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Council Chamber

RECONVENE: 9:04 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
Councilmember Don Couch, Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member (In 9:31 a.m.)
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member (In 9:15 a.m.)

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**ITEM 38(56): AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET
(DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, PROJECTED
PREMIUM PAY AND OPERATIONAL SHORTFALLS) (CC 15-164)**

CHAIR HOKAMA: ...*(gavel)*... We shall reconvene the recessed meeting of April 29, 2016. This reconvening is only on BF-38(56). All other items have been reviewed and disposed of by the Committee. Therefore, this morning, we appreciate the...we have the Chief, Chief Murray back from Fire to give us additional comments on this item. Present at this time, our Vice-Chairman Mr. White.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good morning, Chair.

MR. HOKAMA: Committee members Mr. Carroll, Ms. Baisa, Ms. Cochran --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Good morning.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --Mr. Couch --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and Ms. Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Good morning.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Excused are Mr. Guzman and Mr. Victorino. Members, Staff is handing out a couple of handouts. One is part of the response from Department of Fire, and then we also have some handouts from Vice-Chairman White for your review. So stating that, I am going to take a short recess, so you may have time to review the documents from the Department and Mr. White, and then we'll have our discussion on the item 38(56). Okay. We'll take a short recess subject to the call of the Chair. ...*(gavel)*...

RECESS: 9:05 a.m.

RECONVENE: 9:15 a.m.

CHAIR HOKAMA: ...*(gavel)*... Okay. We shall return to order Members. Again, we are at the 9 o'clock reconvene meeting of April 29th. First, Chief, thank you very much for submitting the responses to the various questions of the Committee. So I appreciate your work in presenting this. Before I ask you for some comments on your handout, Mr. White, you also gave us handouts. Why don't you give us comments on what is presented to the Members, please?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. And first of all I'd like to state that the, you know, I was fortunately or unfortunately, I was here last night when the Chief's numbers were sent in and so the Staff asked me to take a look at it. And I have to say the numbers all add up. I looked at his projection of what they would need in both base pay and premium. And I did my own calculation and came off...came out about \$2 apart. But the concern I have is that the projection and the operation is for business as usual. And I'm a little concerned that, you know, as the funders, you know, we have a responsibility to look at other ways of allocating resources, because the resources are not endless. And as you know, I've stated many times, I have had concern about the impact of the Rank-for-Rank Recall and other issues. So what I did over the weekend is I was given and I'm, you know, I'm very thankful for the professionalism of the Department, because they do keep track of what happens, and what, you know, what their work amounts too. Last year, we had requested information on incident callouts for the HAZMAT crew. And so we got a response that listed 45 incidents, in which the Kahului Station was involved

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over a 22-month period. So the first sheet that I'm handing out is one that provides some of the detail there. And just starting from the top, the power line down category there were four, arcing or shorted electrical equipment was 12, and oil or gas spills were 14. And most of those were, you know, gas spilled on the...gas or oil on the highway from a vehicle accident or something of that sort. But there was one large oil spill of about 6,000 square feet that was included in that number and that's...that probably should have gone below somewhere. So then I've described some of the things that were not quite, you know, would not tell you what it was like, such as a biological hazard, the chemical spill, the radiation incident, suspicious item and so forth. So I provided some of the detail, and I do have the actual letter with further details, if anyone on the Committee would like to review them. But the point that I would like to make is that if you go down to the bottom, the total HAZMAT duty man hours over this 22-month period where we've had 45 incidents, the total man hours is 79,080 hours. And I added up the time on incident, which is in the report, and multiply that times the five individuals that are assigned to the crew. And it amounts to 112 man hours, and this doesn't...I don't think it includes travel time to and from the incident. So it should probably be increased from that number. But it works out to only .14 percent, 14/100 of a percent of the time spent actually dealing with the responding to the HAZMAT incidents. And you can see to the right of that number that the straight time rate for HAZMAT is, for that same 22-month period is 4,028,000. That's not the actual cost because as we all know, there's a significant amount overtime cost incurred by adding, you know, adding coverage when people are out on sick leave or other. So the average man hours per incident was 3.9, and the average payroll during that 3.9 hours is about 197. And I, you know, I'm not absolutely sure that these numbers are accurate. And I'm...I know the 79,080 is but just the last line, average per man hour. So it's...my concern is that we have a part of the operation that is spending a lot of time not having to respond. And I believe we used to handle HAZMAT by having the equipment there, and then people were well trained in HAZMAT response. And they would come from the other companies that are stationed at the Kahului Station, and respond as appropriate when there was HAZMAT concerns. So that's the first sheet. The second sheet is projected overtime savings with staffing adjustments. And the Chief had mentioned last week that they can run with a minimum standard of four individuals rather than the five. So this is just simply three different levels of...the first box...well what this shows is the number of E/Ps assigned to each station, and the number of available man hours, and the appropriate amount of savings. If we were to pull...if we were it to reduce it to 4, that would free up 51 people, and result in a savings of about 28,000...I'm sorry, 2.8 million. The second option is removing 2, and these would be...although they would be removed from the station, they would be available to cover vacation, sick leave, and so forth, from the other stations, as people were taking their time off. And so one is a reduction of three, option two is a reduction of two, and option three is the reduction of one individual per company. So I just offer this, because it puts some numbers to it. By my rough calculation, the number of employees needed just to cover vacation and sick leave through the year is 40. So if we were to try option 2, there would still be a significant amount of overtime required, because the 34 would not cover all the necessary time for sick and vacation. The bottom number shows the estimated savings if this was implemented from May 15th to June 30th. The second...I'm sorry, the third sheet which has no colors on it, other than the black print, is the same station, the same staffing, but I've added the number of fire

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callouts, and the number of EMS callouts. And as you'll see, there's a range of percentages, with the high being 7½ percent at the Paia Station, down to 1.4 at Pukoo, and the average callout is 4.5 percent, fire. So the...as with the HAZMAT I have to ask myself the question, now with cell phones and easy, very easy communication, does it make sense for us to reduce the number of the folks assigned to a specific station? So that we can free up people to cover vacation and sick leave without expending overtime. We cover it with straight time. This shows that if we've got only 5 percent of the callouts being fire, that maybe we can run with the minimum standard of four, and have the ability to call in whether it's one more, two more, or three more people from that company whenever there is a fire and a need. So that's the third sheet, the fourth sheet I provided is, the cost of Rank-for-Rank Recall, and the Department has provided the...those numbers in the...in their response. The numbers that I show here are from 2015, because it was a full year. And so...well and just show that the Rank-for-Rank Recall...actually this is just anytime there is overtime, these are the actually costs to the County. We have the overtime paid, hours worked, hourly rate, which is the overtime rate, and then the bottom line is the cost to the County, once you add fringe. This is not adding the total fringe, but you can see there that it's a significant cost to the County, whenever we incur overtime. And so I'd just like to provide that for the Committee's information and discussion. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. White, for your information and thank you for the work. Chief, I'd like for you to give us some comment, please, on your response to the Committee. We appreciate the components, as well as the various attachments you share with us in your response.

MR. MURRAY: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, Chief if you could.

MR. MURRAY: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MR. MURRAY: I hope you had an opportunity to look at what we provided for you. I appreciate Vice-Chair White's comments. As you know...sorry, just trying to fix this...there we go...there's obviously two viewpoints and first of all I want to thank my staff for working weekend, this whole weekend, trying to get all of this information for you. I really appreciate them coming in on the weekend. The whole purpose of our existence is for the safety of our community. And I, you know, I appreciate the numbers and all of those things on that first sheet. When they talk about the hazardous materials calls that was just for HAZMAT calls. This company provides second and backup service to majority of our calls that is not listed here. They also do inspections of all of our hazard areas that are noted within our community, which is highly important, which helps provide not being able to respond, because we're doing preventive measures. They are highly trained in this area. He was correct that in the past we use to have our rescue team do it. As you know, the needs for our rescue team to focus on their skill sets and having to do these skill sets, I was there doing this both, and the mandates in the early 2000s

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of the Fire Department having to respond to hazardous materials changed the whole ball game, and that's when the whole thought process came up. It was Federally mandated, and by Charter it was put on our Department to take care of HAZMAT. So that is a responsibility of the Fire Chief, and I believe we do a very good job. It is very fortunate that we do not have major, major incidents on an annual basis, but we are prepared for those, and I think that has a lot of value for this community. So I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Let's see. Well we appreciate the comment on the HAZMAT, Chief. Any comments you want to give us with Kahikinui or Puukoolii, Chief? Your unexpected expenses, any comments you want to share?

MR. MURRAY: Thank you for that opportunity, Chair. If you look in one of the handouts we have the Kahikinui fire and its cost. And it has the breakdown of the dozer services, as well as the overtime estimates, vehicle repairs, and helicopter costs.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Chief, that 80,000, Goodfellow Brothers. That is more of your heavy earth equipment than tanker assistance?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, we had dozers and tankers.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. That was for dozers and tankers.

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Can I ask a question on the Public Works number?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure. Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: That amount gets given to Public Works?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, through a demand.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

MR. MURRAY: Yeah, we pay for their overtime and any other services, fuel cost and what have you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, very good.

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Yeah, I'm going to go down the line so, Ms. Cochran, as the sub...well you have some subject matter, you know. Anything else you want to ask at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Sorry.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Don't feel you have to ask at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, no, no.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'll come back again.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Yeah, that's fine.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Baisa, anything you want to ask at this time?

MS. BAISA: Not at this moment.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Carroll? Mr. Victorino, sir, any questions for Chief or Fiscal Officer at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: No, Chief...Chair I think I've read these numbers, and Mr. White's one, obviously I got this morning, and all of this information is overwhelming, but, you know, I still have the philosophy, it's better to have and not need, than need and not have. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for that. Mr. Guzman, any questions at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Not at this time. I was trying to figure out what...that's fine. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's a philosophy for Mr. Victorino. Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. The Kahikinui fire detail under the helicopter, there were...and I want to thank you for being, putting this together in a pretty clear fashion. The first invoice for Windward Aviation, the 41,467, I don't see...you provided the detail, but I don't see that invoice or the 25,996, that's number 5 in the line. Where would I find that detail?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Chief or Department, please?

MS. KAGOSHIMA: Well, actually the 41,467.50 and the \$25,996 is...was included in a total invoice, for the months of February and March. So the figure you see there is the charges specifically assigned for the Kahikinui fire.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Oh, okay. So which...is that the March invoice of 33 and the February invoice of 45, 9?

MS. KAGOSHIMA: Thousand. Yes, that's listed on my...the helicopter breakdown.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah.

MS. KAGOSHIMA: Is that the one you're looking at?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so it's included in the...those two amounts are included in the February and March --

MS. KAGOSHIMA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --numbers?

MS. KAGOSHIMA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, good. Thank you very much, and thank you for this detail, it's very helpful. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Crivello, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Not right now, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Couch? Thank you. Chief, one thing that the Committee would ask you this morning is this amendment...well either for you, Chief Murray, or Mr. Baz. Is this amendment also to cover your payroll for June 15th . . . this amendment? Mr. Baz?

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. All payroll for the time period up to June 30th gets paid out of this fiscal year. So even though the payment will be July 15th, it gets posted to the June 30 fiscal year, and that's been the consistency, the way Department of Finance operates so that we have an accurate account of the actual payroll expenditures.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So is this amendment...is the Department depending on this amendment to pass to take care of payroll requirements for...to finish the current fiscal year?

MR. BAZ: Yes, Mr. Chair. They would be short without this amendment.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. 'Cause that answer depends what kind of options we have for this Committee. So I appreciate your response, Mr. Baz. Okay. Other questions on this request? Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. I'm just trying to understand clearly the handouts from Department, and thank you very much for working over the weekend on

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this, as Budget's been doing also. But so looking at...let's see, what, where would I say this page was. I guess it's like the Budget Details estimated balances, and it breaks it down, first Administration, Maintenance Program, then you got Training Program, then you got Fire Prevention Program. You know the pages I'm looking at? 'Cause there's no page number I guess. It looks like our Budget Detail book, yeah, Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes. Yes, it is.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: The black and...yeah. And it has a highlighted yellow square at the top, Estimated Purchases - see related tabs, on the top heading.

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So those pages, just trying to look down each category. So for example, the first section, Administration and Maintenance Program, you are not requesting any additional funds? It's a zero balance there.

MR. MURRAY: No, we're not.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Is that correct? So then going to Training Program, it's a negative \$50,000. So you are looking for additional 50? 'Cause you are short right now negative 50. Is that how I'm to read this?

MS. KAGOSHIMA: That figure reflects the transfer, from the program into...

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Baz?

MR. BAZ: Yeah there are programs that have additional resources available in them, that we're proposing to transfer out of those programs and into the Fire/Rescue Operations Program, to cover the cost. So the total Budget amendment we're requesting is \$1.9 million, \$1.5 million is additional revenue, 400,000 is being transferred from other programs into the Fire/Rescue Operations Program.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Such as this \$50,000?

MR. BAZ: Such as the \$50,000.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And the one below it, \$35,000, and so on?

MR. BAZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, okay. And so Fire/Rescue Operations Program on the next page, the 1.4 mil is what you are short, and are asking for? That's...okay. Just wanted to get my numbers straight in what they say. And then real quickly, Chair?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, after this section of the printout the next area is Administrative/Maintenance Program and it breaks it down. At the very top line Administrative Vendor, Brian Drolet.

MR. MURRAY: Drolet.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Drolet. Amount, \$17,000, Reports for Accreditation.

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So you have somebody tracking your progress? This is the person you have assigned to your accreditation?

MR. MURRAY: It's a third party --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh okay.

MR. MURRAY: --that we had to hire. So we could...because our reporting system, and how we collect the data, and where we put it, was not sufficient for our accreditation.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Alright. Chair, that's all I have for now, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much, Ms. Cochran, appreciate it. Others, questions for Chief Murray? Mr. White?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Chair. The pages aren't numbered, but this page that you have, the title is Administrative/Maintenance Program.

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Under Mechanic you have \$40,000 for tires, and \$70,000 for auto parts. Are these anticipated expenses?

MR. MURRAY: Yes. They're anticipated.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And so those are...it's \$110,000. I'm just wondering if that is an avoidable expense. I mean it's almost, we're almost buying two new cars.

MR. MURRAY: No, it's not avoidable. It's safety reasons for the tires. As you know, we go through a lot of tires because of the weight of our trucks. And that's just something that we project and we're pretty close to the numbers annually.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. So that's the remaining amount that you need for the rest of the year?

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MR. MURRAY: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. For both items?

MR. MURRAY: Yes, barring any major failures.

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

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you for that question. Members, other questions for Chief regarding his response to the Committee, or anything else you need for his amendment consideration? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess the direct question would be, if this amendment doesn't pass, what are the consequences?

MR. MURRAY: Well, first of all, we won't be able to make payroll. And we would not be able to purchase items that is necessary for our day-to-day operation.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Anything else, Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Additional questions or comments, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And I recall the comment in regards to your purchasing person being away, I don't know, nine months or so, six-nine months, so you've been delaying, I guess, ordering things. And so I'm trying to figure out if that person was around and you were on track to make all these different purchases, would you not have money back then? Because it looks like you still have a list of things you're trying to catch up to buy. And is that because your purchasing person hasn't like...was stated you put things on the backburner until you can get up to speed or whatever. I think Chief Shimada was here explaining that the other day.

MR. MURRAY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And it sounds like if you were on track, you would be coming probably earlier for this amendment.

MR. MURRAY: Yes. That is one of the reasons, but we wanted to hold off on some of the purchases that we could because we did not want to fall short. We do that every year. And, you know, we're back in the same place again. But it's not that those items are not needed. It's just we are trying to fight through, you know, waiting till the last minute where we could actually get it. So there is a lot of thought process that goes into waiting.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. And then a follow-up, Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: As Mr. Shimada, it was brought up by Chair White, and then I brought it up to Mr. Shimada in regards to the turnouts and --

MR. MURRAY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --the better price range you folks had gotten. And so thereby, I think 77,000 extra, he said it's up to us however we want him to spend it, buy more or roll it over to next year, whatever. So there's that funding, I guess for your turnouts, and I see the list that you're looking to purchase here, I believe. So just trying to cross reference, you have excess money for those items, and how that can help assist in drawing down this amount being asked today. And I guess, Mr. Baz, that would be maybe the operations transferrals...transfers or something? But Chief Shimada didn't mention that the other day.

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Baz?

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Member Cochran. That's a very good question. When my staff was working with the Fire Department on this proposed Budget amendment, the turnout pricing had just come in. In fact, I don't know if you saw the pricing or...I know Chair White saw it, but the, that lowest vendor we had to disqualify, because they weren't bidding on the same amount. And so it's \$2,400 or so, per turnout. So we do have a savings in that area. The Fire Department had indicated that, you know, they...we weren't sure what they were going to do with that additional. My suggestion was to purchase more turnouts. And so we didn't come to a conclusion before submitting this Amendment. So that turnout money, that extra C Budget money, is still in the Department's budget to be able to spend on additional turnouts or...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Okay, Chair. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, for your questions. Members, any other questions you may have for Chief or Mr. Baz on this consideration? Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you for being here, Chief. In regards, in comparison to Mr. White's analysis and all of his spreadsheet, it looks like your actual incident for your hazardous overtime, where is it apply then? If...do you see the comparison? How you have only so many response to incidents in regards to hazardous materials. And then as opposed to how much is actually spent on the overtime, if you look at Mr. White's sheet.

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MR. MURRAY: Thank you, Councilmember Crivello, for that question. Yes, I have looked at that. I'm not sure of all its accuracy but I understand the process and the concept. And as I mentioned earlier, this does not constitute the preparation for our response. It also doesn't constitute the inspections of all the hazardous area that we have here, within the County of Maui. And they're second in response to most other units, they're at all of our large incidents, they provide incident command support to the Chiefs. They also help with medical monitoring, before our rehab crew shows up. They help with all the documentation. We try to utilize this group as much as possible. I know it's not shown on the actual runs that they do, but they are highly valuable, not only on a day-to-day basis but with their skill training. And as I mentioned before, I worked on the crew that did it all. And it's almost near impossible to be able to be good at all of those things, and that was why the Chiefs prior to us felt that this was something that needed to be changed. The added responsibilities, the training, there's just not enough time in a day to make sure that all of that gets done. So...and with that Charter that was allowed, allowed the Fire Department to take charge of hazardous materials response. That was something we did in the past, but now it's mandated to us. So I believe that we're sitting in a very positive position to make it happen, and I'm sorry that the numbers don't reflect that, but there's a lot of pre-incident work, and preventative work that goes into these shared cost as well. So I hope that helps.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: So what I'm hearing from you is that...your response is not only for HAZMAT?

MR. MURRAY: No, they're not.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: From this total --

MR. MURRAY: No.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: --with the HAZMAT callouts?

MR. MURRAY: Yeah. What's not reflected is our second-in companies, and that's one of the explanations I used for Engine 10's high mileage. Was that...because of their location, and even HAZMAT 10's location, that their response is to all districts. We've in the past have sent HAZMAT to Lanai for incidents that we've had there. And any type of incident that happens within our jurisdiction. So, and it's just within this last 22 months it's nothing real major, and thank goodness for that, because I think the preventative work has been paying off.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay. Thank you, Chief.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you, Chair. And I'll try to make this quick. Chief, couple of quick questions. You know, we've seen the numbers, I understand the numbers, but like anything else, Chief, you're like a...like my son guys, just spend more time practicing than playing. But unless you're ready to play, and you have to practice to be ready, you're not going to be ready. Okay, there's a correlation, Mr. Chair, very important correlation. I've said many times, we don't have emergencies 24...8:00 to 4:00, they come at all times. We're a world-class destination for our visiting industry. We better make sure that we're ready for anything that could happen. We've been lucky all these years, never to have a high-rise fire in any of these hotels, although, we've come close a few times, and you know what I'm talking about. 'Cause I was there to make sure it didn't happen. I just get a little disgusted at when we try to portray this Department, and any of our Fire...any of our emergency people as, you know, we over paying them. We over paying them. Because when they are needed, I don't ever hear anyone say, oh, you're getting paid too much. I don't hear anyone saying, oh, we don't need you, that's okay, go home. I hear quite the opposite. I've watched fires burn up these hills, a number of years ago, and myself with a cast, on the road directing traffic, because they didn't have enough policemen or firemen, at 12 midnight. I don't want that to happen. I don't want our tourists, our residents, or anybody put in harm's way. If it's dollars and cents let me tell you, when I went over all the numbers, most people either was okay, or wanted to put more money, especially if the service is provided, was available when they needed it. That's what I got out of the survey. So I'm going to say I support this, I wholeheartedly support this, and anything else I can do to make sure the Department has the equipment, the training, and the manpower. 'Cause remember, when something happens and you pull Kahului, Makawao is the backup. Makawao is the backup. And when Makawao pulls out, Kula becomes the backup. When Paia pulls out, all these backups, moving engines and moving people around is not easy. I thank the Lord, we don't have major, major events, but one day, Mr. Chair, it's not if, but when this happens, I want to be able to say, they had the right...necessary equipment, the manpower, and training to do a good job to prevent loss of life, and loss of property. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for your comments. Anyone else, Members, on this? Okay. The Chair is going to...the plan is to defer this, schedule this for May 11th for decision making, which will get us out in time, so that whatever is final Council's decision can be implemented in time, whatever it is. I'm not going to make any recommendations today on this. Questions for the Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: It's not a question. I'll just say it this way, I'm disappointed that you're going to do this, because I will not be here May 11th, as you well know. And doesn't give me an opportunity to participate, but it is what it is, if you feel this way, I will yield to your recommendation to defer.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for that. Ms. Cochran?

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, I too am not going to be here. I will be at the White House, fulfilling my responsibility, via your nomination, of myself onto the National Ocean Policies Group. With...so that's where I'm going to be, also. And so if it is till that day I want to say that I see, I hear, wholeheartedly the comments of Mr. Victorino, and I agree. And so, I see this as a huge hardship and everything with the Department, looks like they vetted through their entire program to figure out what can be done, and this and that. So, it is what it is, and I feel that we will need to take care of the funding, but unfortunately I won't be here to make that decision with you folks. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, I've been quiet, because I've been hoping for a recommendation, and then I would express my position on this. But I do want to say that I am in full support of giving the Fire Department what it needs. So whether it's today or May 11th, I guess you know where I'm at. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Anyone else? Okay. This item is deferred. We will schedule for May 11th, for reposting and decision making. Okay. This meeting is adjourned. ...*(gavel)*...

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

ADJOURN: 9:54 a.m.

APPROVED:



RIKI HOKAMA, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

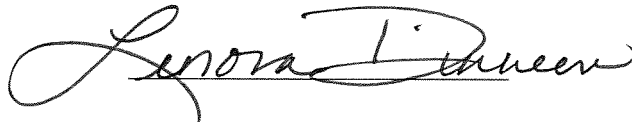
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I, Lenora Dinneen, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 23rd day of May, 2016, in Kihei, Hawaii

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