

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
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January 9, 2020

Council Chamber

CONVENE: 9:04 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

STAFF: James Krueger, Legislative Analyst
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary
Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst

Zhantell Lindo, Council Aide, Moloka`i Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lāna`i Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Michele M. Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
David J. Underwood, Director, Department of Personnel Services (EDB-6(1), EDB-6(2), EDB-6(3))
Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Department of Public Works (EDB-45(10))
Michael Busch, Contracts Coordinator, Department of Public Works (EDB-45(10))
Randy Esperanza, Captain, Department of Police (EDB-64)
Melissa Magonigle, Business Administrator II, Department of Police (EDB-64)
David Galazin, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Jasee Law

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . (*gavel*) . . . Aloha kakahiaka kākou. Ehā minuke i ka hala o ka hola `eiwa ma `eiwa o Ianuali i ka makahiki `elua kaukani iwakālua. E `olu`olu mai, e ho`omalua ke Komike Ho`omohala Waiwai me Mo`ohelu Kala. `O wai ka Iku Ha`i o keia Komike, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It is 9:03 . . . 9:04 on January 9, 2020. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order. I am your Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I keia lā, me ko kākou eia, Committee Vice-Chair Kelly King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha kakahiaka and Happy New Year, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka and aloha makahiki hou. Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka and hau`oli Wao Ma`ane`i.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Mahalo. `O `oe pū... `o wau pū. Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha kakahiaka, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Let me try my Filipino.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Here we go. Let's do it.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Magandang umaga.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Madandung [*sic*] umaga. . . (*chuckling*) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Close. Thank you. Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry. I'm going to work on that. Good morning. Member Riki Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Let's go Navajo. Ya'at'eeh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Teeh. . . (*chuckling*) . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'll stick to my ethnicity. Ohayō gozaimasu.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ohayō gozaimasu. Pro Temp Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. And mai ka Administration we have with us Budget Director, Michele Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. From Department of Personnel Services, Director David Underwood.

MR. UNDERWOOD: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Corporation Counsel we have with us, David Galazin.

MR. GALAZIN: Morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Our wonderful Committee Staff we have, Yvette...Empress Yvette Bouthillier. James Krueger.

MR. KRUEGER: Sir James.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sir James Krueger. And Ms. Lesley Milner. Good morning. And at our District Offices we have Ms. Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros in Hana, Ms. Denise Fernandez on Lāna`i, and Ms. Zhantell Lindo on Moloka`i. Okay, Members, we have six . . . so sorry, five items on today's agenda. I'm not going to jinx it, hopefully, but it should be rather quick. We have EDB-6(1) Contract Negotiations and Cost Item Proposals (Hawaii Government Employees Association, Bargaining Unit 13, Included Employees); EDB-6(2) Contract Negotiations and Cost Item Proposals (Hawaii Government Employees Association, Bargaining Unit 13, Excluded Employees); EDB-6(3) Contract Negotiations and Cost Item Proposals (Hawaii Government Employees Association, Bargaining Unit 02, Supervisory, Blue-Collar Employees); EDB-

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45(10) Amendments To Appendix A, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants And Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2020 (Department of Public Works (Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Department of Defense, State of Hawaii, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant)); and EDB-64 Amending Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Alarm System Revolving Fund. Okay. And we'll begin with public testimony. Mr. Krueger, do we have anyone signed up to testify?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, there's no one in the Chambers currently signed up to testify. But there is someone indicating that they wish to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

MR. LAW: Aloha kakahiaka.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, Mr. Law. You know the rules --

MR. LAW: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to testify?

MR. LAW: Oh yeah. Jasee Law from Kula. So, on behalf of the employees and the people out there in TV land and myself, thank you for making the budget meetings, and no offense, Mr. Hokama, the budget meetings are more lele [sic] now. They're more fun.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Le`ale`a.

MR. LAW: Yeah, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Law. Okay, and we'll check in with our District Offices. Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros in Hana, do you have anyone wishing to testify?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: This is Mavis from the Hana Office and there's nobody here waiting to testify.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo he lā maika`i. On Lāna`i, Ms. Fernandez, do you have anyone there wishing to testify?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MS. FERNANDEZ: This is Denise Fernandez at the Lana`i Office and there are no testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo hela maika`i. And on Moloka`i, Ms. Lindo, do you have anyone there wishing to testify?

MS. LINDO: Good morning, Chair. This is Zhan at the Moloka`i District Office and there are no testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo he lā maika`i o`oe. Okay. So, since we don't have any testifiers this morning . . . or sorry, we completed our testimony, our public testimony.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If there are no objections I will now close public testimony. Any objections? Okay, great.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Public testimony is now closed.

. . . END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

ITEM 6(1): CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND COST ITEM PROPOSALS (HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, BARGAINING UNIT 13, INCLUDED EMPLOYEES) (CC 19-441)

ITEM 6(2): CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND COST ITEM PROPOSALS (HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, BARGAINING UNIT 13, EXCLUDED EMPLOYEES) (CC 19-442)

ITEM 6(3): CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND COST ITEM PROPOSALS (HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, BARGAINING UNIT 02,

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SUPERVISORY, BLUE COLLAR EMPLOYEES) (CC 19-443)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so we will begin with our first item on the agenda, EDB-6(1): Contract Negotiations and Cost Item Proposals (Hawaii Government Employees Association, Bargaining Unit 13, Included Employees). We have with us from . . . Director of Personnel Services, Mr. Underwood and Budget Director Yoshimura for opening comments. Mr. Underwood, would you like to begin?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. With the Chair's permission I'll just make some general comments that cover all three of the cost item resolutions, since --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any objections?

MR. UNDERWOOD: --since it's kind of the same . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Procedurally do I have to call the other two items up at this time too in order to receive comments? Yeah. Okay. Okay. No objection. Okay. Please proceed, Mr. Underwood.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. Before this Committee today we have three resolutions, County Communications 19-441, 19-442, and 19-443. These are resolutions to approve the cost items from the negotiated settlements with Bargaining Units 02, the blue-collar supervisors and Bargaining Unit 13, the professional and scientific workers. By statute, cost items for any agreements are required to be approved by all legislative bodies, so that's why this is before you. These agreements cover 43 employees for Bargaining Unit 02 and approximately 400 for Bargaining Unit 3 [sic]. Similar resolutions have been introduced to all the other . . . to the other legislative bodies. County of Hawaii has approved, the City and County of Honolulu has approved, County of Kauai has approved Bargaining Unit 13 and is in the process of hearing Bargaining Unit 02. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Underwood. Ms. Yoshimura, would you like to add any additional comments?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, funds for the costs items have already been budgeted in the Fiscal Year 20 Budget.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, sorry. I'll open the floor up to questions, starting with Member Paltin because she's eager to ask questions.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just didn't get the second amount of employees. The Unit 02 was 43 employees and . . .

MR. UNDERWOOD: It's slightly over 400 for Bargaining Unit 13.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Four hundred?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. That was just for clarification, I missed it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Pro Temp Kama and then Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. So, who in the County are in Unit 02 . . . I mean not the names but the professionals, who are they . . . I mean are those your clerks or are those your maintenance people. I mean . . . and so where . . . and the people in 13 who exactly are they? I mean what are their jobs description or how do we know that they're in one or the other unit or bargaining unit?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Under the Hawaii Collective Bargaining Statute, different types of work --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MR. UNDERWOOD: --are allocated to different bargaining units. Bargaining Unit 02 are the supervisors of the blue-collar workers. So, these would be the foremen, the general supervisors, baseyard supervisors, employees, that type of employees. Bargaining 13 is professional and scientific workers, so that would be social workers, planners, IT people, engineers, that type of workers.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Hokama and then Member Molina and then Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Did we receive any type of comment or testimony from the collective bargaining agent, HGEA, Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, we haven't received any.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And no one is coming from that entity to speak on behalf of the request?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. No, Mr. Underwood does, represents us, the employer, the County. I'm wondering, where is the representative of our employees that they pay for. Anyway, Mr. Underwood, help us understand point three of the contracts' proposals. Who are these guys that they're going to get the lump sum that are not part of the salary schedule that do not get step movement? Because I have a concern with this one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. The vast majority of employees in these units are assigned to a salary step --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Correct.

MR. UNDERWOOD: --instead of a salary schedule. There are a few employees in Bargaining Unit 13 who are not assigned to the salary schedule. They are non-civil service employees in the Housing and Human Concerns Department, specifically in Section 8.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, this is grant employees you giving bonuses to?

MR. UNDERWOOD: It's . . . they're . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: They're from Federal grants right, Section 8?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Most of them are Federally funded, yeah. The agreement provides them a bonus in lieu of a step movement. All the other employees are going to get a certain increase because . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, this is from the grant monies or this is our General Fund monies?

MR. UNDERWOOD: This is from the grant monies.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: This is from the grant monies. Okay. So, all of the benefits and salaries comes from the grant for that Section 8 component. And that's the only one that's outside of the steps?

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MR. UNDERWOOD: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Even in Unit 02, language? You have that, too, for that supervisory group, you have that excluded components?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director.

MR. UNDERWOOD: --the language is in there. We don't have any employees off the salary schedule in Unit 02. State, other jurisdictions might. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Because I was confused about our County. Because I'm going, like, who in this County is Unit 02?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Yeah. Because it is a Statewide contract, it covers . . . there's language in there to cover all the employers.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. So, but that doesn't apply to our County?

MR. UNDERWOOD: No.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you for that clarification. And again, all those that will get the lump sum, how . . . that was calculated, what? As a percent? What is equivalent of pay to the movements?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, that's how you guys came to terms on the 750 figure?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair, the 750 was a negotiated figure for everybody. It wasn't a particular percentage. It was just a negotiated amount that the . . . both sides could live with.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Underwood.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. Member Molina, Member Sinenci, and then Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And thank you for giving us the flexibility to ask questions related to the three items. My question for Mr. Underwood relates to Item 6(3) and what are some of the

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reasons for moving to a single-step salary schedule versus the current three-step salary schedule? Do you know what those reasons were?

MR. UNDERWOOD: The primary reason for that is these are the supervisors of the B-1 employees and B-1 is a single-step salary schedule. So, what would happen over time is B-1, all of their money would go into funding across-the-board increases because there's no steps. B-2, as they got increases, part of their money would fund step increases and part would go to across the boards. So, the salaries would start compressing between the subordinates and the supervisors. So, one of the goals of going to both of them having the same structure is to get away from that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And lastly, the pay schedule for those being, you know, removed from the salary schedule, yeah, what will that be the pay schedule of those that are currently being removed?

MR. UNDERWOOD: They'll be . . . employees, they won't be on the salary schedule so they'll be a separate MOA that will address any increases for them going forward.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just had a general question about Unit 13. So, the first one has included and the second one has excluded. Is there a significant difference there?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Again, under the collective bargaining law, professional and scientific employees are included in Bargaining Unit 13. But there are some that due to the nature of their job are not allowed to be in the union. Biggest example is our office, we take part in negotiations, so we are not allowed to be in the union. So, those are excluded employees.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: A significant number of the 400 total employees affected?

MR. UNDERWOOD: There's 303 included and there's about 109 excluded.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Pro Temp Kama?

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Underwood, can you share with us what are the current salary ranges for Unit 13 and with this . . . these resolutions that we're looking at today, what the difference would be? From current to be . . . or is it already there? 'Cause I see July 1, 2019, so I'm looking for comparison between what they used to and what they are.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

MR. UNDERWOOD: There's 31 different salary ranges and with 13 steps on each one. So it's quite a broad --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

MR. UNDERWOOD: --category. Overall over the two-year period, this is approximately a 6.5 percent increase to base.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, in dollar and cents what is it?

MR. UNDERWOOD: It would depend on where you're at. I mean . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, on the low side and then on the high side that's the . . . I just want the range. It doesn't have to be everything. Just on the low end what you used to get and what you're going to get and on the high end.

MR. UNDERWOOD: I don't have that right in front of me.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Can we get that, Chair?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Yeah, we can provide it for you though.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can request that.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Mr. Underwood.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Okay, Members, any other questions? Okay. And then we'll follow up with the Department to get that information that you requested. Okay, so...would...Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Would you consider, Chair, if, unless there's additional questions by your Members, for you to consider a motion that...I can, I would like to make to move all three proposed resolutions forward.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any objection? Okay, seeing no objection, I will . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So I would state, Chair, that my motion is to recommend to Council approval of the three resolutions attached to item EDB-6(1), -6(2), -6(3), approving cost items so appropriate bargaining units; allowing Staff to make any nonsubstantive adjustments; and filing of anything appropriate under this item.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, moved by Member Hokama, seconded by Member Sinenci and that will be the filing of County Communication 19-441, 19-442, and 19-443. Okay, Members, any discussion? Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm curious...I would like to ask is or when this comes before Council for first reading, can you ask HGEA if they can send a representative to come and talk to us?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I mean, I think that would be, yeah, appropriate because . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Are there any specific questions you would like for the Committee to ask ahead of time and if they can provide a response in writing as well?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I would like them to tell us why this is justified.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And appropriate I guess, that's what they are supposed to be doing and what they're supposed to be doing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so that's the main question for . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I mean the HGEA, for HGEA to speak in that behalf.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I think our employees work hard and it's deserving, but I would really like to hear from HGEA.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, just the justification --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --of these negotiating points.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Paltin, then Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just wanted to offer for the Members that I tried to reach out to the Executive Director, and she's on leave. They do have somebody else taking over her duties right now, but maybe in the, you know, when you take over somebody else's duties you don't always watch everything as well. So, just . . . they have that going on right at this moment.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for the insight, Member Paltin. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, I just wanted to, to when we do bring the HGEA representative, whoever that might be, I just wanted to ask them the question to see whether or not they believe that the wage that they're asking for is sufficient for our employees.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I can include that in our written correspondence --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and also invite them to the Council meeting when these items are brought up at first reading. Okay, perfect.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, any other questions? Or requests? Okay, seeing none, I'll call for the question on the motion on the floor for the three bargaining unit items. Okay, all those in favor please say "aye."

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any oppose? Okay, motion passes unanimously, nine “ayes,” zero “noes,” zero excused.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Hokama, Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: ADOPTION of revised resolutions and **FILING** of communications by CR.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Very efficient. Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. Oh, yeah. Okay. I think we might have been a little too quick for . . . for our Department Director. So, if Members wouldn't mind, we'll connect with the Director . . . or should we just start and wait till she arrives? Okay.

ITEM 45(10): AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX A, GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES - SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES BY DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, STATE OF HAWAII, PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION GRANT)) (CC 19-281)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The next item is EDB-45(10): Amendments to Appendix A, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2020 (Department of Public Works (Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Department of Defense, State of Hawaii, Pre-Disaster Mitigation)). We have with

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us Budget Director Yoshimura and we'll hopefully have Director of Public Works Dagdag-Andaya soon. And just let me know if you do have questions for Director Dagdag-Andaya and we can take a quick recess if that is what the Members would like. But for now if you have questions for Budget Director Yoshimura, I'll start with opening comments from our Budget Director and then open the floor up to questions. Okay. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. The budget amendment amends Appendix A, Part I to add a grant to the Department of Public Works from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and this is a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant. What it's going to provide is a generator to the Wailuku baseyard, so the grant is in the amount of \$112,500. It's requiring a match from the County of \$45,548. The County match is available in the budget, in the Fiscal Year 20 Budget, and because the grant requires a match from the County there's an intergovernmental agreement that's also attached to this item that will authorize the Mayor to enter into the intergovernmental agreement with HIEMA. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Member Hokama and then Chair . . . Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, Budget Director, we do have an emergency generator at the baseyard already, don't we? I'm pretty sure I see it, so I just need to know is this a secondary backup or just to expand the capacity of our backup system regarding, like, power or is this . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Or we have a deficiency, so this is to make up for that?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Hokama, I believe this is a backup generator to the one that we already have at the Wailuku baseyard.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. So this is . . . okay, would you know if this is . . . has bigger capacity, this is a bigger backup generator?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry. I'm not familiar with the size of this generator. I believe a representative from the Department is on their way up.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And for clarification, Chair, if I can follow up please.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: This Alarm System Revolving Fund, that's . . . if I remember, is that the one for the smoke alarms and all the things under the Fire Department . . . the Code? And the police have this . . . we set up a revolving fund I believe.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay, yeah. So, that's the next item and that's under the jurisdiction of the Police Department.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Oh, okay. Yeah, yeah. Sorry, sorry. I looking at the wrong one, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, we do have representative from the Police Department here. So, if you would like we can take up the next item now and then wait for Director of Public Works to arrive and then she can field some of the questions that –

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Ms. Yoshimura doesn't have the details to. Any objections to doing that?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so we will save EDB-45(10) --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I was too psychic.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --until the end of the agenda and then I'll invite Police Department representative to join us down on the floor. Okay, EDB . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I'll just hold my question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you.

**ITEM 64: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET: ALARM
SYSTEM REVOLVING FUND (CC 19-518)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, EDB-64: Amending Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Alarm System Revolving Fund. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: All right, we got our budget lady from Police.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry? Yes. So, we have Ms. Yoshimura to start us off with some opening comments.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you. This item will amend Appendix A, Part II, for the Alarm System Revolving Fund. It's increasing the contractual services amount from 30,000 to 75,000. The reason for the increase is because originally the 30,000, when this fund was initiated back in Fiscal Year 2018, it was for half a year and so it was budgeted at 30,000. Now that it's a full year, we're asking that the amount be increased to \$75,000 to cover the costs that are incurred under this fund. Melissa Magonigle, Business Manager for the . . . or Police Department, Captain Esperanza is also here that . . . and they'll be available to answer any questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay. If there are no initial comments, then I'll just open up the floor to questions. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And thank you, Chair, for your indulgence. So, I'm glad to see you here from the Department, Ms. Magonigle. So, tell us who is providing you the service for this contractual need?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Magonigle?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Councilmember, this service is being provided by CryWolf, so it's a false alarm management company. So, that is who we pay . . . it's a revenue sharing, so we pay them a percentage of the revenue to manage the program.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And has the use of this third-party help reduce false alarms or the Department is still getting a sizeable amount of calls? Whether it's a nuisance call or what, but what's the status of the operation?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Captain Esperanza?

MR. ESPERANZA: Yeah. Currently prior to its inception in 2015 there were 7,346 calls, false alarm calls, and since that time in 2019 we've had 4,791 calls which has already shown a reduction of 2,555 calls for service. So, it has substantially reduced the amount of false alarm calls that we've been getting.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, we can appreciate what you go through, Captain, what is a defined as a false alarm call, please?

MR. ESPERANZA: A false alarm call would be a call that is made to dispatch saying that there is a motion detected within a home or some kind of entry that is made in a home. What would happen is dispatch would then send two officers

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there to check out the establishment, whether it's commercial or residential. And once the officers determine that there's no entry made or any break-ins, they will then classify the alarm call. Whether it's a FAU, which is False Alarm Unknown; FAE, False Alarm Employee Error; or FAO, False Alarm Owner, which would be owner error. And once that classification is made it's then imputed by dispatch in the computer system, which CryWolf has access to and that is how they obtain the information to bill the participant.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. So, from . . . property or homeowners that have alarm systems, once the alarm . . . I don't know, I don't have one so when the alarm goes off does the entity that provides the service get notified first and then the police gets involved? Can you just explain the normal chain?

MR. ESPERANZA: Usually once the alarm is activated, I believe the entity or the alarm company contacts the owner to make sure if everything's okay, they have certain kind of passwords they might have with the owner to establish that, then they notify dispatch. If police are already on the way prior to them reaching there and they're canceled then that is also notated on the CAD system for canceled and then the participant wouldn't be billed for that. But once the police arrive on scene then they probably would get billed for that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, when does the third party get notified, Captain? The same time as the Department, your Department gets notified through this dispatch?

MR. ESPERANZA: I believe the --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: The --

MR. ESPERANZA: --alarm company --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --CryWolf group.

MR. ESPERANZA: --alarm company's that notifies the dispatch that there's an alarm call . . . a false alarm . . . alarm call at the establishment.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. So, you still dispatch your officers, CryWolf does exactly what for the Department?

MS. MAGONIGLE: They do the . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Magonigle?

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MS. MAGONIGLE: They do the billing for the Department. So, they'll contact the residents or the business and do the billing portion of it. So, they take care of all the . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: For a false alarm charge?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Got it. And they are responsible for the collection too?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes. That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And they make the deposit into the revolving fund?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And Finance takes care of everything else?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes, that's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you for that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Molina and then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just following up on Mr. Hokama's line of questioning. If you get hit with a false alarm, first time you don't get fined, is it like, you know, you're forgiven I guess the first time and then another false alarm, then that's when you get billed by CryWolf, I guess?

MR. ESPERANZA: Yes, that's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So, you get a freebie the first time. Anything after that, boom you get hit. What is the fine level, usually?

MR. ESPERANZA: For residential, the second offense would be \$25 and for commercial business would be \$50.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you for that information. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Paltin, Pro Temp Kama and then Member Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. We had an alarm at my previous job, and it went off quite a lot because, I don't know, rodents or things moving within the building. But I'm not clear on how CryWolf is able to decrease the amount of false alarm calls. Like we contract CryWolf . . . the County contracts with CryWolf and how is it that they're able to decrease the amount of false alarm calls that the police are receiving?

MR. ESPERANZA: Well, sometimes the . . . by the owners getting billed or the commercial owners getting billed, it places them in a situation where they need to update or maintain their system. 'Cause sometimes their system might be too sensitive and might . . . the company might need to send a representative out to turn down the sensitivity in the motion. But it keeps them accountable for that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, prior to that contracting with the CryWolf there wasn't any bill if police responded to a false alarm call?

MR. ESPERANZA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Pro Temp Kama and then Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I'm trying to understand the false alarm issue that we're discussing in terms of . . . so if you're a company or an entity and you have, or you've hired an alarm company to protect your premises. And so that's what we're talking about here, not necessarily residents, right, who don't have these things in their homes. And I remember there was a time that my kids were learning about emergency numbers and they were all . . . I remember there was a time when they would call 911 only because they learned how to do that in school. So, when that happens that's not the same thing, is it?

MR. ESPERANZA: No. This is strictly with --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Businesses.

MR. ESPERANZA: --businesses and residentials that have--

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: An alarm system--

MR. ESPERANZA: --alarm systems.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: --in place.

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MR. ESPERANZA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Okay. I was just starting to worry about our people. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Sinenci and then Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: All right. Thank you, Chair. I personally use my neighbor's alarm system; he's got a couple dogs. But I was just curious if a lot of the reports are in specific districts. Like in the business districts or this is pretty much throughout the County?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Captain?

MR. ESPERANZA: Currently, yeah. The alarm calls or the stats that I have is for the entire island. It's not broken down into residential or commercial.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I like Mr. Sinenci's alarm system. I think it's local style. I want . . . and free. I wanted to just find out then . . . and this is a revolving fund, right. So, the CryWolf will bill and we'll get paid, how much has come back to us? And the value of sending out police officers is huge because they're so busy. But I wonder, you know, if you've done an analysis of . . .

MS. MAGONIGLE: It comes to about one-third, two-third, so we retain two-thirds and we pay out about one-third of the revenue.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: To them?

MS. MAGONIGLE: So, we pay them one-third.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I see. I see.

MS. MAGONIGLE: Approximately.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, that's like their commission or whatever?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yeah. So, it's a percentage for them too. Or anticipated revenues is 123,560 for FY '20.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. I see it. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. So do you have a list of the things you're allowed to use the revolving fund on or is it just for that one contract?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Magonigle?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Okay. Thank you, Chair. We do have a list. The revolving fund has to specifically be used for purposes relating to the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the false alarm program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. MAGONIGLE: So, there is a limitation on using the funds.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, currently do you just use it for that one contract or are there other uses for that money?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Pretty much we just use it for the one contract.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And it covers the contract easily?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Any other questions, Members? Okay. Seeing none, the Chair will entertain a motion to recommend passage in first reading of the proposed bill entitled A Bill For an Ordinance Amending Appendix A of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui as it Pertains to Part II, Special Purpose Revenues - Schedule of Revolving/Special Funds for Fiscal Year 2020, Alarm System Revolving Fund; incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions to be requested from the Budget Director; and filing of County Communication 19-518.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Second.

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And . . . so this is EDB-45(10) for the Department of Public Works (Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Department of Defense, State of Hawaii, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant). And we'll go back to Member Hokama followed by Member King for questions. Mahalo, Ms. Dagdag-Andaya, for joining us.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I know we were quick this morning, yeah. Did you want to open up with any comments before I go to Member Hokama for questioning?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes, I will. I have a few comments that I wanted to share regarding this project. So, we actually embarked on this Hazard Mitigation Grant back in 2016 and worked with HIEMA, Hawaii Emergency Management, and FEMA. We applied for the grant . . . actually put together a cost benefit analysis and were initially told that we would be awarded the grant. However, there were changes within the Federal government that delayed the awarding of the grant and so we experienced a couple of delays. We actually went in for a budget request in . . . I think it was in 2018. We had the monies initially in our budget but because of the delays the monies had to lapse. So, in this current year's budget we do have the monies recognized in our budget, but I think this action today kind of corrects an issue that we don't have it recognized in Appendix A of the budget. Just to give you some information about the project, we're currently . . . well we have plans and specs developed. It's in the process of bidding. Staff is working with Development Services Administration, so our two divisions are working together on a load test at the baseyard to check the existing demand, electrical demand to verify the size of the generator that we're going to need. So, at this time I don't really have . . . I don't have the exact size to provide, that's being tested right now. We're looking, we're making sure and ensuring that we get the right size to be placed at the baseyard prior to actually, you know, getting the work bid out. Let's see, we're also looking through some logistical planning issues to be done with the photovoltaic panels because, you know, you have a generator on site . . . there's an issue with the photovoltaic, you know, we have to make sure that logistically, you know, when the electricity does go off the photovoltaic panels also get shut off and the generator kicks in. As far as electrical permits, we're working with DSA to get those completed and any other permits that are needed. Right now there's no ground disturbing that's associated with the project. So, there wouldn't be any issues with SHPD. The existing generator on site was actually a donation from another department, from Wastewater. However, the generator I think was a little too big for our baseyard, which is why we reached out to FEMA and HIEMA to see if we could get the monies to replace a more appropriate generator. So, those are the only . . . the information that I have to provide to you. I do have Michael Busch from our office who is working with our divisions

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on the application process and the budgeting. So, we're here and available for any questions that you have.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Director. So, let us get this squared away. You currently have a backup generator that you say is over capacity?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes, that's . . . it's a generator. That's the generator . . . the only generator we have on site. And we . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And what is the problem with having more capacity?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: If you have more capacity it, it's, it'll power up too much and so there will be an over demand and you could have safety issues with a generator on site that's too big.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And how big is the one on site?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: That I don't, I don't know that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Fifty kilowatt, 25?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, I'm not sure. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can request that information from the Committee if you would like, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chair. That would be appreciated. Okay, so you cannot tell us what is your current generator. So, how did you come up with the amount of money that the grant is and our match requirement if you don't know what you want to buy?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So, that was an estimate that was developed with FEMA or HIEMA, they . . . I think they had a representative on site that did an inspection at the baseyard and so there was that estimate that was generated with them. But now at this point, you know, we were awarded the monies. So, the second step at this time is to verify that amount. It could be that . . . I mean it's likely that the amount that we require would be less, so the monies that we're asking for is a very conservative amount and we might be looking at a smaller . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, so we can understand, yeah. This generator is only for the baseyard purpose only?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Nothing else?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: It's . . . it would power up the fuel tanks, the fuel tanks and the admin building, they're connected, so that would be powered up first and then it would power up also the district office behind the admin building as well as the garage.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: That's it?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: That's all. It's only for that part of the baseyard.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Nothing in the operations, the mechanics area or something for repair work?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: The mechanics area, that's the garage.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, that would, it would power up the garage as well. But the first priority would be to fuel up the fuel tanks, or the fuel operation.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. This, you know, this is kind of interesting hearing this because, you know, for Lāna`i, when we were blacked out for one week by ourselves, with no State or County . . . well I take that back, only the County was able to respond on Lāna`i. Nobody else, not the State, not the Feds, nobody. Okay. Only Pulama and the County. Yeah. And that's why we made a great effort to make sure all our departments have emergency now, generation, ice machines, everything for . . . because let me tell you, no place else in Hawai`i would have tolerated one week of blackout. Okay. We're lucky it was Lāna`i for this County. And my thing is we never heard of this issues about capacity or over capacity when we put in that big pop-pop for you, Public Works on Lāna`i , what we bought, 25, 50-kilowatt generator?

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I'm sorry, which . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Public Works, Lāna`i.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: We bought one monster, yeah, to take care of the community's needs. So, we only going to take care that one component at the baseyard, nothing else for auxiliary support?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So, the grant that we applied for was, you know, when you're applying for the grant, they want to be specific. So, if it's to power up other needs, I think, you know, we would have included . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Communications.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I'm sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Communications.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Communications. When you're talking about communications as far as just overall . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Satellite phones.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: That, I think it can be covered with . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Cell phones.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, I'm just . . . I guess I'm not sure where . . . because it could be covered with other operations within the County. But we were looking more at, you know, we were provided with this opportunity back in 2016 to get a generator for the baseyard. So, as far as . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And so, what's your plans with the existing, then, generator?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: That I guess . . . I mean we could give it to or, you know, maybe donate it to someone else or within the County or use it in another location if it's appropriate. But making sure it's an appropriate generator to operate or power up another operation. That's going to be important.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, so MEMA has nothing to do with this project at all?

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: MEMA, through their Hazard Mitigation Grant program, they do. So, at the time, you know, we worked with Keanu, who was the specialist --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Right.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --in charge of that program. So, she facilitated the discussions with HIEMA and helped us with the application process. But that's . . . yeah, they assisted us, they provided us with information about the opportunity and encouraged us to apply.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, I'm happy to take the generator to Lāna`i, Chair. If nobody wants it, I'll take the generator.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Committee Vice-Chair King, Member Paltin and then Member Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. I think a lot of my questions were asked by Member Hokama. But I wanted to follow up on . . . beyond . . . because we have a generator that's working, and I understand about over capacity because my husband and I used to own a generator company. But there should always be a plan to, you know, where you're going to put this one next, because if they're in use, you know, we all lived through the Hurricane Iniki disasters and the biggest, I think the biggest disaster with that situation was there was no generation backup for their water system. And the amount of water bottles that were flown in was horrendous, flown into Kauai after that. So, having backup generation is important and then . . . but I just wonder if you had a, someone come through and assess something that gave you this dollar amount and then . . . so what was the approximate . . . I mean there had to be an approximate capacity or size that they were . . . even if you haven't got the details, that they were telling that you needed below that what your existing capacity is so that it doesn't overload.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: As far as the . . . so when we had that . . . I don't have the details about the, that visit from the representative from FEMA or HIEMA. But the, yeah, the estimate, what I'm told, is that the estimate that they had was a very conservative one. Meaning that is was probably, you know, they . . . not overestimated but, you know, it allowed for some cushion in the event that we needed, you know, additional monies for, to get the right size generator.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, they knew it was not right size, but they didn't know --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: --what the right size was essentially. Okay, well if . . . since it's a conservative amount, if it actually has to go over that amount, then do you need to come back to the Committee or the Council --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --for additional funding?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I would . . . yes, I would think we would.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then the other question I had was, is there any intention of using renewable fuel as we go forward with the fuel storage?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: The renewable fuel, you know, we've had discussions about that previously and I know it's still an ongoing discussion.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay, good. Alright, I think that's all the questions I have. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Member Paltin and Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Dagdag-Andaya, for being here. My question's, is it a gas-powered generator that you're looking at?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, we have to --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --get back to you on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then I think it is important for there to be a generator to power the pumps. I was just wondering why is only Wailuku baseyard getting a generator? Does Lahaina already have a generator to power their pumps in case of a disaster?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I don't think Lahaina has one at this time. But the generator that we applied for in Wailuku . . . as I mentioned earlier, we had to do a cost benefit analysis in order to get the monies from FEMA and qualify for the hazard mitigation grant. It's a pretty, it's a competitive process and they look at the number of occurrences where you have periods of time when you don't have electricity and the amount of time it takes to get electricity powered back in. So, it was kind of a stretch, because, you know, we had to identify when we had

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blackouts occurring and how long it would take to get power back in. So, that's one of the factors in the grant. It doesn't mean, however, that we could move forward and secure our own monies to get generators for the other baseyards. Some of the pumps can be manually powered up, but that would be . . . that's a consideration for, that we would . . . I would like to have for other departments or other district baseyards to have backup power onsite.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Especially like how Lāna`i . . . Lahaina could be cut off from --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --Central. I was wondering, so, the vision is, if there's a disaster and there's no electricity, then you would use the generator to power the fuel pumps to put the fuel in your machines to clear the roads and things like that?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes. And to also, I mean, to make sure that operations . . . a continuity of operations. To ensure that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And your fuel tanks, if it's a type of disaster that shuts down our harbors, do they regularly have enough supply to last 19 days or however much long until the harbors are reopened, or things come into the County and State . . . resupply?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I guess the . . . maybe the question is . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What is the capacity of your fuel tanks --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, of our fuel tanks --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --and how long would they last?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --oh, gosh, I don't have that detail right now. But that's a good question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you folks have alternative sources of . . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: For?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If there is no fuel?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Alternative sources of . . . for power. Right now, I mean we'd rely on our backup generator. That would . . . but again like we don't have a working one right now.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And your backup generator is solar?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I'm sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is your backup generator solar?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: No, it's not.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It's fuel powered?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: But even . . . but the backup generator that we have isn't operational because it's not compatible.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Not the right size. Okay.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So, this project is really important in order for us to maintain a continuity of operations.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a question for Director Yoshimura. Did I hear earlier that someone . . . you said that this was from a revolving fund, the funds? No?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair? No, this is grant funds, I think we were talking about the revolving funds in relation to the alarm systems.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. Thank you. No, I was just wondering if there was a revolving fund, I just wanted to know what the balance was. So, this is case by case, yeah, this grant funds. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. Okay, I just have one question and then . . . Director, so to follow up on what Member Paltin was kind of getting at. Do you think with this backup generator . . . long term, you know, planning, is getting solar powered generation something that the Department is looking to do?

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: We can consider that. Especially when . . . and if and when, I'm pretty sure when we consider goals for sustainability that would . . . I would like to see that Countywide, that we have that goal in place so that we can look at alternative sources for powering up and maintaining, yeah, maintaining power.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I was on those same lines. I mean I know it's not . . . you guys are Public Works, but you might know somebody in MEMA, and, you know, every time when there's, you know, like Lane coming and things like that, you go to Costco or whatever and they have a run on generators, and for me, like I'm like should we get a generator this time. But if the fuel source is knocked out and you have a generator, but you only have, like, say five gallons, three gallons of gas and I don't feel comfortable storing choke gas at my house with, you know, the kids and stuff. So, like then you look into solar generators, but they don't ship them to Hawai'i. And I was wondering like, you know, if MEMA or somebody . . . I'm sure choke guys would want to get solar generators but how do you get them over here, you know, is the issue and is that something that the County can help to facilitate or something?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: You know, I don't have that answer. Perhaps the person I know at MEMA could answer that. But, you know, Statewide, I mean that, I understand, is a big discussion. Is that maintaining that continuity of operations. Now, the way we power up, that's another discussion as well. I would think that at some point we could negotiate a way to get the type, you know, those types of resources here to Hawai'i.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Especially knowing that County government and the State government isn't going to be there to help people. Like, Public Works going try clear the road but you not going get somebody their diabetes medicine or something like that. And we want our residents to be more self-reliant, so that's like a way to facilitate for them to be more reliant on themselves. And it's kind of, you know, it's a big push for one, but then the effects on the whole community could be huge. Because, you know, 19 days without fuel is going to be big, like Member Hokama was talking about one week on Lāna'i, but when the harbors and ports get shut down then that's the thing that we need to be prepared for as a County and, you know, sometimes I view you interchangeably with MEMA, so just putting it out there.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So, I think, you know, I want to piggyback off of that comment which is a great comment, because I'm going to make a plug for MEMA here. They are working through a hazard mitigation plan and that plan is actually very valuable in terms of us being able to obtain grants from the Federal government to fund things like a generator or some kind of device that's needed on the island to mitigate or, you know, actually be prepared for disasters. So, there . . . they kicked off the Hazard Mitigation Plan, I know they will be having community meetings and doing outreach in the community in the future. So, all of those kinds of needs, I think, I mean, introduce those needs and then that way it gets written into the plan and there's . . . just like the General Plan or the community plan, there would be action items associated in response to those needs.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Mahalo, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair, for the leeway there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No problems. It's an important question. Maybe a subject matter we can take up in Member King's committee. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah. I was just going to say that because we do have . . . we are going to be scheduling the first draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan in the Climate Action and Resilience Committee. So, we can be talking about that. But I had a couple things I wanted to say, one was in Mr. Hokama's comment about no one would put up with these blackouts. Well, we have in Kihei, before the Maalaea Power Plant was built, there were rolling blackouts that were actually scheduled. And there were months where we knew when it was going to happen and one day a week it would be blacked out 20 minutes at a time. First North Kihei and then Central Kihei and then South Kihei and so we went through the scheduled blackouts until we got that power plant. And that may be something that might have to happen in the future when these disasters happen. We have to be prepared for that. But that's the idea of having these backup generators is that, yeah, we can put solar up, but we might have 19 days without sun. And so, we need everything, we need to all use all components at our disposal and we need to look at going as renewable as possible because, you know, we're creating our own problems if we move along with everything based on fossil fuels. So, I support the push for all kinds of . . . whatever kind of energy you can do, but I think it needs to be heavily focused on renewables. And now that we're also going into climate litigation and suing the petroleum companies, we have to really, you know, get with the message and push on the . . . so the other thing that I wanted to say was that we, maybe we can do with part of the Hazard Mitigation Plan we can . . . and

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ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: FIRST READING of bills by C.R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Done.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --that is our entire agenda.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Wow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director and Mr. Busch, for being here --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: What is happening.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and Ms. Yoshimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: From yesterday yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yesterday was wow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Today is wow, wow.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're making up for yesterday.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Maybe you need to try . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Happy New Year. You're welcome.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Maybe you need to try to jinx us in the beginning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You can thank my Staff.

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

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, it's 10:09 on January 9 and the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now adjourned. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

ADJOURN: 10:09 a.m.

APPROVED:



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
Economic Development and Budget Committee

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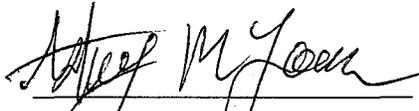
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I, Ashley Joan, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 31st day of January, 2020, in Pukalani, Hawai'i



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