

POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

April 7, 2016

Council Chamber, 8th Floor

CONVENE: 5:01 p.m.

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

EXCUSED: Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member

STAFF: Kimberley Willenbrink, Legislative Analyst
Raynette Yap, Substitute Committee Secretary

ADMIN.: Michael J. Molina, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor
Edward S. Kushi, Jr., First Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the
Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Emmanuel Baltazar
Additional attendees (1)

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

CHAIR VICTORINO: . . .(*gavel*). . . Good afternoon the Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee meeting for April 7, 2016 will now come to order. At this time, I'd like to ask everyone to please turn their cell phones to silent. By the way, I just want to inform the Committee that in Budget I was caught this morning and I put my twenty dollars down so I had three more free chances. I would like to introduce the Committee Members that are present today: myself, the Chair, Michael Victorino; the Vice-Chair from South Maui, Don Couch –

VICE-CHAIR COUCH: Good evening, Chair.

CHAIR VICTORINO: --yes, and if I don't say "good evening" I just going read down real quickly—Robert Carroll from East Maui; Gladys Baisa from Upcountry; Elle Cochran from West Maui; Stacy Crivello from Molokai; Don Guzman from Central Maui and the Vice-Chair of the Council; and Mike White from Makawao and Haiku and Paia, the

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Chair of the Council. Thank you, Members, for...and excused will be Member Riki Hokama who is excused today. From the Administration, I have Mike Molina, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Ed Kushi, First Deputy Corporation Counsel. And Committee Staff, our invaluable Committee Staff: Ms. Kim Willenbrink, Legislative Analyst; and Rayna Yap, Committee Secretary, standing in for Tammy today. Thank you, Rayna. Offices, our district offices, I'd like to check with them right now. Unfortunately, our office in Hana is closed today, so we have no one there, so they're excused. Denise Fernandez from Lanai Office, Denise, are you there? Okay, didn't work. Okay. We're having technical difficulties. Ella, are you there, Ella Alcon from Molokai? Okay. I...I'm going to call a quick recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 5:03 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:04 p.m.

CHAIR VICTORINO: . . .(gavel). . . The public meeting for the Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee will reconvene. We're having technical difficulties and are unable to reach our outlying districts in Molokai and Lanai. We're truly sorry about that; however, we need to continue to progress, so I'm going to move on today's two items. And we...both are nominations to various -

MS. WILLENBRINK: Chair?

CHAIR VICTORINO: --boards and commissions.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Chair?

CHAIR VICTORINO: First...yes?

MS. WILLENBRINK: I don't have anyone in the Chamber signed up to testify.

CHAIR VICTORINO: Oh yes. I'm moving so fast I didn't ask that question. Is there anyone in the Chamber that would like to testify? Seeing none, with your permission, may I close public testimony?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR VICTORINO: Thank you. Now I can move into the two items: PIA-2(23) relating to the Cost of Government Commission and PIA-2(20) relating to the Maui County Cultural Resource Commission.

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**ITEM PIA-2(23): NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS
(COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION)**

CHAIR VICTORINO: The first item, the Nomination to Boards, Committees, and Commissions (Cost of Government Commission), PIA-2(23). The Committee is in receipt of the following: correspondence dated March 28, 2016, from myself, transmitting a proposed resolution relating to the appointment of Emmanuel Baltazar to the Cost of Government Commission, for a term beginning March 31st...oh no, excuse me, expiring March 31, 2019, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Gabriel Hoeffken; correspondence dated March 28, 2016, from myself again, transmitting a completed application of Emmanuel Baltazar is in your binder; correspondence dated March 30, 2016, from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, transmitting the proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EMMANUEL BALTAZAR TO THE COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION," approved as to form and legality. Secondly, the Council may approve or disapprove this nomination by May 2, 2016, or the vacancy will now return to the Mayor for his consideration and action. Due to the short, limited timeline, I called this special meeting. The posting of this April 15 Council meeting so that this falls...this matter could be posted on the April 15 Council meeting. I have posted this resolution for action at this meeting; however, if there are no objection, I would like to have a discussion today rather than on the Council floor. So in other words, what I'm saying, we do not have enough time to take action without doing—if I'm correct, Ms. Willenbrink—we cannot take action today because we have to send it to the...

MS. WILLENBRINK: We would defer.

CHAIR VICTORINO: We'll defer this matter 'cause it has to go to the full Council; but I would like any questions for Mr. Baltazar today because he's here. So I'd like to, with no objections, call up Mr. Emmanuel Baltazar to the podium if I may.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR VICTORINO: Okay. Please, Mr. Baltazar?

MR. BALTAZAR: My sincere and grateful greetings to all the honorable Councilmembers of the County of Maui, to the Council staff, and the rest of the County officials who are here. So most of...first of all I would like to introduce ourselves. I'm Emmanuel Baltazar. I've been here in Maui since 2007. I devote myself in community service. And although that I work with you guys for our community especially for Filipino people. At the same time, at this time, I'm the newly appointed Political Action Committee Chair of Maui Division and I'm the Union Chair of the largest union in the State of Hawaii, the Grand Wailea Resort and Spa. With regards to my experiences with this that I'm applying for the Cost of Government Commission, previously, in the Philippines, I've been a school administrator. I work with the city government of Vigan for a special education plan, a sports plan, cultural plan, and everything in there. So my desire is, is to continue my passion and deep interest to serve the community and our people as well as for our working families. So I know that this a very tough

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commission; but if there's willingness, dedication, and love to serve, then nothing's impossible to work all this County people and all the officials of the County. Thank you so much.

CHAIR VICTORINO: Thank you, Mr. Baltazar. Any questions from any of the Members for Mr. Baltazar? Seeing none, thank you. So we're going to defer this matter and bring it up on our Council meeting on May 2nd.

MS. WILLENBRINK: April 15.

CHAIR VICTORINO: Oh, April 15, excuse me. Correction: April 15.

MR. BALTAZAR: Okay, Sir.

CHAIR VICTORINO: So if there's any other questions for you, if you could be here on April 15 just to make sure that if there's any other questions, you'd be available.

MR. BALTAZAR: What time, sir?

CHAIR VICTORINO: Meetings are usually 9 o'clock, but probably more...yeah, come around 9:00 and we'll see what happens, okay?

MR. BALTAZAR: Nine o'clock. Okay.

CHAIR VICTORINO: Thank you.

MR. BALTAZAR: Thank you so much.

CHAIR VICTORINO: So with no objections, Members, I will defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS (excused: RH).

CHAIR VICTORINO: Thank you.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

ITEM PIA-2(20): NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS (MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION)

CHAIR VICTORINO: Next I have item number two, Nominations to Boards, Committees, and Commissions, which is...excuse me, okay. Oh, here. Okay. The Committee is in receipt of correspondence dated March 16, 2016 (received on March 16, 2016), from the Mayor, transmitting a proposed resolution, entitled "RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF IVAN LAY TO THE MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES

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COMMISSION,” along with a completed application which you’ll find in your book. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the appointment of Ivan Lay to the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, for a term expiring March 31, 2020, filling the vacancy due to the resignation of Jarrett Wong. The Council may approve or disapprove this nomination by May 15, 2016, or the vacancy would return to the Mayor for his consideration and action. We have a little more time to approve or disapprove this nominee, so to make so that we can make it to the May 6th Council meeting. I have Mr. Molina here today. Mr. Molina, would you like to give a little commentary...oh, I should say, a little reference as far as Mr. Lay and his activities with the...and why the Mayor has chosen him, I should say.

MR. MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman; and good evening, Committee Members. My spiel should take about maybe a half an hour...just kidding, Members, I know you’re tired and hungry and ready to go to your next meeting. I’ll keep it very brief. Mr. Lay, of course, many of you know him. He’s with the Hawaii Carpenters’ Union. He recently completed his term on the Planning Commission, did an outstanding job, had an excellent attendance record, and he comes from a long-time, kama`aina family. And he did share with me that his mother is a kumu hula, I believe, for...I believe she’s still active in that area. So he certainly has a very good grasp of the local culture and other cultures as well. So he would certainly like to have your support to continue serving our community in a different capacity now on the Cultural Resources Commission. And, with that being said, Mr. Chairman, I’m open for questions. Thank you.

CHAIR VICTORINO: Questions for the Administration? And many of us know Mr. Lay. He’s been here many times for many issues. And so I believe he would fill the billing for this position in the Maui County Cultural Resources. So if there’s no further discussion, I’d like to make my recommendation.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Recommendation?

CHAIR VICTORINO: I’d like to entertain a motion to first, be it resolved clause...

MS. WILLENBRINK: No, no, no, no.

CHAIR VICTORINO: Okay, excuse me, that’s what you wrote down here, so...okay. Excuse me. Okay. Sorry. If there is no further discussion, the Chair would like to entertain a motion to adopt the proposed resolution RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF IVAN LAY TO THE MAUI COUNTY RESOURCE...MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION.

VICE-CHAIR COUCH: Mr. Chair, I move to adopt the resolution entitled “RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF IVAN LAY TO THE MAUI COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION.”

CHAIR VICTORINO: And that would be put on Schedule B, right?

