twenty-three.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, 320, what?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Two three two three.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, this is Item 1 regarding Morris Point or as others have called it Murphy's Beach, Kumimi Beach, Molokai. Ms. Crivello is there any request?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: At this...Chair, thank you. At this time, I would say we can remove it for now, and should the negotiations become possible again or renegotiation then I'd be willing to try and work with the landowners or whatever we need to do.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, a further request by Ms. Crivello that to...her request that to delete this component from the current...from the Budget of Open Space considerations. Are there questions? Any other comments?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Regarding proposal--yes...anybody? Yes, Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, I was just gonna...I guess No. 2 and No. 5 was your concern?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, yes, so I'm gonna address that now. The Chair is going to recommend regarding No. 2, Kula Community Center property, the Chair is gonna recommend that you, we keep it in the Budget and move this to Bond Fund. Is there any questions for the Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, do we have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Regarding No. 5, Waiakoa Kula Gym, Kula, Maui. The Chair is recommending to leave this in the Budget and transfer this to the Bond Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that's what we'll do. Thank you. Is there any further requests in this area?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Speaking just on behalf of Ms. Cochran. She had some concerns about that one.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Which one?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Number, I'm sorry, No. 3, \_\_\_\_\_, No. 3, Line 2325.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, the Ukumehame?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, and then I believe her concern was about whether or not we had clear title? And Mr. Ueoka did respond to her question--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and how the County's moving forward to settle that issue.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right, and she didn't like that idea, but you know, I'm not sure that anybody else would support that, and she's not here to...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, but she did not present any proposals.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: And again, as she informed me when she was planning to be excused from this component of the meeting that she knew what was going on and--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --she understood clearly we were gonna move forward.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. White, you had anything you wanted?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is there any other considerations? Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Not necessarily this section.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, anything else in this area? Okay, Mr. Molina, anything else that we have outstanding?

MR. MOLINA: Member Couch would...requested a revisit on Line 2349 for the OPEB Fund.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I do have some language. It was Line 2354, yeah?

MR. MOLINA: We're on the OPEB Fund?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: OPEB?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: OPEB.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I'm sorry.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You have anything on the OPEB, Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh yes, yeah. I still was...my concern was that we don't need this anymore and it's just a philosophical difference, so my request is to remove that line. That's my request.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, you heard the request from Mr. Couch, and you know the Chair doesn't support that. I want us...I want us to have control over it at this point enough for the trail, and then the auditors can after review make their recommendations again if it's a not needed thing, not needed. Mr. Victorino?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: This is one that I can support what you brought forward. I think we do, this Council continues to need to know what's going on with the OPEB Fund, sorry. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Any other discussion? Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. I also would like to support your recommendation in this to keep consistency. I do not want to see any type of inconsistency because of an issue that had been brought up. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair, I too, support your recommendation because I think this may be something we can remove two or three or four years down the road, but for now I think to provide the consistency over an area that there's been some inconsistency I think is important for us. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So Mr. Chair, I can count. I'll withdraw my...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you so much. Okay, is there another area, Mr. Molina, that--yes, Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, sorry that's the one I thought we were talking about was Line 2354.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And I do have language that...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, thank you for preparing it.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yep. And Members, as it's being passed out, essentially I'm adding the provisos one at a time for the Economic Development Revolving Fund projects that came up according to Ms. Rasmussen or I'm sorry, Ms. Skog, four of the five that were presented to us are still viable and I know we all had...in different numbers had some desire to have these in. So this is our chance to put them in the Economic Development Revolving Fund and vote on them individually. And I know the Chair is not supportive of grants, but I do know that there have been, Ms. Rasmussen brought in there's places all over the country that do grants and it does bring back a lot of economic development into the industry. So I guess, Mr. Chair, the first thing is to...I don't know how you want to do it. I have four provisos that I would like to put in and do it one at a time or...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we'll do it one at a time.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, so my first proviso is provided that 250,000 shall be used for the HNu Photonics, LLC as stated in County Communication No. 14-223, and that's the one that came to Mr. Guzman's Committee and describes the projects in very great detail. This is the one that they're gonna be doing some experiments on the International Space Station and it's gonna bring in jobs here and also provide quite a bit of publicity for, you know, something else other than tourism for Maui, some very high tech, very precise stuff. So I think it's a very worthwhile project. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Any other comments on the proposal for this first one? Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. I would be in support of this proviso. From the very beginning of becoming Chair of the Economic Development Committee, we were assigned to look into this Economic Revolving Fund. We did extensive research nationwide. Looked at various jurisdictions. Had at least three telephone conference communications with I believe the Franklin Revolving Fund on the mainland. Then we amended the ordinance itself to be a little bit more restrictive and have more legitimacy in the review process. Then went off to implement internal rules and regulations. They then, the Office of Economic Development then created a review panel along with the Maui Economic Development Board. Went through a review process of about, I believe there was 20-plus applicants and cut it down to I believe five or six. Then a resolution came forward. It came to my Committee for discussion, then it went into Budget and Finance. So there's been extensive review over these companies. So, and I believe that based on the numerical advantages and the proof that they've shown that there is going to be a return not only by jobs, but by I believe the...some of them have construction work that will increase our tax base on the real property tax. I would support this proviso. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Any other comments? Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. And, you know, I appreciate Mr. Couch bringing this forward. I do need to point out that this could have been done six months ago, and it couldn't be voted on at that time because it was, it was brought to us as one package, and a number of us had concerns about one, one of the projects or another. So I appreciate as we mentioned back then we can do it at budget time and vote on these individually. So I appreciate Mr. Couch bringing it back to the table for consideration and wish, wish we had been able to do this a little earlier. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, anyone else at this time? And then we thank, we recognize Ms. Cochran's return, so thank you. Mr. Ueoka and I are gonna just give some advice. The Chair is getting uncomfortable with the situation with potential solicitation of support, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I'm sorry, I didn't hear what you said.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: We're getting close to and the Chair is being very uncomfortable including Mr. Ueoka about solicitation of support regarding considerations before the Committee. So please beware of our limitations of what we can and cannot do in the sunshine and not in the sunshine, regarding commitments before we make a decision on an issue. Okay, and then we'll take a morning break at this time until 11:10. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

**RECESS: 11:04 a.m.**

**RECONVENE: 11:16 a.m.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . Okay, we shall return to order. Mr. Couch has proposed a request for a proviso, provided that 250 shall be for HNu Photonics. The Chair would say right now there's a question of whether this is an appropriate vehicle to be presented to this Committee. You know my understanding of the ordinance, the creation of this fund which I took active part in, normally the procedure is that the Mayor would present his proposal to the Committee. We chose not to accept the proposal as how he presented it in a more all-inclusive comprehensive approach and we had requested that he submit it individually. So for us to take and then now take this as a legislative thing, to me, in a sense is a end-around of the administrative prerogative of the Mayor to present it in the manner he chooses. Yeah, you know, it's not too often I support the...*(inaudible)*...position, my thing is that is the way the Code is. If we didn't want it to be such then we should have structured the ordinance that is another way that that this kinda request can come before Council through this Committee or another Committee or just by the Council itself. So I'm gonna ask Mr. Ueoka hearing the Chair's, your concerns if this is a viable route for us to deal with this and whether or not it can pass the litmus test regarding procedure?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I do agree with what you're saying. The request for use shall be initiated by filing application with the Director of Economic Development, and there was a process set forth that the Mayor transmitted his proposal. It does allow in 3.81 of the Maui County Code that you know, proposed appropriation shall be submitted to the Council for approval as to...as a budget appropriation either a annual budget or a proposed amendment to the budget ordinance. So the proposed appropriation came through as a one lump sum type of deal, and you know, I don't know if that was the...I guess that was the Mayor's prerogative. Other funds if I recall correctly when the Council wanted the authority to appropriate itself, clearly delineated that authority in the Code. This one doesn't have that language the way it's written right now. However, Chair, it is, you know the policy of the Council if they wanna interpret this in a way that does allow them to, I believe we can support that also. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So then we can initiate our own proposals from this revolving fund without a request from the Administration then?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It didn't sound like that.



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CHAIR HOKAMA: Because this is what we're doing. We're initiating to take out of the fund by legislation without a proposal by the Administration. 'Cause this is a legislative request through Mr. Couch.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, if it was just a straight shot when nothing was ever sent up at all by the Administration, I think it would be a little different. This one looking at everything very...or interpreting this Code very broadly, possibly could be interpreted that way, but I would, I wouldn't recommend it. I wouldn't recommend taking the communication, I believe it was 14-223 and treating that as the proposed appropriation submitted to the Council for approval, because it, you know it wasn't really for this annual budget, it was a...I think it was a resolution or a budget amendment earlier in the year. So I wouldn't recommend this course of action right now. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Okay, Members, you've heard it. The Chair will not be accepting proposals regarding this two items.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you. And I do realize and I do appreciate your position, but the fact that it, it did come down and it was vetted through my Committee as well as the Office of Economic Development in proposing several businesses to be the applicant and then the resolution or the resolution coming from the Mayor requesting an amendment to the previous budget to appropriate these funds to these businesses. It never even got a light of day because you didn't call for a vote. So to even have allowed it to even had that opportunity to either kill the entire resolution or not wasn't given to the Committee. So I, I see like we basically have caught ourselves in a I don't know, technical loophole I suppose. But I don't think it's fair. The body should have had an opportunity to either vote it all down or pass it. I know that we requested the Mayor to bifurcate, separate it and the Mayor wasn't willing to do so, but still the body should of had an opportunity to either vote on the resolution that was put forth to the Committee or not. It just wasn't presented. It never saw the light of day as you had said. And I don't know if that's fair for the Committee, but we should have had an opportunity to have voted on it. So all that hard work that a lot of people put in, and all the...is for naught, so that's just my opinion and place that on the record. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Anyone else? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: ...(microphone noises)...That's all static electricity on that. I'm just...you know, I'm not a lawyer so I understand Mr. Ueoka has more of a background, but I can't find anywhere in here where it says we can't do that. It says it's set for application processing fees. Council appropriating...appropriations from

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the Economic Development Fund shall be for public...and so it says Council appropriations right there. I don't know, I...if Mr. Ueoka can educate me on that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. If I could get some clarification from Mr. Couch? What subsection are you reading?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: 3.81.040, Use of Fund.

MR. UEOKA: Oh, okay. Thank you, Chair. Under the Use of Fund, it goes over what you can use the fund for and how it should be done. Under the Administration of the Fund, however, any proposed appropriation shall be submitted to the Council for approval as a budget appropriation in either the annual budget or a proposed amendment to the budget ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: What number is it? What, what's...

MR. UEOKA: That's in 3.81.030(c)

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: C.

MR. UEOKA: And I...I guess what...just what I was trying to say is, I don't believe there is a proposed appropriation before the body right now, 'cause I don't believe the Mayor submitted it in his FY '16 Budget. However, if...you know, that's just my take on it. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Understood. And we are allowed to... it doesn't say that it's the Administration that has to...and I'm just trying to get educated on it. It's says, except for application processing fees, any proposed appropriation shall be submitted to the Council for approval as a budget appropriation, but it doesn't...it doesn't say by whom. I don't see where it says by whom. 'Cause we can always do proposals during Budget time. This is our only time that we can do that.

MR. UEOKA: If I may, Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. You know when you read that in conjunction with Section e, a request for use of the fund shall be initiated by filing an application with the Director of Economic Development.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: They did.

MR. UEOKA: It implies that it goes through the Administration process and would get forwarded to the Council. And like I said earlier, I'm not sure, you guys do have the

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power to change all of these ordinances. But I believe other ordinances clearly specify that when the Council wanted the authority to appropriate on its own, that the Council had that authority. So it's one of those things, it doesn't say you can't, but it doesn't say you can. So I'm not sure how the Council wants to interpret that right now. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, I know one, maybe two that would like to interpret it as we could do it, but that's...Mr. Chair, that's my stance. Thank you. And by the way, Mr. Chair, I think we should put this as an item to fix that language so we don't have this discussion again. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so just a few comments I would share on this. One, there's still in...this an item in Committee. The last time it was heard was last term. And then we have this proposal via proviso that's before us today. And you know, I understand some Members interpret this in one manner, and cannot agree with Chair's interpretation of the ordinance. But this is what I'll say, this is regarding Revolving Funds, so it will not expire until June 31<sup>st</sup>...June 30, 2016 which is the ordinance. That's the sunset date. Which means after Budget, you know, I could bring it up and let you folks have a opportunity to vote on this matter as the Mayor has presented the vehicle for consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: There is a vehicle, right? It's the Mayor's vehicle, and I would use that as the basis to bring it before on an agenda. And to me, so that's a still a viable option left for the Committee for consideration. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And I understand what you're saying, but that's the whole problem with the thing is that it was lumped up. But those are, those are proposals that were sent down, just because the budget amendment lumped them all in one thing. They're still submitted to us for consideration, and that's why I thought at this time, we could do them individually because a, they've...they...it is still an item in Committee; and b, the County Communication No. 14.-223 specifically says what each project is for. I just don't see how...and I'm willing to take...I'm willing, but I guess we need, I need four other people to be willing to take a chance on the interpretation, because I think these are important projects and people, as Mr. Guzman said, took a lotta time to go through, vet these projects, this is done all over the country to really good results. You know, good economic benefit and we've been talking the last three or four days of trying to diversify the economy. This is it right here. This is a way to do it. There's a lotta jobs that could be created here that are in high tech or other areas. The Amakua Holdings which is the next one is exporting. We're actually gonna export stuff from Maui other than pineapples. I think that's the only thing we export now and maybe sugar. And I don't know if that goes out or not, if it stays in. So we're gonna be able to export something different. So anyway, that's my, my plea. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. I'm not arguing about the projects, I'm just saying that--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Understood.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --you know, I understand, you know, my understanding of the process is, and again, you know, I mean, it's not about the merits. Just that I understand the process and that is what I believe is within the Administration and Mayor's right and prerogative, you know. I mean, we would love to...I would love to be able to initiate things without the Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is the time--

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I guess my point is...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Excuse me.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: My point is that there was a proposal from the Mayor, and yes, it did lump them all, I think, I believe seven or eight of them in one resolution. My point is that it...the Chair held onto it, and didn't allow it to be even voted on. So we never even got an opportunity to vote on it. And so, these were 50/50 matches like whatever the County would put up, the company also had to match and some of them already had lined up loans from the banks, and because of this longer delay, the initial businesses that were on the list dwindled to what you have now is four because they lost their other opportunities to go forward. It just wasn't done in an expeditious way and we're still hanging, and you're saying that there'll be another opportunity. Well, there will...I don't think there will be truthfully because I think it's just gonna never see the light of day. And these companies that are hanging on to the ability to utilize this fund and enhance our economic development here in Maui, I don't know whether they can hang on any much longer. I think the process has been delayed too long. Give them a final yea or nay. I mean if at least had that, that resolution placed on the floor, if we didn't like any of them, then we should have just voted no on all of it. But at least given that opportunity to give these businesses an answer, you know, conclude the process, because we, we created this process and we need a conclusion whether it was a good one or a bad one, but it needs to have some type of finality to it. That's all I'm asking. And if the, if we do it this way, then so be it, but I would have rather of it come down through the regular process and had it voted on yea or nay and we would have been done with it. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Cochran?

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. I'm looking at the book and it's so huge, but the final 3.81.050, and you stated expires June 30, 2016. So that means this whole entire goes away unless we--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Reauthorize it.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --reauthorize basically.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So what we're talking about if not done by that date then it's a moot point and--

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's sunsetted.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --...(inaudible)...discussion. Okay. All right, just...yeah, getting clarity on what all that means. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Chair, your proposal is not to eliminate the Economic Development Fund, right?

CHAIR HOKAMA: No.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No? Right. Okay. So it's not gonna go--

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --make it go away?

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no the ordinance as currently stated in the Code has a sunset date already existing in the Code. It's in the Code that it will automatically sunset at June 30, 2016. It got enacted with a sunset date.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, you know, I'm torn on this one because I don't, I don't wanna risk making the budget document not quite right if, you know, based on Mr. Ueoka's assessment. And as you know, we tried several times, I believe four times to request that the items be broken into, you know, individual projects and got no positive results from that. So you know, I can go either way on this. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, anyone else? I would say, you know, the Committee can force it. We've already got advice to the contrary from Corp. Counsel, so it is his advice. You are not required to take his advice. But just know that it may be challenged, you know, and then we're gonna get this locked up again.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: And just so you know, after Budget we can take up the resolution which is a comprehensive proposal as presented by the Mayor and take action up or down as Mr. Guzman is recommending, give an answer. And I would say, that would be in my planning before June 30<sup>th</sup> or if you move this forward in the Budget, it still cannot be accessed till July 1<sup>st</sup>.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So I don't think you really lose time because this won't go into effect until months from now. You know, it's a...I don't think it's a matter of timing. I think it's a battle of how we wanted to make a decision. The Mayor is saying all or nothing. I won't...I'm not gonna break it down so take it all or nothing. That's his approach. The Council would prefer each item individually, stand on its own merit and get up or down in that manner. So it's just I guess a difference of approach on the approval. 'Cause I'm sure we all have our reasons why we support or don't support individual projects, you know, but the Mayor has chosen his vehicle. And like with boards and commissions, we up or down, so I'm happy to bring it back and we can vote it up or down in the Mayor's proposal, not a problem.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: We going be...I feel like we stuck in the mud right now.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So let me make this amendment to the proviso, you know, and no offense to you, Mr. Couch or anybody in the room, but this is the way I would, I would approach it. I don't know this legal and then Staff gonna have to tell, tell me a yes or no. Adding all these four provisos with the aspect that the vote that this present proposal that is on, in Committee right now, be taken up, voted up or down. And I'm putting the words, so you're gonna have to help me, and that we can come back and revisit all of these as individual provisos with this year's funds. It will be for 2016. We had, we had originally said 2015. So Mr. Ueoka, you're looking vague and confused, so I'm trying to do my best job to confuse you, but I really trying to find a compromise in other words so that we can move on. Add 'em in with the idea that it's either taken up...and I don't know if we can, and that's what I'm trying to, trying to ask you that it be taken up in this year's Budget, finished up, or, and/or if it's not, if the Chair or let's say...well, then again if we voted it down, I guess that would be a problem too, yeah, Mr. Ueoka? I'm just trying to figure out a way to move this on off the board 'cause right now we're stuck in the mud. I don't know, again, I ask you, Mr. Ueoka? No, I don't want anything from the Members, I would like Mr. Ueoka to answer my question, can a proviso be provisoed I guess is my question?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: You, you have advice, Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: If I may, Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Proceed.

MR. UEOKA: Mr. Victorino, if he was attempting to confuse me, he has succeeded. So it's a...you're saying proviso'ing the...using the proviso language as proposed by Mr. Couch--

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

MR. UEOKA: --subject to a vote by this body?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: By a disapproval of the entire package by this body from the previous, for the 2015 Budget.

MR. UEOKA: Oh...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's what I'm asking.

MR. UEOKA: You'd still be running into the same problem as just leaving the provisos in the way they are right now. You'd have that same issue...I shouldn't say problem. I'll use the word, issue. That basically you're saying we'll proviso it this way, but if we, if we pass the Mayor's proposal then the Mayor's proposal goes through. But if we don't pass the Mayor's proposal then these go through. I think you'd have the same issue that way. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I just trying, okay, just trying. I mean, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No, I...Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I appreciate Mr. Victorino's ability to try to compromise, but I think that if...the better route and I'd be willing to agree on is if you, Chair, is willing to put your word that you'll put up the reso in Committee and allow it to be voted on. I think that would be efficient for me. And just to avoid any type of triggering of, you know, a situation where the Budget itself would be questioned because of our...there's not really a line, a bright line saying that our decision to incorporate this into the Budget is appropriate or not. So I'd rather save the entire Budget by avoiding a question of law as to its legitimacy. But I would, would like to ask you for your word that you would allow that, that reso to be presented on the floor for a vote prior to the ending of this Fiscal Year of 2015?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, what I'll say is I think any Member who has come to me and asked me for some considerations, I've tried to work it, every Member who's approached me. And I made it clear that before Budget I was gonna work on BF-70. That was a priority for me, but I think anybody who requested I've tried to make accommodations for. And I've tried...I don't think I've denied any Member who has come and asked for some consideration on scheduling or anything else. So I'll just say that that's my understanding as your Chair from January 1<sup>st</sup>, that you gave me this responsibility. Second, you know, I hear Mr. Guzman's request. I don't have a problem. I'm happy to post it and let you folks make a decision. That's fine with me. And I'll post it with Staff, we'll look at the dates we have available and we'll give you notice that when it will be scheduled, but I will schedule it. I have no problems with scheduling it to make you have a decision, and we can move, and I think we can move forward with whatever the body then decides. And as Mr. Carroll said, let's do this in Committee and not on the Council floor. So I'm gonna schedule, we can have our discussion, we can make our recommendations to Council what final action may be which whatever way we decide. I'm happy to do that, and I don't think I've not fulfilled my commitments to the Members or the Committee. So, you've heard me say it in open meeting. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. Chair, I've listened carefully to the discussion, and I do know that this is a hot potato. However, Mr. Couch is the maker of the proviso, so I'd like to hear from him--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --as to whether or not, you know, he's happy with what is being discussed as a compromise. For me, like I said, hot potato. I'd like to see this debated in a meeting where the public can come and something that's noticed that the public can come and testify. When this was brought up, and I agree with the frustration of the people that say it's sitting around and we need to decide yes or no. Yeah, I mean, people are entitled to know, you know, are we gonna do it or not? You know, sometimes it's very difficult to say no, but then once you know, you act accordingly. When you don't know, it makes you crazy because you're trying to figure out do I go ahead with my business, do you I buy this, that or whatever, you know what I mean? So I understand the frustration. But I do think that I would rather see this and with what you're trying to offer the compromise and commit to, I'd like to see it handled that way. This budget process has been very time consuming and difficult as it is. And to bring something like this into it is just gonna make it worse, so I'd like to go with the compromise.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And you're right, it is quite unusual where you're supporting the Administration and I'm fighting it. I don't know if we've jumped into a different universe or not. I totally understand the concern about tainting the Budget, and you know, I would like to propose that if we all like this, and



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we have concerns about tainting the Budget, and oh by the way, Mr. Ueoka said, I don't see where you can do it, but I also don't see where you can't. So here's a proposal that I have is that if we, we can go through and do each one of these individually as there are concerns on some of them, and have a request to Corporation Counsel for an official written opinion whether or not it works. If it...if by the time a first or even second reading, we get something back from Corp. Counsel that says, no you're fine, then we're good to move on. But if we get something that says, no, you can't do it this way, we can certainly make an amendment on the floor to remove these provisos and that would answer the question on whether or not the Budget...there's issues with the Budget. and at the same time in first and second reading, that people can come and discuss it again, and we've discussed like I think it was...we've had it in Mr. Guzman's Committee for a long, long time and had a long discussion on it, so...and the only reason I'm bringing that up is 'cause this is our chance to do it as an individual. If we do it through your Committee, it's one package, take it or leave it, and there may be enough in there for enough Members who not like one or another and kick the whole thing out to the detriment of the ones that are really, really good projects that I think everybody likes that can bring more diversified jobs into this economy. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Couch's point is well-taken that there are at least one of the companies has gone to Costa Rica instead of coming here. So I think it would be problematic to put the, you know, put the reso from the Mayor on the calendar and vote on it, because then we would be giving...we would be directing the Administration to give money to a company that's gone already. So my, my feeling is the way we should move forward is to request the Administration to provide a new set of budget amendments outlining his support for individual companies as we requested. So thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. So with the efficient Staff that reviewed the calendar for me, this is what I'm gonna recommend hearing all the different perspectives and approaches to this consideration. I would recommend that we defer all of this four provisos today. I am willing to post a meeting on this matter on May 15<sup>th</sup> if you folks are willing to agree to meet, and then we can have the discussion on the individual projects. And then prepare amendments that could be considered at first reading, and therefore we can lock this up and do our calculations and then get ready for Council, and then we deal with the amendments at first reading, but you would have that chance to discuss and hear every individual project on the 15<sup>th</sup>. So we do it one time. We won't do it today, and we won't do it again in one second posting. We'll do it all at once. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I like that proposal because I think it's difficult for us to number one, know which of these are still viable, which of them are still interested in, and we can't do that on a Sunday at noon.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, so that's my...say May 15<sup>th</sup> if you folks willing to make some time, I'm happy to post that meeting to have those entities also come forward, get responses as well as give the Administration time to prepare their comments and allow Mr. Ueoka time to research whether it may be an issue regarding the procedure of splitting it up from our side.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Are you talking at 1:30? 'Cause we already have public hearings.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah, so we're gonna work...yeah, that's the day that we have some flexibility so I'm not too sure what time we'll post it, but you know, that's part of...that's why I'm saying, you know, if you're willing to make the time, we can work with the scheduling and have an opportunity to have this discussion in a separate agenda meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, I will withdraw given that assurance.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's how I plan to move forward. So if you grant me that, that's how we're gonna move forward, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair, I--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I apologize, but I will not be here May 15<sup>th</sup>. I'm traveling to the mainland. My daughter is competing in the West Coast Invitational Golf Tournament.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: And I have to be there for that one.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Of course, of course, we understand, family. I mean, I'm all in support of family comes first, Mr. Guzman. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And I agree with you, family comes first. You've been very gracious to me too, for issues that I had to be off. So I think your offer was to bring it up, discuss each one, and get information on each one. If we have the up or down vote on that one at that time unfortunately Mr. Guzman wouldn't be here. I think we know where he stands, but the issue is if it, if it goes down, and we get a positive response, written response from Corp. Counsel, then I certainly can add those provisos later if that...as a fallback, so...

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CHAIR HOKAMA: I know that if Mr. Guzman cannot be there, my intent is, you know, Members, I'm still willing to post it, have the ability of those--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --interested parties to come forward, share information because no matter what, that won't be the final decision. Whatever it is is going to be a recommendation to Council and then the appropriate amendments. So Mr. Guzman still has time for amendments--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Exactly.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and to be part of a decision on the final outcome of the request.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And plus he can take his tablet on the golf course and take a look at the meeting and follow along.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, well you know, he's taking care his family. It's good enough for the Chair, okay. So that's my recommendation, Members. Is there additional questions? If not, do we have a--yes, Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I wanna be clear. I'm okay with the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup>, but at that meeting are we still gonna be voting on this as a package or will we have the opportunity to vote on them individually? It's still a package?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, the proposal is as submitted to the Committee through the referral, so--

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --what is the...the proposal in Committee is to vote on it as a package.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But we will have the opportunity to review each project individually and then depending again, you know, Mr. Ueoka may have about 12 days to review with Mr. Wong the ordinance, and then the individuals or the Committee can consider appropriate amendments on first reading of the upcoming Budget. Whether or not we wanna place it through a budget amendment into the '16 Budget document, Ms. Baisa. So there's still many different ways to approach it, but the meeting will definitely fine tune it and hone it down to we either can do this or that or nothing at all. We'll be told what the parameters we can move forward with. But we'll be in position to do it as individual units.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Any other questions? Okay, that's how I plan to proceed on this consideration from Mr. Couch and Mr. Guzman. Is there any other questions? We will have that meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair, very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you very much, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so we're gonna move on and defer all review of the provisos under Economic Development Revolving Fund. Okay, thank you. Mr. Couch, you have some other considerations you wanna propose?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No, all the others we've added. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. At this time, I would like to direct you to some of the remaining provisos--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MR. MOLINA: --that we'd have to address still. The first one would be on Line 862.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Can you give us the page right away and then, you don't mind, please?

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's 31.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thirty-one, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, 30, 30, 30, three zero.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, 862, Environmental Protection.

MR. MOLINA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: So under this line, Councilmember Victorino was seeking to proviso funds for the fire ant project. His proposal includes a proviso of \$350,000 for fire ant eradication in East Maui in addition to a \$75,000 proviso for fire ant eradication in Central Maui.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair. And as I had mentioned, you know we have the coqui frog as an issue, but fire ants seems to be in my mind a much more dangerous and could be much more devastating to this community. I know they're working hard out in Nahiku and they need to continue and I want dedicated funds so that project can continue. And I have been told in Waihee there has been some, some small developments as far as colonies of fire ants which in most cases were caught very early so the spread has been very limited and has been really boxed in at this point in time, but I wanna make sure that we don't have any spread in Central Maui and any part of the County to be honest but really Central because we do have some, some spots and then of course, Nahiku with their infestation, you know, so that was why my proviso, specifically for those two areas. And of course, hopefully more money will be given towards the fire ant problem in other areas as if and when, and I hope they're never found, you know, but I have heard that there may be other possibilities around the County. So that's why my rationale for those two provisos, please.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. I understand Mr. Victorino's desire to do this. My concern with this is similar to my concern about the roads. You know, the proviso'ing the paving, my understanding is that he wants to proviso \$300,000 out of the 1.2 million that we've put, set aside for the coqui frogs?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: This is just...coqui frog is not being touched. This is coming just from the Environment--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Environmental Protection.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --Protection, General Pot. It's just our Environmental Protection general...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. But again, my point is a large portion of that funding goes to Maui Invasive Species count I believe it's over 800,000. We may have, may have increased that a little bit. But I think rather than specifying that these funds must be used for fire ants or other items, I would rather if he wants to specify that the funds needs to go to MISC then I'm fine with that, but let's let them decide where they need to spend the money, because it may be on something else that comes up and so I would prefer that we, we give the people who are the professionals a little more latitude as to where they spend the funds that we make available.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Cochran?

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair, and I hear, I share the same type of concerns with Mr. White. I'm definitely in support of the idea, but to limit it to particular areas and for a particular specie, for me, I mean there's...we know more every year we get something new and I don't wanna limit the use to just, yeah, we wanna protect these areas, but it can spread. The fear is anywhere on any island in this County. So it would sorta prohibit it to just be used in these two areas. So again, I like the idea to give it to the people who provide this type of service and expertise. And even with that, I'm gonna get the name of the gentleman in Hilo who was able to eradicate it off his orchid farm, and he did it with minimal cost. So perhaps a person like that could come and be contracted to do such a job too or something. So you know, MISC is our provider here, and I'm good. But I know there's outside sources too that can do this type of work. So I much rather have a broad, broad base, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Anyone else who would like to give comment or questions? Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, and I...I think I would be more supportive of providing, you know, a little more funding than to go with the, go with a proviso that would restrict how the funds would be used.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Bob.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Carroll?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. Lower Nahiku and that area of course is a really very dangerous area because if it spreads up into the mountain there would probably no be...there would never be any hope of eradication. After that it would just be controlling around your house and whatever. So it's a very dangerous area, and that's why Mr. Victorino and me and several others are so concerned about that. Obviously we should be looking at all of Maui. There are other infestations, but far and wide as it can be the heavily forested areas or the...if it gets started over there, we've lost everything. And I think that's why we really need to focus on some of these areas that are the most dangerous. Hana Highway is also right on the highway, the infestation is over there and it makes it far easier to spread to the other areas. And that was the idea about trying to focus in that. It already covers some 20 acres over there. Anymore, and I'm afraid we might be lost. So although I agree that we should have funding for the entire island and we probably need to step up the amount of personnel and people we have, I hate to lose the efforts over there in that area. If we do increase the funding and everything, I think we need to focus on areas that where the spread will be. If it does spread we can't do anything already. And I think we need to always remember that so no matter what we have out, I hope we have enough to cover every place and all the small infestations so they don't spread. But we really

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need to watch out for the East Maui area because that's where we could lose it. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Others? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, and thank you, Mr. Carroll. Again, and if Mr. White is serious about putting more money, I'd well accept the money so long again, if we have additional funding go in there that it be earmarked for that area. 'Cause as a military strategist will tell you, if you know where the enemy is, that's where you wanna attack. You don't wanna be waiting till the enemy moves out and gets spread out, and then you have a harder time for confinement. So we know where this infestation is. This is very much a problem. And you know, I know some people say it's not your district, but it's my County and I know like Mr. Carroll said, once it gets spread, gets up in the mountains, it's done, forget it, it's history. We gotta nip it at the bud right now. Just like the coqui frogs in Maliko. We know where they are. We need to nip it at the bud. We're willing to put 1.2 towards that, eh, I would say we need 1.2 and more, but I'm willing to take, if you give 300,000 to East Maui for that purpose, whether you increase it, I'd be happy if we could find 300,000 more. I'd be very much...I would ask for it. In fact that was my original proposal to ask for more money, but listening to you and others, I was thinking, okay, don't be, don't be getting greedy now, but it is a real...this is a real devastating infestation and it has an effect on animals, effect on human beings and plant life. So, I know, and I shouldn't be going any further. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I tried to make my point and I hope the rest of the Committee can support that. And I also, in closing I would say, if they wanna give it MISC, fine, you know, I have no problem because I know they do a great job. I don't know if this other guy coming in from the Big Island, if they're doing such a great job, I know...my family is still there, I ain't seen no real, real, real success as far as some of these programs on the Big Island, but that's another story and another conversation, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. I don't wanna get caught up in you know, making any choices between whether we get rid of coqui frogs or we get of, you know, Miconia or we get rid of fire ants or whatever. But you know, we've been all informed recently about the fire ants and how bad they are, and how we don't want that. I mean, we want our tourists to be able to go to the beach and sit down without getting stung or whatever. Having a fire ant thing get out of control could be devastating. So I understand Mr. Victorino's passion and I share it. I'd like us to, you know, really work on this invasive species situation that we have here. It's really bad, but I also realize that we're sitting here in a Budget trying to make things work. And so, I really would like a recommendation from you as to whether or not you think that there is more money that we can put towards this, and I think you know, I have enough, I have enough faith in the MISC people. I think that the more we tie them down with you can spend 200 here and 300 there and whatever, we might inhibit their ability to respond to where these things crop up. And I'm also sharing the concern

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about something else cropping up because we've seen quite a bit happen in a very short time. This past year was kinda scary. You know, this fire ant thing came out of the blue, so I want them to have the ability to do that--

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --but again, I'll wait for recommendation from you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Anyone else? Thank you for that very good discussion, Members. You take...I know you take the responsibilities we have been given very seriously. I mean this is a bad environmental issue for us. So I would say, this is what I would ask you to consider an approach, part of the discussion I think is warranted where I would direct the Staff that it needs to...we need to have some narrative in the Committee Report focusing on this subject of our concern in the environmental area regarding the coqui frogs as well as the fire ants crisis and that Council has made adjustments by that 1.2 consideration. Currently under the proposal that is before you at the 1.232 million, there is already allotted within that amount 138,658 for fire ants. What I would recommend is that we up this to \$1.4 million with no proviso. I think we will put the language in the Committee Report that states of our concern. We'll see how the Department and the agencies applying for the grant respond and then we'll do a measurement next budget and make the appropriate adjustments then, but give them their opportunity to see how they managed and utilized our resources as we discussed in the implementation at that level. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. I support that increase and I think it's...I think the, the fact that we're putting in 1.2 of new funds for the coqui frog will free up some of the funds that had been assigned to coqui frogs under this line that we're just adjusting. So I think the combination really takes care of Mr. Victorino's true concern because if it, if it lightens up on the coqui frog or money being used for coqui frogs out of that number plus the 138 plus your new addition, I think that, that actually provides more, more relief than, than a proviso would and yet it gives the professionals the latitude to spend the money where they see fit. And that may be on fire ants and to the, you know, to the detriment of some other things, but let's let them make that decision. I support Mr. Victorino's intent and understand Mr. Carroll's concern, but I think, I think your adjustment makes, makes sense and it should provide us with...I mean let's face it we're going from 1. ...1.161 in environmental protection up to \$2.6 million. So it's an increase of almost of a million and a half dollars for environmental protection.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. I, too, support all the efforts that we can do to protect our environment with the influx of invasive species and you know, listening to Mr. Carroll when he said they may need more, more people to help the eradication or what have you. So, I appreciate the increase that you're doing and I



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think if we allow the organization as they apply for this grant as to how and when they're going to rid us of these invasive species would be, would be great. So thank you for the increase and I'm sure this will even be responsive to all of our concerns with Mr. Victorino. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair. And I'm happy to withdraw that proviso with what you've add. So long as the other proviso of only a 138 million, I mean 138,000 be for fire ants, I like that idea of removing, and that's what you're suggesting, right?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, let's not have provisos, give 'em the support, and let's...and then again, that is why from my perspective it's for those that been with me for years know, I'm very anal about Committee reports because in that language gives a lot of the legislative intent of what we want done with the monies that we are approving.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And that's why in a Committee report a lot of time they'll refer back what did the Council mean? Well, in the report, and that's why I would ask you if you have language you wanna have us consider to be placed in this budgetary Committee report to clarify intent and purpose, I'm very open to your recommendations because that's one of the purpose of the report is to provide clarification and direction clearly for those that implement our policies what we wanted the money to be utilized for. So that's one of the things that I am happy to place in the report, the Staff is gonna have to work much harder, but it brings some clarity for those that grab the document later and say what were those nine Members thinking of? You can say, this is what they meant. Their intention is clear in their report. This is the purpose of that funds.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I can support that and thank you, Mr. White and all the Members, for their, their help in getting this to where I think it really is gonna do a much more broader job and get the job done especially preserving Nahiku and East Maui from getting infestation of the red ant. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. We have consensus at \$1.4 million?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Molina, next?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Under the same program, we just would like to request clarification. Yesterday, the Committee agreed to restore provisos from FY '15. One of those provisos included 65,000 for Hoaloha Aina South Maui Park. However, in revising the Member's proposals, Councilmember Couch proposed a reduction to only

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35,000. And so, to clarify which...whether those...which proviso the Committee intends to support? Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thirty-five thousand is...they requested to drop down because they didn't need that much this year. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that clarification. Is there any questions? Is there consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you so much. Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: The next item is on Line 808.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, 808, Page 29.

MR. MOLINA: Councilmember Crivello has distributed proviso language under this program.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. The Molokai Economic Development and Cultural Programs that we have set aside, thank you. But I would just like to proviso [sic] that projects that some of these are brand new and some of them are coming back again, but it does inoculate entrepreneurship and gear on and community-based kind of project or participation. And it really enhances what we have to offer in our island. So I'd like to proviso[sic] Molokai that projects shall include or may include whatever language is correct: Molokai Ka Hula Piko, Ka Molokai Makahiki, Na Wahine O Ke Kai, Molokai Ocean Fest, and the Molokai 4-H Program. Though does not, does not encompass all of the funding, I just would like to be assured that these projects will be included.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: In collaboration with the Department which I am in what we're doing. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Members, questions? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I fully support Councilmember Crivello's proviso. My concern is gonna be, is it gonna be too limiting 'cause I believe there's more funding available for that? With this language as it is, can others come in--

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --a, well no, I want...

CHAIR HOKAMA: She does state, yeah and again, yeah I know you're gonna ask Mr. Ueoka, but you know Members, I would say you need to review this as this is the minimum that will be considered from the pot. This is not the cap.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And if there's monies available, you know, then there's ability for Ms. Rasmussen to consider additional requests.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, but she's just saying that within this amount, she wants these programs to be qualified.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: To be qualified, yep.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's all it is.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Which is fine. And I'm fine with that. I just wanna make sure that we're okay. We're not excluding other people.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. Mr. Ueoka, is the Chair's understanding of the proposal accurate?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I get what you guys are going for. Could I just recommend that after, include, we use the, shall include, but not be limited to--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

MR. UEOKA: --the following. And could we also further proviso, I'm not sure if Councilmember Crivello is accommodating to this, but something to the effect of making sure that these organizations apply with the Office of Economic Development, because under Chapter 3.36 I think, the application process is required.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: That's recognized and--

MR. UEOKA: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --the OED will not even deal with it unless there's the application process. But if you think it's necessary to add it into the proviso, I am so willing.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, either that or we can look at one general provisions language where any grants go through a application requirement.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Right. Yes, exactly.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So we can address it in that manner.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Any questions on this, Members? If not, with the proposal from Mr. Crivello and with the recommended adjustment from Corporation Counsel, do we have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The next issue is on 583, and this is the matter brought up by Member Victorino yesterday regarding Kupuna Care and cuts at the State Legislature.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Five eighty-three?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Five eighty-three?

MR. MOLINA: Yes, this is under the Services for Frail and Elderly.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Five eighty-three?

MR. MOLINA: Excuse me, 538.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, okay. So I was looking 583 no more. Thank you, Jordan.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Page 20, two zero, Page 20, upper, upper, that quarter. Okay, we...

MR. MOLINA: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: So this grant is, you know, typically provided to nonprofit agencies. The Kupuna Care Program is a County Program, and so Staff would just recommend relocating those increased funding and provisos under the Human Concerns Operations Program.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Are we shifting money too?

MR. MOLINA: Yeah so the...

CHAIR HOKAMA: We made a provision to add 200,000.

MR. MOLINA: So yes, Mr. Chair. The funds and the provisos shift from the Frail and Elderly Item to the Operations.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MOLINA: And that operations item is on Line 400.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Four hundred, grants for...Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So long as it's the intent is met and to make sure that funding goes to that specific area. I have no problem where we put it, I'll be perfectly honest.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: If that can be provisoed there and...or put there and be used in that...for that particular matter, in that way that I had specified or we had specified, then I'm comfortable with that, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Any questions? If not, this is what we're gonna do, Members, on Page 20 on Line 540, this number is gonna go back to 661,739. On Page 16, at the top on Line 409, we are going to add \$200,000 with a proviso that this is for the Kupuna Care Program for County residents. And then the net appropriation will be 1,310,845. Questions for the Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Do we have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Is that...that's grants for Community Partnership Grants, but that goes to nonprofits as well. Shouldn't it be--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --further up like around 403 or somewhere around there?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Staff?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Gotta be Operations.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Mr. Chair, hi. That...the revision should be reflected on Line 406.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Yeah, instead of the 409 I told you, refer it on 406.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, so the General. We're gonna adjust the number under Human Concerns Program, General. So that's where the 200,000 add would be with the proviso, not in the...the Chair stands corrected. It's not gonna be in the Community Partnership Grants. It's gonna be under Human Concerns, General, the 200,000 add, and the proviso. Okay, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that's where we'll go. So, Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Couch, for the catch.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Next?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The final proviso going to Fire Department, Line 358.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Three five eight.

MR. MOLINA: And this was a proposal from Councilmember Crivello to proviso the funds for the Apparatus Standardization Program.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes, I would like to proviso the \$252,160. And I've talked with your Staff, and they are willing to break it down according to the Program and Equipment because the ABC. So I just wanna be sure it's applied for the Standardization Program/Equipment.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. You've heard the proposal for a proviso by Ms. Crivello in Fire Rescue Ops. Any other questions? Mr. Victorino, you had a question?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, no, no. I'm comfortable with that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, anyone else? If not, do we have consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. That was all for the proviso revisits. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, I want you to...Members, to take a look at Department of Corporation Counsel.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair? One second before we move there?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: In regards to provisos, did we do Ms. Crivello's animal management one on her list?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Yeah, that was a FY '15 carryover.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, it's a carryover.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, okay. I just want--

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: The revolving fund.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --to make sure we're not missing a \_\_\_\_ this.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yesterday before we recessed, I did mention that the Chair was planning to carryover whatever existing current year provisos are that we would carry it over to the upcoming Budget for it, unless there was adjustments like Mr. Couch's. Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Sorry, Mr. Chair. I misspoke. We incorporated the Molokai proviso for the General Fund portion, but we had not addressed a proviso in the Revolving Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Right. Thank you, Elle, Ms. Cochran.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yeah, Page 81, Line 2311, and I'm sorry, I thought Staff was gonna bring it up later.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: No, not a problem.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, so the Animal Management Revolving Fund I'd like to add a proviso that \$30,000 shall be for equipment for the Molokai Humane Society.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, what line is that, please?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Line 2311 on Page 81, I believe.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, you've heard the proposal by Ms. Crivello. Questions, Members?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Consensus?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. We'll add that proviso.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Cochran.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate your carrying over the provisos from last year. Could Staff read the provisos? We had...I believe we had a proviso on the Maui Humane Society regarding expenditures of County funds for their private operations, did we?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Mr. Chair, thank you. Under the Animal Management Sheltering Program, as well as Animal Management Enforcement Program, the carryover proviso from FY '15 reads, provided that County funds shall not be expended to operate pet cremation services, direct release quarantine services or any other Maui Humane Society earned income activities not related to contractual obligations.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, that's fine. Chair, if you don't mind, I would like to add a proviso to the SPCA line. They've had challenges in the past year where they've not gotten their money and the vets who are doing the operations using the SNIP vouchers have stopped working for them because they're not getting paid. So if the Committee is agreeable to it, I would like to add a proviso to the SNIP amount saying, provided that SPCA Maui shall receive 50 percent of the total funded amount by August 15, 2015.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, you heard the proposal which means it's six weeks after--



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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What page?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --this is 24.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Page 24? Oh, back to 24.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And this will be, and somewhere in line like 668 or 668A, we would...we add...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: So Mr. White is asking 50 percent of this amount, 77,250 would go to SPCA by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: April? August.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. So that's six weeks into the fiscal year, and the Chair would say, operationally it is doable, six weeks into the Budget year, to make this kind of consideration. Questions?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I'm comfortable with 25 to 30 percent. The request was for 50.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, questions on the proposal? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, again I have two, two challenges. I agree with Mr. White and they have come and they've shown me and I agree wholeheartedly. I'd like to drop it to 25 instead of 50 percent.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And that, I would, I would support that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm fine with that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I would support that number one. Number two, is are we setting precedent for other organizations to start saying, hey, I need so much by this date? That's the only concern I have, Mr. White, is once we do for one, you know others...it's like we've talked about it in this room many times. So long as somebody else see somebody else do it, they're gonna come running in asking for the same thing. And where does that do? And have their fulfilled all their obligations with applications and all that. I'm not saying SPCA hasn't. I'm just saying, you know, we gotta make sure if we going do something like that, that all the other criteria have been met to that point just to protect us, the County. Okay, so other than that I can support 25 percent, and just with the addition of making sure they fulfilled all their application requirements. And that's another really, anomaly because you and I both

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know, depending who's there and how they look at it, sometimes applications are deemed in a different manner. But I don't wanna get too real...I don't wanna get really get deep. I can support the 25 percent and maybe put it as a test program or a test pilot or as a test to see how effective that can be with other agencies in the future if that's so... You, know, just so that way we don't say this is gonna be for everybody from now on. Because I can guarantee you others are gonna go...come charging in asking for 25 percent. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I understand that concern very much, Mr. Victorino. Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Mr. Chair, if I may? That type of proviso may be problematic in overstepping the Council's boundaries into the execution of the annual operating budget. And even if that were to, you were to say, no, it's not problematic there, by dictating when the appropriation or you know, when it will be...money will be given out by, that could be problematic in the sense that oftentimes a grantee has certainly responsibilities in order to receive funding and if it just says, you shall give the money by "x" date, the grantee wouldn't have to meet any of those normal requirements that the Department sets forth and you'd have...they'd have to give the money according to the budget proviso. But again, I think my bigger concern is more on the first part of I'm not sure if that's overstepping the Council's boundaries into the execution of the annual operating budget. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I can see Mr. Ueoka's point so I'll withdraw my request, but you know, it does bring up...I mean the reason for their concern is the same reason we've heard from many others where you know, they're stuck until their rent requests are finalized and approved. It just, it brings up that question of whether we should be doing the grants funding based on a July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> schedule, or whether we should put, put extra money into some budget, some year so that the following year, the contract, the contractual period can start three or four months after the start of the fiscal year. So it gives everyone time to get the grants squared away.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I would say we can refer this subject. I don't know if Mr. Victorino still has an item in Policy, but we can refer this 'cause we, you know, last time I made those recommendations to the Committee and the Council supported revisions to the Grant Management Program. I would say this might be a good subject within that continued review and Mr. Victorino can then maybe, and the Committee recommend something that makes sense.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, I'd be more than happy as a, as like we'll end up at the end, all the various budget items, you know, the Committee sent to their proper Committees for review. I'd be happy to take that on Mr. White.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, thank you for that consideration, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Baisa?

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I'll be brief. I, I'm very happy that Member White brought this up, Council Chair White, but I'm happy you took it out because this is a recurring problem--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes it is.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --and it's been going on for a very long time, you know. And immediately my iPhone is jammed up with what about me?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So I think it's best we took it out. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Thank you. Are there other considerations, Mr. Molina, that we have been made aware of?

MR. MOLINA: No additional provisos at this time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you so much for your hard work. Let's take a short break, and if you want a little longer for grab some food, but I would like us so that we can start working on corrections on your behalf, go through the rates and fees proposals that I have recommended in my draft which is like adjustments in Golf Fund. I've recommended for your consideration things like a twilight fee, and a nine-hole fee so that we can try and be competitive as well as look at additional revenue for the golf course operations. Made some adjustments I believe regarding the Special Funds in under Highway, I think under Weight Tax and Fuel Tax to make sure we got the money to do all the paving we would like to do. And I believe I made some adjustments in the Sewer Fund to be, so that we can be prepared for what we know is coming down the road. So is 1 o'clock okay, Members? I figured you guys wanted some...

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: That's fine.

CHAIR HOKAMA: One o'clock's okay?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And then we're gonna--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Go through Rates and Fees.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --Rates and Fees, and then break for a couple hours?

CHAIR HOKAMA: And then I'm gonna, and then I'm gonna meet with the Staff to see how long if we can recess and have you just return early tomorrow morning and just the staff and I will be here the remaining of the day, I'm happy to do that, and that's why,

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you know, if we can finish rates and fees, we're gonna get that much closer to do consolidation and corrections.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Gotcha.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And it'll be the Staff and I, and you folks can please enjoy your family and Sunday evenings sooner than later.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, we're in recess 'til 1:00 p.m. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

**RECESS:                   12:33 p.m.**  
**RECONVENE:           1:05 p.m.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . Okay, we shall reconvene this meeting. At this time I'd like to direct our attention to the Rates and Fees, Appendix B. What you should have before is a Chair's version as of April 27, 2015, and which just highlights the areas of the rates and fees that the Chair is asking you for consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Can I? I cannot find mine. It's here somewhere, please? I know it stay somewhere. I give 'em back if you like.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, let us start from Page 1. Page 1 begins at the top under Program 3101, Real Property Tax. We have adjustments are for the Fiscal Year as well as the values for the certification. Then we go to Classifications. We have it done by our various PITT Codes or categories. Under Tax Rate, the numbers underscored by the color blue is your Chair's proposal to you. On page...so are there any questions in this area under the Property Tax? That was the basis of the Chair's budget proposal? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And this is what we're gonna go through at the end when we find the final number? This was one of the things we could potentially go through? We're not making any final decisions right now?

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no. You know, I tell you I'm sure most of us who went through it, and most of did recall when we went through this long and arduous adjustments, a penny here, two cents there. What I'm recommending as I stated in the beginning of the CIP last round, is that after this, the Chair is gonna take in account all the adjustments and balances and then present to you a proposal for you to work off tomorrow.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And part of it is what I've done. In this proposal, I've tried to make certain adjustments within categories to address the annual issue that comes up in the

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testimony regarding fairness and who generates what and how much contributes to who? So I'm gonna take that all into account, and give you a proposal for you to work from tomorrow for us to be able to make a final decision on the rates. So that's how I plan to approach it, Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Fine. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That answered my question. That's exactly where I was going. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Members. Next component would be on Page 2, under Permits: Bike Tour. The Chair is recommending a increase in the application fee per year from 100 to \$250.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is there any issues with this at this time? Ms. Baisa?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to raise it.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I still feel that that's extremely reasonable, Chair. So I wouldn't have a problem if it went up higher. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. And again, yeah, the Chair would be open to your comments and requests for adjustments. There is one adjustment we made, I propose under Page 14, Sale of All Plates. This is usually under the Sale of License Plates, Passenger Plates, Truck Plates, Motorcycle Plates, Trailer Plates, this is being recommended from \$5.00 to 5.75. Under the Replacement of Plates for the same type of vehicles, the adjustment is the same for replacements from 5.00 to 5.75. Inspection Fees under Subdivision, outside of normal business hours, I have the recommendation is 48 hours [sic] per hour with two-hour minimum.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You mean \$48.00, right?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Excuse me, \$48.00 per hour with two-hour minimums, and then of course, a lot of it is dictated by contractual requirements on what we need to compensate employees on. On the next page, under the heading of Page 18, Fee-Portal Administrative Fee. We are providing a service charge for electrical [sic] record documents with the State Bureau of Conveyances at \$3.00 plus cost of recording fee as established by the State Bureau of Conveyances. Any questions so far, Members? The Chair is recommending an adjustment under Camping Fee Permits. I'm recommending that as one of the small adjustments to help get Parks to a enterprise position. I'm making the recommendations that Monday through Thursday, Adults will go from 3.00 to 5.00. Children under 18 would go from 1.00 to

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3.00. And for Pets, it would go 1.00 to 3.00. Fridays, Sundays, Holidays, that's you know the Chair's position is that's when the County should be making some revenue. I've changed it whereby those would be our premium days. Weekends and holidays and my adjustment is...would be for Adults, 18 years and over, \$10.00, Children under 18, \$6.00, and Pets, \$6.00. For Non-Residents, it's basically a doubling of everything that a resident fee proposal is being presented. Any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Under next that you find on Page 20 of our Exhibit B, I have revised for use, I've deleted the Mayor's proposed changes on the Schedule of Fees and Deposits at this time, as well as on Page 21, Schedule of Fees and Deposits, I've revised by deleting the Mayor's proposed changes. On that Page 22, under Maui Invitational Basketball Tournament, we do have an agreement, License Agreement in place and the annual rental fee is being revised. Let's see...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I gotta ask the Staff on this one 'cause we've underscored 48, but there's a line crossing through it, so Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Mr. Chair, I...thank you. So on this, this indicates that the Mayor had proposed reducing from 5,000 to 4,800 and so the Chair is proposing to retain the \$5,000 amount.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Gotcha.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That's what the...in front of me, if that's what we have contractually agreed with Kemper or whatever the name of the...EA or whatever name of the Maui Invitational is.?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: 'Cause you mentioned something about contractually that...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, that we have an agreement with KemperLesnik, you're absolutely right, Mr. Victorino. So we'll confirm that we are within the parameters of the License Agreement with Corporation Counsel.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, please.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But we'll verify that it's a good number.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Is there any questions on so far what the Chair has covered?  
Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, the concern on the I guess just the titles of the permits--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --'cause I believe it makes it a little bit more clear so just  
curious why the change?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Those headings are called out in the Code currently  
and so they're proposing to change all those headings so the Chair felt it was  
premature to change those without changing the Code first.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, oh so the Code says, Type I, Type II, Type III.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Uh huh.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, that's gonna be a timing issue. 'Cause if we change the  
Code, we can't change the Budget.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's why part of this is dependent upon our other standing Committees  
to be able to move some legislation after Budget and before next Budget that I'm  
looking at you as standing Committee Chairs that you could assist us by making  
those appropriate revisions. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, again that's my question on timing. You're asking us  
maybe to make those revisions. I guess this would be Mr. Guzman's Committee?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right, Mr. Guzman's Committee...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: But he can't change the Code until these...I mean, we gotta  
change 'em kinda at the same time, don't we?

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll, we will work in coordination. We have to have Mr. Ueoka and  
Corp. Counsel to be involved.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Staff will be involved...this Committee Staff will be involved with  
Mr. Guzman's Staff, but there's a way to coordinate and you know, Mr. Couch, I mean,

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Mr. White in the end will be able to coordinate the scheduling of how Council will approve it, 'cause everything will filter through Council.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's how I am envisioning it at this time. Any other questions of what we have covered so far? Thank you. Let's go to the next page, at the top of the...this would be under Page 28. You've received my proposal. I have made adjustments regarding bus passes and fees. I also have, like you, received written testimony and verbal comment about my proposal from tax base as well as ridership basis and there's mixed feelings. Definitely, the Chair will agree I've made...definitely people have made comments. But I think this is a consideration that we should have some discussion. I know we are not gonna be, be able to get all the expenses back through a fee structure. That was not my intent, but my intent was to try and bring a fair amount of ownership by the ridership to assist in offsetting as what is we think fair from the tax base that subsidize the service. So this is just my approach and when you say, how did you get your \$60.00, my thing was roughly that's about \$2.00 a day in a month. And like this morning my coffee was more than \$2.00. I play golf, it's more than one of my golf balls. It's more than a bottle of water...I mean it's less than a bottle of water. So I'm asking that I believe it is not totally unreasonable. I'm bringing it forth for you to have discussion, and I am open to whatever is the final Committee's recommendation.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair? Do you want recommendations now or you want us when we come back?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, I just want some comment now because part of the adjustments is how this Committee wants to view my proposals in the rate adjustments. So if you guys says no way, there's no way we can support this, then of course, we're gonna take that as no changes. We're gonna recalculate Highway Fund and it will make a difference on how we allocate resources to the projects we've approved under Highway Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, Mr. Chair. Thank you. And, and I cannot support this, and again, the users of our Maui Bus system, many of them are the most, the most vulnerable in our community and we all know that. You know, and, and again, I would, I would like to say somewhere along this lines I would like to have a kamaaina or have this as a kamaaina rate and have where visitors and those pay a different rate, because they utilize our bus system which is much cheaper than any shuttle system and others that they can use. So I don't I know if there's some way we can put some consideration to that. If not now, maybe have discussions later. But maybe I'm getting off track, guys, don't get nervous, get nervous, I got it, got it, got it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah, no, no, I mean, please I'm...I would...I'm happy to receive what your comments please.



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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, no, no--

CHAIR HOKAMA: ...*(inaudible)*...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --and then so, no, you know, I see everybody getting excited so I don't wanna get off track, but I really, really would like to see somehow we either keep or even reduce in some areas, because our working people and our very vulnerable group in our society including our children who some of them make use of this bus to go to school and come back, and this is different areas that I really believe this is not the time or the place, and we all know this Public Transit Fees never, never come close to supporting the transit system. There's very few places in the nation that it does, and the vast majority, Mr. Chair, as you well know when we had NACo, they tell us that they subsidize it very, very heavily, yeah? But anyhow so I'll let...I'll wait to hear on others, but I cannot agree with your increases. I'd rather keep 'em lower. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that's fine. Thank you for your comments. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. Would...could this, and I'm, you know, I'm not sure if I'm out of whack for asking this. Could this be referred to my Committee?

CHAIR HOKAMA: The subject can be referred to your Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay, I would like to request referral?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure, we are...we'll be happy to put that on our list of potential referrals to standing Committees, Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair and I agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Victorino's concerns as far as the price. The one thing I don't agree on is that...and I think it's only because it's a Federal law about since we're getting Federal Funds we can't, I don't know think we can do a kamaaina rate according to I think, Ms. Winer, and I might be able to ask Corp. Counsel, I don't think we're allowed to discriminate on the bus that way. I think she said that, but...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Ueoka, are you prepared to respond at this time?

MR. UEOKA: If I may Chair? I don't think that's a form of discrimination giving a kamaaina rate. I don't believe it is, but I'm not 100 percent sure on what the Federal requirements under, but...

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CHAIR HOKAMA: I would say, since it's not part of this budget consideration--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --that can be part of what, Ms. Crivello's--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Of Ms. Crivello's, okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --Committee or another appropriate Committee can take up as part of this discussion. But you know, at this time, you know, you don't support the proposal in the draft that's fine. You support it or you have a revision consideration, I'm open to those things. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. Chair, I don't mind that we have an increase, but I'm concerned that we took out the possibility of giving low-income people that are confirmed as low-income some kind of a consideration. And so, that's, that's the concern I have. I realize that we need more money and there has to be some limit to...you can't give the store away, but one of the ways to get around this, charging different people different things is by certifying that they're low-income. And that way you would eliminate a lot of people, and I'm not picking on anybody, but you know, if you can afford a Hawaiian vacation, maybe you can afford a few dollars more for the bus. And so, you know, they wouldn't be, they wouldn't have cards that they're certified.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So I'm just trying to find a way, I know we've had this kamaaina card discussion before--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --and I think we were told we couldn't do it or we were gonna do it, so I'm trying to find a way that we can realize more revenue and, you know, in listening to the folks who have talked to me about this, they're very passionate. The bus is really important to them and they don't want to see people that are having a really hard time already penalized. So I just think the only way out of it is somehow you certify that they're qualified and then you give it to those that deserve it. So I know it's a pain, but I think we might have to do it if we're gonna wanna see more money. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for this, your option to how to address revenue, so I thank you for making us think harder and looking at different ways so I appreciate that very much. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. And I support your moving the overall rate to a \$60.00 rate. City and County of Honolulu has a \$60.00 rate. But like Ms. Baisa, I

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feel that we need to do something on the lower side. Their disability pass or bus pass for persons with disabilities is only \$30.00 per year. So I think that is a, that or something low is appropriate for those folks. And I think a disability, I mean a low-income verification may be a little bit difficult, but the passes for those of 65 years of age or older on Oahu is also \$30.00. So again, maybe not go that low, but something more, you know, much more reasonable than the overall rate, so...I think on the major income side, I think you've got the right, we got the right number, but I think we need to take care of the folks that really don't, that are really are living paycheck to paycheck somehow. So thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, thank you. This is very valuable input. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. I, too, would like us to consider the low-income qualification I guess for their assistance. I think there's a process they go through. But they're the ones that are working one, two, three, three jobs. And what I see is they're the...they're a big part of the ridership. So you know, it's trying to find the right balance is always, always a problem. But...and our County here on Maui really have a social worker's heart if you would want me to describe it. And I think we cannot lose sight of being able to provide those that are in need of some, some uplift. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to correct the record. I was told it might be a Federal rule that prohibits the resident type rate, but I'm not sure on the laws of it, but it's a rule found. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that advice. So we'll take that into consideration as we air our adjustments. Anyone else? The Chair gets a pretty good sense that there's a big concern with...we would like to look at an option to deal with the low-income component of the community with an appropriate adjustment in rates to address that section of our community. So, we're not ready for that in this year's proposal, but I think it's something that definitely Ms. when we refer the subject to your Committee, Ms. Crivello it's things you can consider for--

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and we'd be open to your Committee's recommendation for the next budget year.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Again, you know, part of the Chair's recommendations or to listen to is to just start the process rolling and you know, it's not necessarily all to be done in this budget, but also to prepare us for the next budget that comes sooner than we normally like. Okay, so I'm gonna move to the next...is there any other comments on

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this page regarding the Highway Fund and the rates? I got a pretty good sense where you folks wanna go so I understand your comments clearly and I appreciate it very much. If not, let's go to the Golf Fund. The Chair has made some adjustments and I was expecting a lot of communication, but interesting enough I did not get a lot. And part of it is because of the competition out there for our course, from sister courses within our beautiful Central area. So to address some of that competition and to try and bring us into some sense of understanding revenues for this enterprise fund, I have made the proposal to you under rates for weekdays. I took the same way as I looked at camping. Weekends, if you look at our sister courses under the counties, weekends are your revenue days. That's when your courses should be making the revenue to help offset residents' impact and the need of improvements. So I am looking at weekdays for residents with the card. An increase to \$15.00. Twilight would be a rate that would start from 1:00 p.m. at \$10.00, and if you can do all 18, good luck to that person. If you wanna golf after 3:00 p.m., we have a nine-hole rate which by this time we lose out on that potential business because there's no such thing as a nine-hole rate, so if you go at 3:00 and you wanna play at Waiehu, you still pay the 18-hole rate. So a lot of people get discouraged and they will go to a course of one of our competitors that has this type of offerings. The military, I've decided to propose it at the current benefit that we give the residents with resident card. Retirees, our retirees resident card for weekdays I have proposed that for the full 18 at 10, twilight 7.50, nine-holes \$5.00. We do have a rate for Hawaii residents that do not live within this County, and I've proposed some adjustment. It is to go down for the 18-hole rate from 25 to 20, and then 15 for twilight, 5 for nine-holes. I believe this is an area that we have a lot of people who would like to play but get discouraged by the rates especially with family members. Non-residents, you see me making the adjustment slightly lower in the full 18-hole rate, setting up a twilight rate at 40, and a nine-hole rate at 10. 'Cause for those that want a cart which is a separate, you go to our, one of our concession contract providers, but the cart and this reduced adjusted rates we then come competitive with all the other courses in this Central area, whether it be Kahili, Maui Lani, Pukalani, we become competitive. Rates under weekends and holidays, the Chair took this as a time for us to be making money for the course and that's why you see it higher than the weekday rates. So there's only for residents with the card, the 18-hole would be \$20.00 for 18, 10 for twilight, 5 for nine holes. Military, I decided to give them the same offerings for the weekends and holidays. For the retirees, I am proposing to eliminate this. As I said, I'm looking at this to be revenue days for the County. And that is why this proposal would ask that the retirees please make use of the weekdays instead of weekends for their opportunity to utilize our public course. Non-residents, you see those adjustments, and again, that is to be competitive with our sister courses in the area. I did make one change. This is a monthly rate for students, Hawaii, Hawaii, State of Hawaii students including our own up to age 18, \$20.00 for the month, for the month. So if you go five days a week, that's \$1.00 a day, okay. No changes in the current club no-show fee. No changes in tournament fee per person. And no changes in the lost replacement card fee area. And this is the...your, my proposal for your consideration. Questions? Mr. Couch?

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And these are very good proposals. I can support them. I just wanted to know if we could put something in Mr. Guzman's Committee. I know we talked about it a little bit a couple of years ago and wanna just bring it back. And it was a concern you had as well where you know, the courses that are, the public course...I mean the private courses that allow the public to come in, they fluctuate their rates depending on time of year and whatnot. We talked about that a little bit, about putting a range in there and allowing for the course manager--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Seasonal adjustments.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --yeah, for seasonal adjustments. Did we ever, I mean, can we put that in Mr. Guzman's Committee and discuss that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm happy...yeah, if that's what the Committee wants, I'm happy to add that part of the subject matter referrals to other standing Committees through the Budget document.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Happy to consider that, sure. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. I agree with providing a range, but I know Mr. Ueoka's not paying any attention right now so may not be able to ask him a question, but...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Ueoka?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Question is, can we in the rates and fees provide a range of rates so that the Department has flexibility or do we need to give more specific directions such as seasonal rates or...do you have any suggestions?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Not really a suggestion as to how to do it, but I believe that's in the...it's a policy decision that is totally within the purview of the Council if they wanna make a rate, if you wanna get more specific with seasons, it's just how much leeway you'd like to give the decision maker on the rate. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Could we provide them direction such as, but you know, give 'em a range of rates and then add, but shall not be more than "x" amount lower than the, you know, competitive courses?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I think you could work something in like that. The only problem would be the more specific you get in your restriction, the more specific you should be in your instruction. If you want a real specific restriction, you should be

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clear with what they have to do, how they need to do it, that type of thing. Just so everyone knows or is able to implement what you want done. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, thank you. Thank you for that. Then, you know, right now their hands are completely tied, so okay, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'd be happy to have the Committee Mr. Guzman chairs to give recommendations. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Oh thank you, Chair. Can I address the student rate, the monthly rate? Is it possible to get a daily rate because in personal experience, I've had my children, and I haven't...I forget to pay the monthly and we go to the golf course on the last two days or three days of the month, so they won't have to pay the monthly fee for three days' worth of golf and then the next, you know, the next day is the new month, and I'm paying again, the monthly rate. So if there could possibly be a daily rate for those times where you miss a month of payment or you're playing at the end of the month and you need to...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, we'll--

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: It would be easier at least on the parents' side because I know--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --a few of the parents forget to pay their monthly.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, why don't you let me--

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Could be a daily a rate?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --let's see if I can make an adjustment and--

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --give you a proposal, Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, but I appreciate the request. Not a problem. Any other questions in this program area? Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And you know, I'm not too fond of this, but I like your proposals. You know, my question is in regard to the carts you say we have a private, I guess a concession stand there that takes care of the carts?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, just like the restaurant is a separate concession agreement with the Parks.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: The carts with the restaurant...oh, separate?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, it's separate. So the pro shop, carts is one vendor, and then the restaurant, beverage contract is with another vendor.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: The County just provides the control of the green fees and starting times at the course.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right, 'cause they do all the bookings and things?

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Well, I just was wondering did we ever have the carts I guess under our purview as to where we gain the revenues from it?

CHAIR HOKAMA: It was discussed many times, but Maui County I can tell you as I can recall from the '60s has always been the vendor. Hilo, under County of Hawaii, Hilo Municipal Golf Course, the vendor is also responsible for the carts, not the county. Honolulu, I believe it is also under the vendor, the carts separate from the City and County's department, and Kauai, I'm not too sure if the county took the carts back under its control. That might be the only county that took carts back. But all other counties, the vendor provides the service by a...they put out RFPs and they'll bid how much they pay the County per month for the service, privilege to take care of the cart business and pro shop.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. But just wondering if that...you know, there could be a good amount of cash coming from that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: That is something I think that Mr. Guzman's Committee--

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Can vet it through the Committee.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --can review and see if there's opportunities there.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And I was also thinking maybe an annual fee for people who get forgetful about paying monthly and just do it...and no, just do annual maybe.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, no, she has a point. She has a point.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So they're covered.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I mean, eh, it might, yeah, I mean it depends on what the amount is, parents can consider it. You know, so no, I'm happy to consider that too. You know, some people, definitely I just wanna pay one time like car insurance, right? Like car insurance, right, instead of every month they want quarterly or half-way or full-year, so yeah, I understand what you're saying.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Not a problem. We can look at that too. Okay, any other comments? Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I like that idea. You know, you could encourage them to pay for the year, maybe give them a discount. You get one month free if you pay for the whole year or something. You know, we're all so busy, that I think it's a good...it's a possibility. But Chair, as you know, this is not my favorite thing, but I am happy to see that you're trying to inch it up, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Okay, any other questions on this page for the Chair on his proposal? And I got your comments, so thank you. We'll be reviewing some of the requests. Okay, under the next page of rates, Water Fund. I've gone back to the current rates, Members and my proposal you'll see I've deleted the Mayor's proposed changes regarding meters. And then I did, yeah and I did retain his...our current rate under Agriculture between 5,001 and 15,000 gallons. So are there, let's see, and then let's see, on the other, next page, there also is no adjustments I've made to meter size, the non-potable rates, and I've also retained the proposal on the Water System Development fees. And finally, at the bottom of that page, we have new language under Water Storage [*sic*] Penalty that's being recommended. And under reinstallation fee for water meter removed pursuant to the Code, I have bumped that up from 100 to \$1,000, and that is for reinstallation which means the County after notice had to remove the meter. So that is my proposal. I'm sure you folks have comments and positions. Mr. Molina, you have anything else you can add for us?

MR. MOLINA: Just real quick. So, on the Water Shortage Penalty, Corp. Counsel had pointed out that this is actually set in the Code, the amounts, and typically those penalties are only stated in the Code. They usually don't get established in the Rates and Fees Schedule.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that information for us. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. I'm just wondering if Staff has received the calculation of...the Water Department was gonna provide us comparisons between our



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water development fees and those of the other three counties? I'm just wondering if the Staff has received anything from the Water Department?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Mr. Chair, Staff has not received it, and Mr. Taylor had indicated that he wouldn't be able to provide us the information before final decisions were made on Monday.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. So without the ability to compare to the others, I would support your position.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Other questions, considerations to help give guidance? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I know we're not voting on this right now.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we're not taking...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: But I you know, strongly wanna remind everybody about the charts we've seen and about the costs that are gonna go up. So I would think it would be better to do it in little lumps instead of all of a sudden everything, all the CIP fell into the place and then we have to do a big huge jump. So I would be speaking, you know, my piece on this when it comes up as, to retain the Department's rates.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for your perspective. Anyone else? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, and I hate to say I agree with Mr. Couch, but I do. That's really difficult at times. However, I also wanna remind everyone that you know, it's not so much the water usage which is based upon the charges we charge per thousand gallons, and it's really the per month meter which kinda has been an equalizer for Mr. Couch's area who says that they automatically start it at the second tier every month, by having that when they have just one meter versus homes that are, you got 100 condos, have one meter, while you got 100 houses each have their own meter. And so, I think that is an equalizer and that also helps secure that we don't have to keep raising the rates exponentially as far as water usage portion, yeah. 'Cause I'm very fortunate, my home I rarely go over 5,000 a month, but then I'm rarely home too, so not hard. But no, all joking aside, I think this is important and small incremental changes really ensure that the Water Department has the revenues, and so that Mr. Taylor can continue doing the job we all keep asking him for. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Anyone else? Ms. Baisa?

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. And I have mixed feelings about the proposals. Some of it I support. I do think that we have to increase the water rates. You know, if we don't do it now, we're gonna do it at some point, and you know my theory is always that you charge a little bit more each time if you need to in order to pay your bills, and if you don't need to well, of course, you don't have to raise it, but it appears that we have huge water improvements that we want and they're very expensive and we've all watched Mr. Taylor give us every graphic depiction he can of what the situation is. I get the message which is we need water and we need to take care of it, and it's gonna cost us money. That's the message. So we gotta get that money from somewhere. So either we're gonna inch up the water rates or we're gonna have to increase taxes. We have to do something 'cause we have to pay the bills and people want water because it's the key. You know, without water nothing happens. And so I think we have to, you know, consistently try a nickel here so that it doesn't kill everybody or ten cents there. Where I do get concerned is the big increase that we would go in the meter fees from 6,000 to 14,000, I mean that's a killer and we wanna figure out how to deal with that. So we were talking about it in my Committee. We haven't found a solution yet, but we are working on it and we will come up with a proposal. So I just wanted to, you know, have my say. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, thank you for your comments. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I understand the comments of the Members that to just, you know, skyrocket the fees overnight to assist in continuing the infrastructure issues and what have you would be such a burden on this community. I like Mr. Ginoza in the other evening in one of his projects, it was a two, \$12.5 million price tag, but it was half of the bigger \$25 million price tag, and we approved it because it was broken down that you know to not really get sticker shock to the community in fees...raising of fees. We gave him half in order to accomplish and then in the following budget cycle hopefully the other half to complete, pay off for the big infrastructure needs. So that's, you know, that's one approach that I saw a department take which seems to have worked via this body and, but just a comment, Chair, in regards to that. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Anyone else? Members? Mr. Molina, please?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to make a clarification regarding the water shortage penalty.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

MR. MOLINA: It's the purview of the body to establish the penalties in Appendix B. However, relating to the reinstatement fee, your proposal is to increase it by...from 100 to \$1,000. But the Code has set that fee at \$100. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so I gotta work on a bill for an amendment to the ordinance, so thank you for that. Okay, any other comments or ideas you would like the Chair to

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consider in this proposal back to you for tomorrow? Okay, the Chair will just say that he will be definitely happy to look at a maybe a revision, but I am sensitive that the cash we request from our users be able to be substantiated by how we expend that cash. It's hard for me to ask you to, you know, support...have you...for me to come and give you a number and for me to support a rate increase when I know that from performance or where we have existing rates and cash, to ask the user to pay more unless we know where that money's gonna go and what's the benefit to the user. 'Cause I think the users are...I just say, if I gotta pay \$1.00 for this, give me \$1.00 worth of value, and I understand. But you're telling me you pay \$2.00, but you only give me \$1.00 of value what's happening with my other \$1.00? That's the issue. So I take that all into account when I make the recommendations. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I would agree with that and once again I need to point out that we have \$6 million of overhead charge. So the entire increase that we asked the rate payers to pay last year was totally offset by the increase in the overhead charge. So you know, unfortunately, Mr. Taylor and the Water Department don't have any of the last year's rate increase to spend on anything. That's a problem.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I understand.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And that's a problem that's not gonna go away. It's not gonna go anywhere. So I have a real challenge with the overhead charge being as high as it is, and it's my understanding that part of the calculation is that these cost allocations are based on salaries of a department. You know, I got a real challenge with that. So you know, before I would wanna consider any rate increase, and I agree with Mr. Couch, Ms. Baisa, and Mr. Victorino, we don't wanna leave them short of operating and CIP cash, and cash to pay Debt Service. But until, until we can be assured that we're gonna be able to provide a rate increase that's actually gonna give them money to work with, I can't support it. So I, I agree with your position, and the reason I also agree with the water development fees is that by mine and Staff's review of other counties, our rate, I mean our water development fees are higher than the others. So until we get some evaluation from the Department as to how it really compares, I can't, I can't move on any additional increase there either. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Any other comments or questions at this time? I would ask Mr. Molina. I believe there were maybe a few other adjustments that I don't believe we've shown you. So Mr. Molina, if we can please inform the Committee of any additional adjustments?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. On the first page of your handout, Page 14, under Sales of License Plate, in this section, Staff would, Staff had identified a fee for reassignment of plates. This fee is established in State Law at a \$5.00 rate for reassignment. And so, one of the recommendation would be to establish that fee in the rates and fee schedule.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Anything else?

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MR. MOLINA: On Page 15, for the Subdivision Inspection Fees, the Department of Fire had indicated this increase. However, in their transmittal they identified the wrong fee. It should have been an adjustment to the Fire Inspection Fees as opposed to the Subdivision Inspection Fees which is located on the same page if you would refer to the full bulk rates and fees handout to make that correction.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. MOLINA: In addition, under that Fire Inspection Permit Fees, there are permits for fireworks that are located in other sections so it would be consolidate those all under this Fire account. In addition, there was another fee for Fireworks Display Site Inspections also established in State Law at \$200. So this would be a new fee which would allow the Department to charge when they need to inspect firework display sites. So those all would be established on Page 15.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

MR. MOLINA: The final adjustment and this is more of a housekeeping matter is there are certain animal management related fees marked under the General Fund. These are on Page 19, and so Staff would just recommend moving those funds to the Animal Management section for consistency. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. I apologize for not having that adjustments printed out for you at this time, Members. Mr. Molina has it on the system in, on his computer. Any questions for Mr. Molina on the adjustments that he shared? A lot of it is housekeeping requirements that the Chair felt what we have basically no choice but to at least exhibit it on "B" as provided by Statute. Now any questions or concerns, Members? Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I'd like to just thank you and Staff for working on this, and you know, I have learned through my early time here that you're not gonna just pick figures out from nowhere and I can understand how you are frugal and I don't think you would just choose the rates, you know, haphazardly, so thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. We did have again, great...we have great Staff. We have verified so that on the second page under Page 22, Maui Invitational Basketball Tournament, the lease agreement for this sets \$5,000 for use fee and that is why the Chair put back the \$5,000 amount. It is in the agreement, okay. We have one more area I just wanted to run by you that is the last page under the heading of the Special Revenue/Trust and Agency Funds, on Page 50 under Permits, CORA, Commercial Ocean Recreational Activity, I'm proposing an adjustment under the CORAP Permit Fee for per park, per activity, adjusting this from \$500 a year to \$3,000 per park, per activity is my recommendation to you. On Page 53, this is something that we worked with our First Responding Departments particularly Police where we passed the legislation regarding alarms and false alarms. We have set up now in the exhibit and

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through the Budget document, the proposed registration and fees for false alarm response, whereby under registration, residential is 25, business is 50, renewal every two years, residential 25, business 15. Failure to register for residential 50, businesses \$100. Under false alarm response for residential, first response no charge, business no charge. Second response for false alarms, residential would be at \$25, business at 50. For the third response, false alarm 50 for residential, 100 for business. Now all subsequent false alarms would be at 50 and for resident, and 150 for business. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you so much for addressing the CORAP fees that I think have been exceedingly low. I would still, I believe the item is still in Mr. Guzman's Committee. I would rather... I would hope that we can get to that this term because it...that whole thing needs to be revamped 'cause we could probably get more if we do it as a concession kind of thing, so--

CHAIR HOKAMA: And, and--

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --but this is a good start.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Just to let you know, the Chair already is working with Staff to propose enabling legislation to allow departments and we can...and during the review we can ...(inaudible)...whatever, amendments or...to allow Departments to be authorized to start entering into contracts that Council would approve regarding enterprise opportunities. So this would fall right into that component, Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, couple technical things?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: It may be the way it's printed, but it looks like, \$3,000 per year. I'm assuming you meant it to be \$3,000 'cause you said so.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And if that's the case, the examples need to be adjusted as well.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, yeah, we will correct the examples, so the key was whether or not you would be willing to support the Chair's recommendation from 500 to 3,000 per park, per activity.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And thank you. Again, with the CORAP, I think it's long overdue and thank you for that, addressing that situation. I go down to the false alarms especially the fees for false alarm responses.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I got no problem with businesses 'cause businesses should and can and are probably the ones that would be least impacted as far as making sure their alarm systems work well. Whereas residents, you know, and again, you're responsible, you should be able to maintain your, what do you call that, alarm system. However, you know, I know of a lot of residents that different things happen, sometimes parts have to be ordered, and it may take sometimes a month, month and a half, and case in point this happened to us in our alarm system. We had to get certain types of parts to redo our door alarms and windows, and it took a while to come in, and in the meantime there was a second alarm that went off. We finally had to deactivate that window to prevent it from happening. But that also exposes the resident to a problem that, you know, if somebody does break in. So my, I would like, and again, you know, just for consideration, for first response I'm okay with no charge, no charge. For residents, second response for residential only, I'd still like to have no charge. Third one, \$25.00 and the fifth one on up, \$50.00 'cause if they haven't figured it out by then, then they gotta pay. I mean, they gotta pay. And more and more homes have been putting on alarm systems. Many of them are going to reputable dealers because unfortunately thefts and burglaries have grown in almost all, all parts of our County, and this is the only area that we can hopefully protect our homes and our property. And even for those who rent, the same thing goes too. So anyhow something for consideration, and I don't know where, when you would wanna look at that, but to me, a second no, and third for 25.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I would say this subject matter would be under Policy because this is a fire and police. But at this time, Mr. Victorino, I understand your point. I am gonna support the Department's request under the fee structure 'cause one, I believe those that will be in response, the officers or the fire fighters will be able to use some good discretionary judgment that if you guys would say this was not because of the homeowner or tenant. This was a mechanical thing or something that it has no control of the occupant, I think they would make the appropriate adjustments and say this would not be filed as a false alarm. And then, that's my understanding how I heard the Lieutenant or Captain when he asked us to enact the enabling legislation that they take a pretty practical approach. They're not there to be punitive or heavy handed to the tenant or homeowner, but you and I know how many responses they go when there's actually no need to respond.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, so I would say let's see how it goes this year, and again, it won't go into effect till July 1<sup>st</sup>, and get some numbers, some measurements, and then I'm happy to make those adjustments.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Anyone else? Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: On this subject, does this apply to schools...that type of...is that a business?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Businesses...you know, I...we can check 'cause you know, government...(inaudible)...we got alarms too. I mean, our all restrooms we got alarms, so...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I just recall kolohe kids in school pulling them just to pull them.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No, I did not.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You know why, Couch did, but...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah...well we can...we can check. We can check how they view schools and government facilities--

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: ---and what category we would be thrown into.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And up above the CORA, that's definitely a wider, broader, deeper discussion. As a surf shop owner, I had mentioned to my husband about this, and although we don't operate off beach, you know, parks and what have you, we have a private business, he said that will put the small guys out of business for sure. So you have really huge activity companies and then you got the little mom and pops sorta you know types. So I don't know if there could be...I don't know if there's a sliding scale thing that could occur if your business is, you know, this much revenue annually versus that much revenue annually, you get...so because it needs to be kind of a fair percentage. That's like our whole taxation thing, we're trying to make it fair all the way across the board whether you have high incomes or low incomes or...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So that's just my comment that I've been hearing just from people who actually are in business.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Again, I am happy to consider any proposals or recommendations from any Member that may have how you would like me to look at approaching as it impacts this Budget and the revenues expense component. Some of the other things I think can be done by the appropriate standing Committee. I would also say though for your Chair when I look at this things like CORA and impacts on public access or public usage of public facilities, I wanna make sure that our residents feel that they have fair access to their own parks and facilities, that they are not gonna be iced out by commercial activities 'cause they're paying the County some money. That they still have this opportunity to use their parks since they, we built it and paid for it through their money in the, initially. So that goes all into my calculations on what I will present back to Committee. Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Ordinance 4157 which established these fees does exempt government facilities from the requirements of the false alarms chapter.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, that's in response to your question, Ms. Cochran, how about school alarms and what not, it's exempted from the current law.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. And Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I just happen to be perusing this little book of mine and I notice traffic impact fees are in here, but I guess we don't technically make use of this Code because it's not...we have never figured out a fee structure to assist with.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We've had a lotta studies done. I can tell you that.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, and so...and I notice in here there's nothing for West Maui. There's a preliminary discussion in here--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I thought, yeah there was a preliminary that would be...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --but there's no west. I'm like what happened to West Maui in here?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I would say, you know, if you want we can refer that subject matters to your Committee if you don't already have a item? We can do it that way or you can just send Mr. White a letter for a holding, holding in your agenda space. Mr. White, got a question?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, thank you, Chair. I do want everyone to realize that even though we don't have a traffic impact fee schedule, there are definitely traffic impact fees assessed as people are going through the SMA process. The County's not gonna let anyone off the, off the hook if they're providing the additional traffic. I guess



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Mr. Ueoka's rolling his eyes because maybe I said something I shouldn't have said. Maybe they're donations, I don't know, but they're...I call them exactions, so whatever. But anyway, they're already paid.

CHAIR HOKAMA: They will pay their fair share of community public benefit requirements.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just to let you know the traffic impact fees and I believe other impact fees are in my Committee. We're waiting, we're waiting for Planning Department to come up with their suggestions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Any other questions on this page, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Staff any additional things we need to share with the Members? Okay, Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Chair, before we move onto another item, I would like to ask for you to take another look at the tipping fees. I know that was not part of your projected changes, but the, you know, as we've discussed before, the charge for residential pickup service is about half of the cost that the County has to engage in for handling all the residential trash, and my concern with increasing the tipping fees is that there are, basically that goes to all the commercial clients, whether they're condominiums or businesses, the tipping fees that are charged to the haulers come back to all those businesses, and my concern is that it, the result is that those parts of our public are picking up pretty close to a full value of the cost to landfill whereas the others are not. So in effect, they're being asking to subsidize the other users. So I would just ask that you be somewhat gentle with the increases in the tipping fees.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And the other item that was brought up to me by those in Solid Waste was that everywhere else or not, I can't say everywhere, but in many places there are fees ranging from 35 up to \$85.00 for residential drop-off at the landfill. And they were suggesting that we just simply implement \$5.00 fee for people who drop things off at the landfill. And part of the rationale that was shared with me was that we're charging \$18.00 per residence per month. And so if somebody's not getting residential pickup and they can drop things off themselves at no charge, that a \$5.00 fee might be appropriate and it would generate somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$500,000 of additional revenue per year.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, I'll be happy to consider it in the review before I present you with the next proposal.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Happy to do so. Okay, thank you. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And then too, on one of the issues that we brought up in Solid Waste, the 3Can Plan fee that I wanted to put in there, I would like to...

CHAIR HOKAMA: We are working on language just to make sure we, can be implemented and that it reflects the policy accurately of what this Committee is recommending to Council.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So we are working on that, Mr. Couch. Okay, anything else, Members, regarding this rates and fees area? Okay, very good. Before I...we enter the next recess for Staff requirements, I would just say that on Page 5--

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Of what?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Of the Detailed Budget, around Line 130, would be someplace in 130, in that area, I was going to ask you to consider increasing the appropriation to Corporation Counsel under legal services program, \$100,000 and that would be provisoed for a professional contract negotiator. You know, I've heard our various comments and concerns about what kind of contracts come before us? Why do we have such horrible positions and then get stuck with an arbitrary decision that is very expensive or definitely not in the interest of our tax base. So I thought this would be a very visible statement from Council that we're willing to support to get better personnel to represent the employers and the tax base on our limitations and what we feel is a reasonable increases for our employees, and so it is my recommendation for your consideration if there's no buy-in, nothing, it's not gonna be in it, but I thought we had enough discussion that it may be something you would like to see added and it's still within your Chair's parameters of expenses, so I throw that out to you if that is something you want to move forward or not have it be part of the Budget document. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I think that's a great, I think that's a great idea.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Anyone else wanna give comment? Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, thank you, Chair. I would like the proviso should identify what kind of contracts, not just contracts, because--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --it would be employment or union contracts that I would be interested in having some professional assistance provided. As we've discussed, when we go through negotiations, it seems like there's very little on the table that helps the employer, and I'd like to have a little bit better representation by someone whose got some creativity and can properly, properly defend and support the wishes of the employer. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Although I'm very intrigued with this and I think it merits having someone like that, to what extent would that occur when we have Statewide like police and fire, we have one vote?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, the intent was that he would represent and hopefully that he would...the individual, he or she would have some discussions with this Legislative Branch prior to regarding maybe some of our recommendations on limits on type of financial resources we're willing to consider as in addition to or...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: But my question is how does that affect when you're talking Statewide when we only have one vote and the State has four or five?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, my thing, my thing is that, you know, during off-season either your Committee or Mr. Guzman's Committee, Committee of the Whole should have an executive session, posted meeting and bring in people like Mr. Hiromoto from Personnel Services and tell him, how are you conducting the current negotiations? Who speaks for Maui County's position regardless of who becomes the selected overall employees...employer's spokesperson, before that is done, who gets to listen to what Maui County is throwing on the table or would like to have on the table?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, 'cause again...

CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, the State cannot say the counties are our sheep, you just follow our lead. Well, you know what, that's not our County.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Again, there's some systemic changes that I really would like to see done on that level where others could, you know, we could negotiate within our realm our own contracts, because Mr. White here when he negotiates his contract with the union, he doesn't negotiate for the Hyatt, he doesn't negotiate for the Westin, he does it for his hotel, and that's what's been a real...more so than having somebody professional and somebody who understands is the fact that we are sucked in with the others especially for many of these unit agreements, okay? And again, because we're one County and the State and others have more votes than us. Many times I don't care who the professional is, he can say what he wants or she can say what she wants but we're sucked in because we do it as a unit. So anyhow, that's just my concerns I mean--

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, no, I hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --you know, I understand where you're coming from and I agree with it, but I'm just saying I hate seeing spend \$100,000 and not get any further ahead than we are right now unless we have some, you know, some real changes in the whole system itself, and maybe I'm...maybe that will be for some other day and again, I'd be more than happy to bring it in my Committee because PIA that's us, Policy, you know. So this would be a good discussion. And I don't wanna spend time today, but I have that concern, you know, bring somebody in who can really help us, but we go down there, and it's all thrown out to the wind because maybe one county and the State agree, they get together and the rest of us, again, we're sitting out in the cold. So I know, thank you, Chair for allowing me to vent a little.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. I don't disagree with Mr. Victorino's concern, but I think there are some challenges with the structure. And I would like to see it become an HSAC initiative for our next legislative session to come up with some recommendations of how the system could be adjusted to make sure that our...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Then the simplest thing is State as an employer only has one vote like all other employers.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's the simplest.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But that's a legislative change that we need to work to get through. The other, and the other thing to think about is that if Maui puts up \$100,000, maybe the other counties could be talked into putting up some money as well, and I'll look forward to discussing it further in Mr. Victorino's Committee, but we've heard on several occasions that our negotiators simply got out maneuvered and outgunned by the professionals that the other unions hire. 'Cause it's, you know, we've got...I'll leave it at that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, anything else? Levels of competence comes in all shapes and forms.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, thank you. So no objections or do we have consensus, yes or no?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Consensus.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Give me one quick minute. We'll be in recess.  
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**RECESS: 2:18 p.m.**

**RECONVENE: 2:19 p.m.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . Okay we shall get back to session. So what the Chair is gonna ask you at this time is more about your level of trust with the Chair.

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . . *(laughter)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, well. Next

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: You're asking for a vote?

COUNCILMEMBERS: . . . *(laughter)* . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, not a vote. You know you're gonna need to, you're gonna need to trust your Chair to present to you a fair comprehensive proposal tomorrow morning which means you can, when we recess now you'll be gone 'til tomorrow morning--

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I can live with that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --or I can recess this meeting for about at least two hours, come back to you with how we are doing corrections and see if then you're comfortable to allow the Staff and the Chair to move forward for tomorrow, but that means you're gonna have to hang around until about 4:30 until we come back and we show you those adjustments on balancing and whatnot. We're not very off I can tell you that, Members. You've, we've restored but I would say, I was allayed after we made the, some good progress yesterday afternoon. So we are within parameters that I think is very workable for us to be able to reach conclusion and come up with a fair proposal to our community. Yeah, it's my sense of where we are at this point in time. So I'm just saying if you guys wanna hang with me until 4:30, and then we can show you where we are, I'm happy to do so. But if you feel that the Chair has pretty much followed your directions and parameters of moving this budget forward, you can return tomorrow morning.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: I don't wanna speak for everybody else, but I like that proposal. I think, I can, I have a lot of faith and trust what we've said to you and you carrying it forward. So unless somebody really wants to stay till 4:30 and come back, you know...I mean, I love to hang with you, don't get me wrong. I hang with all of you guys. I love it. But enough is enough. So I would rather come back tomorrow morning, take your lead, and we can go from there, and I agree with you my preliminary numbers were very close. We're talking hundreds of thousands of dollars difference, not millions and millions like in the past, so I've got no problem in coming

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back tomorrow, but I wanna say this for myself, but maybe some other guys really would like to work tonight. I'm not sure. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Carroll?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: I would hope we could come back tomorrow morning. Even from Monday, you still have two weeks until you have to post for first reading. We do have some time.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, not really, Mr. Carroll. We'll be posting things by Wednesday or Thursday already next week. So basically...Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. My level of trust is way up there--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --because you know, whatever you do, we're gonna have a good look at it on Monday.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And it will be done in open--

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --in an open meeting whatever we do.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And you know, this Committee runs by majority.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So you know, whatever you do is still subject to approval by the group so--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Exactly.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --I don't have any problem. I, for one, Chair, I really would like to go home and kind of rest.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I think we're all at the edge of being exhausted and we don't make good decisions when we're in that situation anyway. So I really appreciate the Staff and yourself taking this on. You know, you folks are tired too, but you gotta stay and do it. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Baisa? Anyone, else? Ms. Cochran?

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, I guess I'll chime in, yeah, 100 percent trust in you, yourself and the Staff members here and okay to return tomorrow. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I have trust in your Staff and a little bit of trust in you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: But we'll be able to if we have concerns, we're gonna go through one pass kind of and then if we have any issues, we're able to make changes if we feel we can support them, yeah, on Monday?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes. Okay, anyone else? Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. I don't have my home to go to, except to my rental, so okay, fine.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, Mr. White?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: We'll rest.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I thought Mr. Couch hanai'd you?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Only for the money.

...(laughter)...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Anything else, Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I think that your allowing all of us to leave actually makes it possible for the Staff to really get everything nailed down. So I'm happy to allow the Staff a little more, a little more time to get everything, you know, formatted and back to us tomorrow morning. It allows them to get some sleep whereas if you ask us to come back in a couple of hours, it's probably gonna just make it harder on the Staff. So I appreciate your suggestion.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Guzman, any comments?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No, I don't.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I just want to put on record, I really appreciate the Staff.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, we all do.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Just so awesome. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, our Staff is. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Final comment. I'm gonna go to church at 5:00 and pray for all of you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That the divine intervention puts it all together. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And just so that, you know, the Chair is not trying to mislead anyone, but I appreciate your confidence in the Chair and the Staff because by 4:00 p.m. tomorrow, Monday afternoon, we need to get to the Office of the County Clerk, our final form for our Real Property Tax Rates and the Fuel Tax Resolution. So there is a clock ticking on us right now for tomorrow afternoon that we need to get ready for presenting to you tomorrow morning and get decision so that we can make this 4:00 p.m. deadline. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, we were given a budget form--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes ma'am.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --for our offices.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: When do you want this back?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I would say, tomorrow would be great.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Just to let you know that right now under the A Account, the current allocation is I believe \$130,000 so if that's the way it's set currently, this allocation so if you put A 130, then the balance of that 141 is your B and C. So yeah, to just make it simple, it may be higher or lower in that 130 amount so make the appropriate adjustments, but we get our monthly reports from Council Services on where we are in our allocations and balances. So, if you need help, the Staff and I will be around for a



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while. But if you can please get that to us by tomorrow, sometime tomorrow in the morning after your discussions with your own office. On the B Account, if you do plan for either HSAC travel, NACo travel, that is where you would put your allocation for those type of considerations in your B Account. So budget accordingly. Okay, any other questions? If not, are we recessing or adjourning?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Recess.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we recess to what, 9:00, 10:00? What is better for the Staff, 9:30? We'll compromise, 9:30, 10:00. Okay, Members, thank you for your confidence. We will be in recess 'til tomorrow morning 10:00 a.m., okay. So we are in recess 'til tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in this Chambers. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

**RECESS: 2:27 p.m.**

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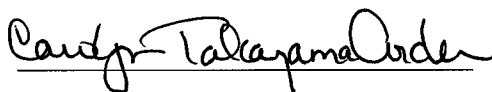
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I, Carolyn Takayama-Corden, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 28th day of May, 2015, in Makawao, Hawaii

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