

GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

Council Chamber

February 5, 2019

RECONVENE: 2:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Chair
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama (left at 7:01 p.m.)
Councilmember Tasha Kama
Councilmember Kelly T. King
Councilmember Alice L. Lee
Councilmember Tamara Paltin
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura

STAFF: Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst
Kasie Apo Takayama, Legislative Analyst
Pauline Martins, Committee Secretary

Don Atay, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Sinenci
Gina Flammer, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Sinenci

ADMIN.: Edward S. Kushi, Jr., First Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department
of the Corporation Counsel
Deidre Tegarden, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor
William Spence, Acting Director of Housing and Human Concerns

OTHERS: Zandra Amaral
Bill Medeiros
Brian Bilberry
Plus (2) other people

PRESS: Akaku Maui Community Television, Inc.
Melissa Tanji, The Maui News

CHAIR MOLINA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . The recessed GET meeting of January 29, 2019 is now in session. Members, today is Tuesday, February 5th, twelve minutes after the hour of 2:00 p.m. Due to the length of our recessed meeting for January 23, 2019, the Chair would like to complete that agenda first. So with that being said, the Chair will recess this meeting, which is the recessed meeting of January 29, 2019 until 3:30 p.m. Members, are we clear on that? So we will come back into session and see where we're at for the recessed meeting for January 29th. So meeting in recess, and then we will

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open up after that for this morning's agenda. We'll reconvene in open session for that. Okay?

CHAIR MOLINA: Seeing none, this meeting is in recess. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

RECESS: 2:10 p.m.

RECONVENE: 3:30 p.m.

CHAIR MOLINA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . The GET recessed meeting of January 29th is now in session. Members, because of the extraordinary circumstances related to our meeting from this morning, we're going a little bit long. So what we're going to do, the Chair's going to make a recommendation to start the recessed meeting of January 29th at a later time today. Chair's going to recommend that we reconvene the recessed meeting of January 29th at 5:30 p.m. today. Members, any comments or questions as it relates to the Chair's recommendation for the start of the recessed meeting of January 29th? No objections? Okay. The recessed meeting of January 29, 2019 is now in recess until 5:30 p.m. today. Today's date is Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

CHAIR MOLINA: Meeting in recess. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

RECESS: 3:31 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:30 p.m.

CHAIR MOLINA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . The recessed GET meeting of January 29th will now come to order. Members, as stated earlier, the first two matters from this morning until now have gone a bit beyond, but certainly a very thorough vetting process, which is why we're getting a late start for the recessed meeting of January 29th. So with that being said, the Chair will extend the start time to now 6:30 p.m. tonight for the recessed GET meeting of January 29th. Any concerns? Right now, by the way, it's just after 5:30 p.m., February 5th, Tuesday. Members, any concerns, objections?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So you're saying that we're going to complete Mr. Wong by, actually what you're saying is by 6:30 p.m.

CHAIR MOLINA: It is the Chair's hope.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That's what you're suggesting?

CHAIR MOLINA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR MOLINA: And of course it is the will of this body if it so chooses.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR MOLINA: So everybody understand what we're doing?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR MOLINA: Council Chair King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I just wonder if it might be more cautious to recess it until 7:00 p.m. just given the fact that we've only barely made it through one round of questions.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Well we have a consideration for 7:00 p.m. and you know maybe that may not be a bad consideration because--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Finish . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR MOLINA: --we're getting into dinner hour. So if we happen to complete our task with Mr. Wong well before 6:30 p.m., then it gives you the Members ample opportunity to once again refresh yourselves. So Members, what is the pleasure of the body - 6:30, 7:00 p.m.? Going once, let's go with 7. All right the GET recessed meeting of January 29th has now been recessed to 7:00 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

CHAIR MOLINA: Meeting in recess. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

RECESS: 5:32 p.m.

RECONVENE: 7:12 p.m.

CHAIR MOLINA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . The Recessed GET meeting of January 29th is now in session. Members, it is 7:15 p.m. February 5th, Tuesday, 2019. We have had an extraordinarily long day as it relates to the January 23rd agenda, which we have completed all decision making on the seven nominees for that particular agenda. We are now on the recessed meeting of January 29th, where we are considering the nominations of Mr. Spence for Director of Housing and Human Services as well as Mr. Goode for the Director of Public Works. We have lost one Member, and we are down to eight people. Members, the Chair has looked at all of you and he senses that you need some time off, unless you guys want to go as late as you can. However, the Chair has a personal belief that we should be more refreshed so to speak. Okay. And I myself, I will include myself as not looking refreshed. It's been long and _____. I was real careful with that one. So Members, the Chair is looking at a potential recess date of Thursday, February 7th at 9:00 a.m. I

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do have to consult with, well I just want to get the thoughts of our Council Chair, if we have permission to use the Chambers for that date. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes, you do have permission, and I was just going to offer that this is going to cost you a lot in meals, so I'm happy to help you pay for the meals on the 7th. . . . *(chuckle)* . . .

CHAIR MOLINA: Oh, I'm being held hostage here. . . . *(chuckle)* . . . Okay, Members, any objections or concerns with recessing this meeting to Thursday, February 7th at 9:00 a.m. right here in the Council Chambers?

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR MOLINA: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you to . . .

CHAIR MOLINA: So be it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, if I could just have personal privileges.

CHAIR MOLINA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I want to thank Mr. Spence for hanging around and apologize for not getting to you today. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR MOLINA: And Chair also agrees with Council Chair King, and expresses his aloha to you Mr. Spence as well as Ms. Tegarden for the long wait, but I assure you that you will be heard on our recessed date of February 7th. As a matter of fact, we will take you up first. So please get a good night rest and prepare for a potentially long line of questioning if that is the will of this body. So Members, with that being said, Staff, is there anything else the Chair needs to be aware of prior to recessing?

MS. ESPELETA: No.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. With that being said, the recessed January 29th meeting of the Governance, Ethics, and Transference [sic] Committee . . . (*chuckled*) . . . Transparency Committee is now in recess until Thursday, February 7th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Meeting in recess. . . . (*gavel*) . . .

RECESS: 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



MICHAEL J. MOLINA, Chair
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