

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
Council of the County of Maui

**MINUTES**

**February 20, 2020**

**Council Chamber**

**CONVENE:** 1:36 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair  
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member (out 4:31 p.m.)  
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

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member

**STAFF:** Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst  
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

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, Hāna Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

**ADMIN.:** Michele M. Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor  
Scott K. Teruya, Director, Department of Finance (EDB-62)  
Kay Fukumoto, Director, Office of Economic Development (EDB-75(2))  
Tina Silva, Economic Development Specialist II, Office of the Economic Development (EDB-75(2))  
Tyson Miyake, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor, (EDB-75(8))  
Sananda K. Baz, Managing Director, Department of Management (EDB-75(5))  
David Galazin, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

Seated in the audience

Guy Hironaka, Real Property Manager, Department of Finance (EDB-62)

Jacob Verkerke, Chief Technology Officer, Management Information Systems Division, Department of Management (EDB-75(5))

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**OTHERS:** Lucienne de Naie, President, Ha`ikū Community Association (EDB-62)  
Jasee Law (EDB-62)  
Others (3)

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

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(gavel)*. . . Aloha auinalā kākou. `Eono minuke i ka hala o `ekahi ma iwakālua o Pepeluai i ka makahiki `elua kaukani iwakālua. E `olu`olu mai, e ho`omalu ke Komike Ho`omohala Waiwai me Mo`ohelu Kala. `O wai ka Iku Ha`i o kēia Komike, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It's 1:36 on February 20, 2020. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order or come to order. I am your Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I kēia lā, me ko kākou, Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha auinalā, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha auinalā. Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha and greetings to you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha and greetings to you. Member King is...excused.  
Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, boa tarde, and that means good afternoon in Portuguese.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Boa tarde.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Member Riki Hokama is also excused.  
Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha awakea, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. And Pro Temp Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha auinalā, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha auinalā. And with us from the Administration, we have Finance Director, Scott Teruya.

MR. TERUYA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. Budget Director, Michele Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. From Corporation Counsel, we have Mr. David Galazin.

MR. GALAZIN: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. And our Committee Staff, we have with us for her first meeting, Shelly Espeleta.

MS. ESPELETA: Good afternoon.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for joining our fun Committee. And Ms. Yvette Bouthillier.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Good afternoon.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. Okay, Members, just a reminder to silence everyone's cell phones. Oh, and then at our District Offices, we have Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros in Hāna, Denise Fernandez on Lāna`i, and Zhantell Lindo on Moloka`i. We have four items on today's agenda, EDB-62, Amending Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund (Ha`ikū Sugar East Subdivision (Lot 6)); EDB-75(8), Operational and Budgetary Review of County Departments (Office of the Mayor); EDB-75(5), Operational Budgetary Review of County Departments (Department of Management); and EDB-75(2), Operational and Budgetary Review of County Departments (Office of Economic Development). Okay, and then we'll start with public testimony. Testimony is limited to three minutes. When testifying, please state your name and the name of any organization you may be representing, and if you're a paid lobbyist, please inform the Committee. We'll start with our District Offices. Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros, do you have anyone wishing to testify today? Okay. Last we checked, there wasn't anyone at Hāna. On Lāna`i, Ms. Fernandez, do you have anyone wishing to testify? Okay. Last we heard, there wasn't anyone on Lāna`i either. And, Ms. Lindo, do you have anyone wishing to testify?

MS. LINDO: Aloha, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, we got one.

MS. LINDO: This is Moloka`i Office and we have no testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Lindo. Okay. So, we'll call our testifiers in the Chamber. We have one testifier. Ms. Espeleta, will you call our testifier up to testify.

MS. ESPELETA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Your first testifier is Lucienne de Naie, testifying on EDB-62.

**. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

MS. DE NAIE: Mahalo, Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Committee Members. I am testifying on behalf of the Ha`ikū Community Association as its President and very happy to see this item on the budgetary agenda here today. It's coming at a good time. As you are aware, the County previously purchased parcels on both sides of this parcel and having the connecting parcel is very important to the management plan. And thanks to our Councilmember Molina and others for last year's budget, we will have a beginning of a management plan this year. The consultants have reached out to the community, and so that process will be beginning so it'd be nice if we could look at the whole of the area as one management objective. Also some of you may not be aware, but our Maui Invasive Species Committee needs to move from their current location and they need to move basically by the end of this year, and this is one of several locations that they are looking at as a possible new home. They have visited the location. It would fit their purposes very nicely. They're also chatting with the Friends of Old Maui High. They have no agreement yet and if this purchase could be finalized in a timely matter, it might end up being a very, very good choice for Maui Invasive Species Committee because they do a lot of work in this area. And it's a very good access and it would give a presence on the land, which I think would be an important part of the future management plan 'cause they have operations in the evening and in the morning and so there's kind of eyes on the land through those kinds of activities. Also Ha`ikū is looking for a new fire station eventually. There is a site the County purchased. It is being evaluated. It was sort of on the backburner, but this could be a potential alternative site if a portion was sold to the County general funds out of the Open Space, you know, it'd be used for the open space right now, it'd be purchased. But if the fire station decided that that was the ideal location, then an arrangement could be made to set aside land there for that purpose as well. But it's flat, it's very well taken care of land, the family would very much like to see it go to a community purpose and our community is in support of the purchase. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. de Naie. I'll now open it up to questions. We have questions from Member Sinenci and then Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just had a question, Ms. de Naie. Who is Ha`ikū Sugar East?

MS. DE NAIE: Well, Ha`ikū Sugar East was the subdivision application. This parcel was actually part of that application. It's a little tricky, but it was not owned by Alexander and Baldwin, who were the entity that filed for the Ha`ikū Sugar East Subdivision, but there were six lots in that subdivision. This is Lot 6. One of the lots was sold, Lot 2 right above it, and the other 4 were purchased by the County. So, that is a name that was used for a subdivision that Alexander and Baldwin applied for, I don't know, five, six, seven years ago.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. And so, who would be...is it the non-profit that would be receiving?

MS. DE NAIE: The...it would become part of the Hamakua Open Space. Right now, Malama Hamakua Maui, which is a separate organization from Ha`ikū Community Association but does share some board members. It's a non-profit that is comprised of representatives of stakeholder groups that have an interest in this area, so the Ha`ikū Community Association has kind of a slot on the board, as do lineal descendants, fishing community, the Surfrider, the surfing folks, and also the Waikikena Foundation that manages...that actually manage some of this land back 10, 15 years ago, and then, you know, the hiking, biking interests. So, it's a compendium type of non-profit. We had a right of entry. I'm the secretary of Malama Hamakua Maui, full disclosure here, and we had a right of entry and it expired and it was a little tricky because we hadn't gotten our non-profit status yet, so we technically...I don't know how we ever got it because we weren't a non-profit at that time but somehow it happened. Now, we are backtracking. We're working with Karla at Parks and she said, yeah, yeah, yeah, let's just get that back up, so I was supposed to get a go ahead from her at the beginning of next week, resubmit our right of entry, and then we have a sign, a monitoring plan for the existing four parcels, which could be extended to this parcel if it is purchased. And Malama Hamakua Maui sponsors like community outreach activities on the lands along with other partner groups like Sierra Club and Surfrider and the Ha`ikū Community Association and we've had two large cleanups in the last month on the land that have been really well received by the surrounding community. So, I think a lot of people would like to see the management plan process start and just start taking back this land from the people that have kind of barged into it ever since the pineapple went out. It became just kind of a no man's land, so we need cooperative effort between community groups and A&B who still owns most...much of the surrounding land and some of the access roads and so forth. So, it's a little tricky but having looked at other places like Kaiahu...Kaehu over in Paukukalo. That was a dumping

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ground for years too. And four or five years of community effort and presence, it is now a really nice place and it still needs cleanups from time to time but it's just not like it was. It was terrible, terrible, terrible. So places like this, I think the community just doesn't want them to be the center of lawlessness in their community, so it's a good first step to have a chunk of land that has a nice flat usable space. Most of the land is gulches and there's some long portions that are former farmlands, but this is very good proximity to Hāna Highway.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo for that. Thank you.

MS. DE NAIE: Sorry. I went on and on. Maybe...maybe that wasn't your question but...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I'll yield to whoever's...thank you, Chair. There's probably more questions.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Nice seeing you here and thank you for all the work you do for the community. I was just wondering on your statement about the MISC organization, setting up office there. So, is there a building there? What is the land...

MS. DE NAIE: No. And they've been using portable structures, yurts and things, where they are and they could set up similar structures on the land. They'd have to get a lease, a right of entry and a lease from the County, and then they would move those structures and they are movable. They might have one permanent building where they are now, but most of their operations...this was a question that we had for them when they did the site visit. We went, wow, would you be planning to build a building and they said, well maybe eventually but we have yurts now that we're using for most of our operations, and then I think they have like portable things that vehicles park under as well. So, eventually I think they'd probably want some sort of permanent structure if they had a good relationship with the County. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Lucienne de Naie, for being here. I just was wondering in the scenarios of MISC or the Fire Department utilizing the land. Right now it's zoned Agriculture.

MS. DE NAIE: Right.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then if that were to happen, if either entity wanted to use it, they would have to change the zoning or...

MS. DE NAIE: My understanding is that MISC could operate on agricultural land. They did check into that, I believe. And I think where they are now up on Piipolo Road, I believe it's Ag-zoned land. It's the former NifTAL site. It was a, you know, CTAHR project area. So, they I think would be...have compatible zoning. If the fire station were ever to be located there, a separate parcel would need to be subdivided out and the...it would need to be changed to Public-Quasi/Public, I believe both community plan amendment and zoning change. But, of course, this fire station is sort of a long-term project. MISC is hoping to relocate by the end of this year, so the fact that they wouldn't have to do a rezone is probably a plus.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But they might need like permits for their structures or something, even their mobile...

MS. DE NAIE: Oh, probably. They would be. Yeah. They'd probably need a permit It is in the Special Management Area zone, whereas, they are not in the Special Management Area zone now.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then that one longer parcel on the screen, does that have easement from the road?

MS. DE NAIE: Well, you know, it kind of looks like it does. There's a little part of it that comes in the gulch sort of meets the road, and there is an old road there but it's not where that part meets the road. The old road is kind of behind...there's a cemetery there that butts against that. That's called Lot 1 or in the subdivision it's Lot 1. And so, you...in order to access that at this point, you need to go a road called Hahana Road and it kind of winds through a neighborhood. And there is a flat section in there and that is another possible location. It's just the flat section is maybe a quarter mile from Hāna Highway and MISC said it would be super preferable if they weren't passing any neighbors in and out with their trucks because sometimes they have to leave at late hours of the night and they're a little sensitive about that. But they said, wow, if they were stuck with nothing else, they could make use of that, it's about an acre of very flat area, that's about a, you know, five-minute drive from the Hāna Highway.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And on the makai, top side, is there connectivity from the two County-owned parcels or would that Lot 6 be the only connectivity between all the parcels?

MS. DE NAIE: Well, Lot 6 would be viable connectivity. There is this little...I don't know if you can see it in your drawing here, but there's a little tail out of Lot 1 that heads in the Kahului direction and if you actually walk along that little tail you

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come to a point where it's blocked by the fence from Lot 2 and the only place you could walk is on the steep incline of the pali there. So, there really isn't...on paper it looks like there's a connection, but there really isn't a very practical connection. And I found this out because the equestrian folks contacted Malama Hamakua Maui and said, gosh, we've been riding between the two parcels but now there's a barb wire fence up there and we can't use the road we were using. And I said, oh, that's okay, there's this little coastal strip. And they go, come and see this coastal strip. And I went, oh, I see, you're not riding there, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, basically you're saying that Lot 6 would give easement onto all the rest of the County property and give connectivity?

MS. DE NAIE: Yeah. It would allow a connecting road there. Existing roads already that connect and...you see Lot 6 on its right side, it appears to be along a gulch. There's an actual road that goes in that gulch and up the other side. All these were used during, you know, pineapple plantation times and, who knows, even before. So, the Lot 6 is the key to connectivity there, because it's flat and it has good connections on both sides. It's not just like some little tip that's, you know, connecting to one side like you have at the top there.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then as well easy access to the rest of the County parcels?

MS. DE NAIE: Oh, yeah. It has good access to the three parcels on the Kuiaha side, the left of your screen, and good access to the parcel one on the right hand side through existing roads. And if, you know, if additional trails or bike trails or things were wanted, you know, they could also have someplace to go and connect. Right now your only choice is to connect through a private parcel, Lot 2, or connect to that little strip up along the coast, which is not practical. So, yeah, it's a key.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Well, I think Lucienne kind of answered a lot of questions already but I was gonna make one request. If we could...if she's available to keep Ms. de Naie as a resource for this item?

MS. DE NAIE: Yeah, sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. De Naie, you'll be...

MS. DE NAIE: Yeah.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And then one quick question related to your testimony about the fire station. And as you recall, the site that they currently...the County currently owns there was some liabilities or costs, which relates to that putting in the water.

MS. DE NAIE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, you see this...and I agree with you there's a viable option for the County to situate the long awaited fire station in this area. Would it serve more people where it's situated at versus the current site the County owns?

MS. DE NAIE: You know, one of our Ha'ikū Community Association board members, Lafayette Young has done a really good analysis map of this. Get those engineers on it. And there's negligible difference, both locations, they're actually, you know, a 1,000 feet apart from each other or something. They're not very far from each other. Both locations would extend the fire protection area pass Kakipi Gulch into Huelo, where I happen to live, and we have very little choice in any kind of fire insurance now. Only two companies will insure out there because we're more than whatever it is, five miles, from the nearest fire station, either Makawao or Paia. So, if you put in either of these locations, it would take you beyond Kakipi Gulch and serve those homes in the Huelo area within the five-mile radius. So, yeah, that would be good. And then it would serve everything going towards Maliko Gulch as well, which probably is covered by Paia but, you know, just in case it'd be faster probably going this way.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, yeah, good. Thanks for that analysis. You know, I'm concerned about the cost with the existing lot to put in the waterline there so whereas this site potentially could, you know, may not be as costly putting a waterline.

MS. DE NAIE: Yeah. Well, I think that there is water along Hāna Highway because there's homes at Hahana Street and I believe they're all on County water. I could ask Mr. Wong who lives like right there on the corner, but my guess is they're on County water and there's a pipe that goes to them, whether it's large enough for the fire station's needs I couldn't answer those technical questions. But we have met with the Fire Chief and they're fine with either site. They would just like to know that in their future they would have a Ha'ikū station. Also they have to do a lot of rescues out our way, you know, that Bamboo Forest and people are always, you know, falling off of Twin Falls and breaking their, you know, arms and stuff. And so, this is...you don't have to go through the Paia traffic.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Okay, great. Well, thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, seeing no other questions, we'll have Ms. de Naie on as a resource if you do think of any other questions. But mahalo for your testimony.

MS. DE NAIE: Thank you all for your consideration.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And we still have don't have any testifiers in any of the District Offices. Ms. Espeleta, do we have any additional testifiers? It looks like Mr. Law would like to come and testify for us.

MR. LAW: Mr. . . .*(inaudible)*. . . I mean Mr. Sinenci, how you doing? Hi, my name's Jasee Law. So, 1:58, I got from the Mayor's Office. Awakea is from 12:00 to 2:00 and at the end of my speech will be ainalā. No, I won't take that long. Thanks for putting a picture up there. I was down in the Council Services Office and their picture isn't as good as yours. So, yeah, I was really interested in that land. Last night, they were talking about some lands out there. The DLNR's auctioning off the water rights. So, I was wondering where is this thing? Where is the water rights land and compare to this one? We missed you all, most of you all at the Kula Community Association meeting last night. It was a very good meeting. We had a presentation about Alzheimer's, and I believe that doing math helps prevent Alzheimer's. So good news, Michele, you're probably not gonna get that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Law. Members, any questions? Okay, seeing none, Ms. Espeleta, do we have any additional testifiers in the Chamber?

MS. ESPELETA: No, Madam Chair, no further testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, Members, if there are no objections, I will now close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, public testimony is now closed.

**. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

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**ITEM 62: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET: OPEN SPACE, NATURAL RESOURCES, CULTURAL RESOURCES, AND SCENIC VIEWS PRESERVATION FUND (HAIKU SUGAR EAST SUBDIVISION (LOT 6)) (CC 19-476)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we will begin with EDB-62, Amending Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund (Ha'ikū Sugar East Subdivision (Lot 6)). We have with us Budget Director Yoshimura and Director of Finance, Scott Teruya. And I'll ask Mr. Teruya to start us off with some opening comments.

MR. TERUYA: Good afternoon, Chair and Members. Scott Teruya, Finance Director. Public testimony pretty much covered everything I needed to talk about. So, I'll just add the things that were not presented before you, just a matter of time. This is Lot 6 purchase and it is approximately 48 acres according to our records. And for the record, the Mayor is in support of acquiring this parcel and as it will bring the four current lots that the County owns all contiguous but probably most importantly that it'll...has a very good access to Hāna Highway as you can see. By the...what we supported...what we gave you guys today is a visual, which is...makes it very easy to understand that the existing lots that the County owns is single attached and the lot we're talking about is Lot 6 right in the middle that's crosshatched. So just for your guys own reference as far as that basically tells you the story of how it would help bridge the gap between these other 4 parcels that we have and what we are intended to purchase. I will note that although there may be water available nearby, the current site does not have a water meter, so I just want to make that point. I think everything else was covered in public testimony, so I'll be here. And Mr. Hironaki's [sic] in the gallery for any further technical questions that the Members may have. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Teruya. Okay, Members, you have questions and would you like me to call Ms. de Naie up at this time as well? Any objections to me bringing up Ms. de Naie? Ms. de Naie, will you please come and join us on the desk behind, okay. And then it looks like everyone has questions. Okay, we'll start with Member Paltin and then Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My question was I think is that Lot 2 in the middle with no yellows?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, that is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then, do they have easement or would we be having to give them easement to get to their parcel?

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. TERUYA: My understanding is they already have an access easement through Lot 6, but if I'm wrong I can bring mister...okay, that is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, so that would just run with the land then?

MR. TERUYA: Correct, that runs with the land.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Mr. Teruya, you mentioned that there was no water meter. Does that affect any of the appraised value of the property with no water?

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. TERUYA: I'm not sure if you want me to refer to the appraisal . . . *(inaudible)* . . . The appraisal was completed and that was his value conclusion was 1.825. My understanding and when I went through the appraisal, the comparables of...are all of parcels that have a water meter. I have my own discovery as to parcels without a water, you know, the valuation, so I'm not sure if you want to share that or what my understanding is I would think that if you don't have a water meter the price could be somewhat discounted. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I guess for either Mr. Teruya or maybe even Mr. Galazin might want to chime in. Being that we're talking about using Open Space funds to purchase this property and...or discussions also included the possibility of setting up structures on this property that was purchased with Open Space funds such as MISC or the Fire Department, any issues there? Would that present any challenges? Because the understanding is when you purchase property using Open Space funds it's supposed to be left

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as open space, but in this case we would consider putting structures. Any hurdles with that challenges?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, the Administration put forth the budget amendment with intent of using Lot 6 as open space and keeping it as open space. For the...as far as the Ha`ikū Fire Station, we have proceeded with a study to use the existing site that we already have, which is near this area. And so, we haven't looked at this parcel, Lot 6, for any type of dwelling or any type of other use other than keeping it as open space.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, can we...so the question, so can we do it if we wanted to choose to put a structure on this lot once secured and purchased?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I would think that eventually if we do want to put a structure on it, then we would have to pay back the Open Space Fund. Right now, the intent is, though, to keep it as open space and that's why we proposed it with the Open Space Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, all right, thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, the appraisal's 1.85 million and what is the County deciding to do as far as the purchase price?

MR. TERUYA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: My understanding that the proposal right now is not to exceed \$1.7 million is the proposal before you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Pro Temp...oh, Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, in the transmittal that we sent to you, we did submit a budget amendment and we also submitted a resolution requesting the authorization to acquire the parcel and that we are asking for \$1.7 million and you also have a copy of the appraisal.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. I saw the appraisal. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director. And so, because we would be using Open Space Fund that's why we would need to pass the resolution to approve this action. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, what would be...what could be the potential uses of this 48 acres?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What...we can have Ms. de Naie answer Pro Temp Kama or did you want to hear from the Administration?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Let's hear from all of them.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Ms. de Naie? Also...so for the record, we're designating Ms. de Naie a resource person under Rule 18. Ms. de Naie, you heard Pro Temp Kama's question?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh, I think you have to turn on your mic and then like bring it down...when the green light goes on and then bring it...yeah.

MS. DE NAIE: The green light...oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There. It's on. There you go.

MS. DE NAIE: Okay, wow. Now there's a big green light. As you might guess with such kind of gulchy terrain there there's not a lot of parking area. So, parking for instance if you're gonna have a school bus with a group of children come, which we've already had a number of groups come. It's a little hard finding them parking. This would be ideal. It's also a place that...because it's, you know, flat terrain and so forth and so on it could be mowed and given very good visibility of the land, which right now we don't have real good visibility of the land from the highway. So, it also gives us access to a road that is more controllable than the existing roads that we're using to get access to either side. The roads that we're using on both sides right now lead to other roads and other residences and this is a road that leads to one other property, a very...a cooperative landowner and so it could be a very good security mechanism to make sure that there's less access for dumping and so forth and so on. So, it has a number of advantages. It could be used for educational events as well. For instance, if you had, in Hāna they have like a Limu Festival and they set up in a park and then people come and learn about the limu along the coast. So, if...this land has a great educational potential because it has access to the ocean. And this could just be

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a great place for parking for the trails. It could be a great place for having gatherings, educational gatherings, and then a hike out to learn more directly about what was discussed during the educational gatherings. It gives a lot of options that other places on the land don't give.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. So, what would the County use it for?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, because we're purchasing this for Open Space Fund, we would probably just defer to the Charter as to the uses under Open Space funds. I'm not sure if you want me to belabor and it read but it's all in the Charter what the acceptable uses are. Section 9-19.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Page 30.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Page 30. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I was just looking at the land appraisal report and at the bottom it says the appraisal is based on the assumption that there are no adverse effects from any archaeological sites. So, maybe my question is for Ms. de Naie if there has been any sites...

MS. DE NAIE: I don't recall any sites. There was an archaeological survey done. There is a section of the Ha`ikū Ditch, the EMI Ha`ikū Ditch that passes through this parcel. My recollection is it's underground. It's an easement, so it's not like an open ditch 'cause the ditch becomes more open when you intersect a stream. And so, I think the intersection point is possibly not on this land. It's a little hard to tell with the boundaries here. But in terms of the type of typical things you'd see taro, lo`i, and things like that, it has been farmed for pineapple for many years and the archaeological survey that was done in this area mostly documented sites in the gulches because those were the areas that have remained undisturbed by the pineapple cultivation. It was sugar cane cultivation before pineapple, but the family that owns this, like I said, it's not been owned by A&B. It's owned by a local family that has farmed it in pineapple for many years and they were under contract with, you know, Ha`ikū Cannery and, you know, other local pineapple cooperative operations.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My question was that last time when we were like interviewing Ms. Evans and Ms. Carroll for the open space commission. Is this a property that would need to go through the open space commission before we make the purchase or because it was started before the open commission...open space commission started it's not to that requirement?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, we're having some technical difficulties with *Akaku*. Is there any objection to holding off on that question and taking a quick recess while *Akaku* figures that out?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objection.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No objections to recess. I love recess.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, all right. We're gonna take a quick recess. Should we go at the call of the Chair? Okay, at the call of the Chair. It's 2:13 on February 20<sup>th</sup> and the EDB Committee meeting is now in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 2:13 p.m.  
RECONVENE: 2:19 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It's 2:19 on February 20<sup>th</sup> and we left off with a question from Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You want me to say the question again?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Administration, do you remember what the question was regarding open space commission?

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We have Mr. Galazin.

MR. GALAZIN: Thank you, Chair. Member Paltin, if I understand your question correctly you were asking about the application of Chapter 2.82, the new commission that's been established. To my understanding, that was...the effective date of that Ordinance 4878 was January of 2019. I don't believe the committee has actually fully been formed yet nor has the green print as described in Section 2.82.050 been developed or submitted to the Council. Once that happens then future acquisitions are supposed to be guided through that, but up until the point that the commission is formed and that green print is adopted, you know, it doesn't reach back retroactively to my understanding so.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're talking about the Conservation Planning Committee?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So then until the green print is formed, it's just as it's been done in the past and then moving forward after the green print then we do follow that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Galazin?

MR. GALAZIN: Yes, thank you. That would be accurate. The only caveat I would put is that, you know, if there's an acquisition that's halfway through the process, you know, presumably you wouldn't reach back into those that are actively in the works already. It would be for anything starting new.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you. That's very helpful.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Members, any other questions? Okay, if not, I will provide my recommendation.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Recommendation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair, will...the Chair will entertain a motion to recommend passage on first reading of bill proposed 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 Use Funds for Fiscal Year 2020, Open Space, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund (Ha`ikū Sugar East Subdivision (Lot 6)) and adoption of the proposed resolution entitled Authorizing the Acquisition of Approximately 48.774 Acres Identified as Tax Map Key No. (2)2-7-007:005, Situated at Hamakualoa, Makawao, Maui, Hawai'i, Being More Particularly Described as Lot 6, Ha`ikū Sugar East Subdivision, for an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,700,000; incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions to be requested from the Budget Director; and filing of County Communication 19-476.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Molina, seconded by Member Sugimura. Okay, Members, discussion? Member Molina?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Just briefly, I stand in full support of this property. It provides more connectivity to our other lots and as well as a site for future options if we decide to build some structures whether it be for a private organization or for the long awaited Ha`ikū Fire Station. But for the time being, this is I think a very good sound purchase for the County of Maui. And I want to thank Ms. de Naie and the community for stepping up and getting involved with this and for doing their part to keep the area clean and make it a more viable place for our citizens to go and enjoy the experience of East Maui. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I also want to lend my support and I want to say Grandma Hisashima is alive and it will be nice for her to see that this property gets turned over and held in perpetuity. I'm sure their, you know, family did a lot of hard work, sweat, and tears, you know, connected to this land. So, I appreciate it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. I like holding land in perpetuity. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair. Second and final, I want to also give a shout out to the Mayor and to the Administration for agreeing to purchase this site as well. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Big mahalos. Okay, Members, any other discussion, comments, questions? If not, I'll call for the question. All those in favor please say "aye." Oh...

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, any oppose? Okay, seeing none, motion passes unanimously seven "ayes," two excused, Member King and Member Hokama.

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

**NOES: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: Vice-Chair King, and Councilmember Hokama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:** Recommending **FIRST READING** of bill; **ADOPTION** of resolution; and **FILING** of communication by C.R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Teruya, for joining us and mahalo, Ms. de Naie, for willing...your willingness to be our resource person. Okay.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely. Mahalo for all your hard work. Okay, and then I will call up Ms. Director Kay Fukumoto for the next item, yeah. Okay, the next item we have on the agenda is EDB-75(8) Operational and...oh, shoot, sorry. Oh, we...is there any objections to...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, oh, okay. They're pau. Oh, okay, all right. Yeah, okay. Sorry. I'm sorry, Tyson.

MR. MIYAKE: No, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, okay. I was...oh, perfect, perfect, okay, all right. Working together, collaboration. We're gonna move up EDB-75(2), Operational and Budgetary Review of County Departments (Office of Economic Development). Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No.

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**ITEM 75(2): OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF  
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS (OFFICE OF ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT) (CC 20-58)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, Ms. Fukumoto, you ready?  
Okay.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Good afternoon, Chair and Councilmembers. Because this item got  
moved up, I'm still expecting my Grants Manager, Tina Silva, to arrive shortly.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

MS. FUKUMOTO: But, you know, just in case there were any questions regarding any  
grants in our Department, so. In the meantime though, I'd like to just do a short  
presentation of what Office of Economic Development does. You know, we're all  
about finding opportunities, connecting resources, and diversifying our economy.  
This is an organizational chart, which just reflects the various individuals who  
are part of my Department. I have 16 staff members. We are located in three  
different locations. We have the Maui County Business Resource Center that is  
down at the Maui Mall, the Kuhao Business Center in Moloka`i, and the rest of  
the staff are at One Main Plaza. And operationally with respect to a budget, we...I  
like to look at our overall operations in sort of four different pots of money. We  
have a budget for the Maui County Business Resource Center. We also have the  
budget for the Kuhao Business Center. We also have the administrative budget,  
which is pretty much tied to the One Main Plaza location. And then the other  
silo of monies is all the grants that we, you know, process. So moving on, I  
wanted to speak first of the Maui County Business Resource Center and the  
Kuhao Business Center in Moloka`i. Their, you know, their role primarily is to  
help small businesses and so they offer workshops and they serve various  
clientele, either through the workshops or working with them one on one. In both  
resource centers, we encourage a lot of workshops that are done by, what I would  
call, partnering organizations, you know, individuals who are helping the  
business community. Several of 'em do offer personal one-on-one coaching. So,  
specifically for Maui County Business Resource Center, they pretty much work  
with new and existing business owners and assist them with their business  
operations within Maui County, give public access to government resources and  
non-profit partners. The resource center also houses the Federal, State  
mandated one-stop American Job Center that connects job seekers to jobs. We  
have 14 partner organizations that offer financial aid, mentoring, training, and  
job transition services within the American Job Center. The facility's also a  
county meeting space that can hold up to 30 people with online conferencing.  
Various County departments have utilized that space. We're also direct County  
services in that we sell bus passes at that location and we also receive water fees  
that can be dropped off. Business Strategic Alliance Team is about 14  
organizations that support entrepreneurs and we meet monthly and discuss how

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we can support small business owners in Maui County. The SCORE program of Maui County provides free business training and support. Moving on to Moloka'i, the Kuhao Business Center, they offer the same resources to new and existing business owners, connecting them to government resources and non-profit partners. They offer work...various workshops and personal training for businesses. My two staff at Kuhao Business Center annually produce the Moloka'i Business Conference along with help with community partners. They also assist the Moloka'i vendors who are in the...who were in the 2019 Made in Maui County Festival. They also give referrals to Lokahi Pacific, which offers grant funding programs through OED. The staff also assists Moloka'i projects to apply for OED grant funds and assists with reimbursement payments. And new for 2020, one of my staff will be assigning...will be...has been assigned to assist the Hawai'i Tourism Authority with community outreach and Moloka'i Tourism Strategic Plan. And there was an MOU that Hawai'i Tourism Authority will be paying for part of her salary for this work. Regarding the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, called WIOA, our Department has 1.5 staff assigned to this particular program. Here I'm just outlining the monies that come in through the program, which is Federally funded and State administered. So for two program years, we have half a million that we have to, you know, work with the various organizations that provide the services for the adult program, dislocated worker, and the youth program. New for this fiscal year is the WIOA program actually giving the County of Maui the rapid response responsibilities also, so that will be new moving forward. So with respect with the overall Economic Development Program, within OED we've done the Mayor's Small Business Awards, you know, assisted with the Made in Maui County Festival, supported Friday Town parties, we have a Shop Small Maui and Small Business campaign that assists local businesses. We are involved in Hawai'i on the Hill, where we have showcased eight company products and attended meetings with Hawai'i Congressional delegation. We are involved in the Hawai'i Small Business Conference, Hawai'i Energy Conference, and the Moloka'i Small Business Conferences, all supporting various initiatives within OED. We, this year, worked with DBEDT and the Governor's Office to renew the Maui County opportunity zones and enterprise zones, hired technology specialist and grant writer in December of 2019, and also implemented open space funding grant process. With respect to transitioning Maui to diversified agriculture, we have an agricultural specialist who manages the Kula Ag Park and all tenant concerns and is the liaison to various ag working groups. OED is working on the Upcountry, Maui Ag Park expansion utilizing State appropriations. We're looking at technology initiatives specifically in agriculture and look into supporting economic development with axis deer, looking for grant programs to fund agricultural initiatives, and support ag in the schools and internship program to promote future ag farmers. With respect to business development, the one I think unique opportunity that we have with the Maui County Made in Maui Festival is that we literally collaborate with 13 different business partners in producing the festival. What we do is we actually help small businesses who can be part of the festival. There is mentoring and

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coaching to get them to a level to be able to present at the festival. And at a certain point in which they are growing and perhaps they've graduated from the festival, we're still having ongoing coaching so that we can support them moving forward. With respect to the Maui County Festival performance dashboards, this is just a comparison of what happened in 2018 versus 2019. So, you know, large festival of 9,200 attendees in 2019, total retail sales were 656,000, number of new wholesale accounts that was accomplished was 323, with new leads of 257. So, you know, the festival itself is a huge opportunity for local businesses to get involved from the very beginning as a small business and then growing and expanding their reach via the festival. With respect to Hawai'i Tourism Authority, we have a Memorandum of Understanding to provide monitoring and report services to the HTA on their grants within Maui County. So, I have one designated three-quarter-time person for this responsibility. The actual programs that Hawai'i Tourism Authority has are festival...a Community Enrichment Program, which is about festivals, cultural and arts events with visitors, Aloha `Āina Program, which is focused on natural resource grants, and the Kukulu Ola Hawaiian cultural events program as well. So, in comparing 2019 to 2020, we were able to obtain 40 HTA contracts for various Maui County projects and the value of the contracts were close to 1.5 million. So, I am so pleased that we were able to bring in additional \$637,000 of funding from the State level to the County with respect to this program. The Energy Commissioner is within my office and he is involved in the PUC discussions, energy and resiliency panels at conferences, and promotes sustainable energy initiatives in Maui County. He's involved in stabilizing the charging stations on Maui. We have a current RFP to select a vendor to upgrade the County-owned stations, looking at various County facilities in utilizing renewable energy. He is on the program committee for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawai'i Energy Conference that will be held in about 4 weeks, which conference focuses on statewide interests along with national and international developments in energy. He's also involved in development of resiliency hub network for Maui County and the climate action planning. With respect to my Environmental Coordinator, she serves as a liaison between the County and DLNR Maui offices to ensure collaborative efforts to address cross jurisdictional environmental issues. And she oversees OED grants including invasive species control, monitoring, education, coral reef health and protection, water quality monitoring, landfill diversion, watershed restoration, and State efforts to address climate change through the Aloha+ Challenge. She's also involved in the Maui Conservation Alliance, the West Maui Ridge to Reef Fast Working Group, Urban Sustainability Directors Network, attends the annual meeting there. She's also involved in the State and national representation on Green House Gas Sequestration Task Force, Climate Change and Equitable Transition Working Group, and the Hawai'i Four County Environmental Network and is currently involved in creating a Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency Office. I have my Film Commissioner and his dashboard of performances is quite unique because he literally works with all the film projects that come to Maui County. So, last...for Fiscal Year 2019, he was involved in

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\$14 million worth of film-related projects that were in the County. There's an active crew of approximately 300 individuals who live in Maui County and who would like to keep being employed in Maui County via film projects, and so he is involved in, you know, actively connecting various film projects with the crew that live here in Maui County. And they are represented by a union of 48 members as well, and he was involved in County permits, 44 of them, and also coordinates 1.2 million worth of State film permits in Maui County. So, the last section I wanted to cover was primarily the OED grants because they are a big part of my budget. So, for Fiscal Year 2020, what I did was I wanted to show a comparison of Fiscal Year 2014 where in this Department it was 8.1 million and there were 65 grants, and currently in Fiscal Year 2020 we're working with 15.3 million in grants and approximately 110-plus grants already awarded. We still have a couple more that we're gonna be processing and also noting that as we work with new grants, we're still closing out 75-plus open grants from the previous year. So in total, you know, we're almost working with about 200 grants during the year. The grants process includes approximately 2,000 yearly payment request and follow-ups. The positive thing I believe about the grants that are going through OED is that although the County, you know, funds 15.3 million, we almost get a 3...1-to-3 leverage ratio, so in other words, the organizations that are out there that are utilizing the grants are literally, you know, matching it with either their funds or volunteer hours. So, I think the County gets a great bang for their buck, so to speak, with respect to the grant funding that is out there in the community. So, the grants that we have is all about capacity building, economic initiatives. We preserve and pass on tradition, and we focus on the arts in our community. Lastly, I just wanted to discuss with respect to Fiscal Year 2021 Budget considerations. I know, you know, we work closely with the Councilmembers with respect to line items and provisos. And I just wanted to make mention that some of the challenges we've had with respect to the line items and provisos were when grantees were not compliant, you know. We have a checklist of what our required documents and compliance is also...is always important because we can never cut a check to a grantee if they're not compliant. So, we ask that if you are working with specific organizations for line items and provisos that they are compliant. The language of the ordinance can either guarantee specific or project...can be grantee specific or project specific. So, if it is grantee specific, we'd like to make sure, you know, the proper grantees organization's name is correct in the provisos that are listed. We also want to check that the grantee can secure the proper insurance with specific language required by our Risk Management Office. We've had some challenges with some grantees who almost all...we get down to where we're almost executing the contract and the grantee cannot get their insurance and at that point we cannot execute the grant. So, there's...insurance is a big part of the grant program. For Council line item or provisos, we suggest communicating any project summaries or budgets that you all receive. I would certainly like to get those prior to the grantees submitting their applications to our office. So, I was trying to keep my

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presentation under ten minutes. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Fukumoto. Would you like to call your staff up?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Tina, would you like to come up?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ms. Silva, for joining us. And if you have any questions specifically on grants, we have Ms. Silva to help field questions as well. Okay, Members, do you have any questions for Director Fukumoto? Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yeah, okay, I have questions on grants. Two questions. What are the...I know you just hired a grant writer in December, so we don't have, you know, too many results yet, right? But what...which grants are you pursuing?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Fukumoto?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you, Chair. Yes, we are looking at actually several...what I initially had my grant writer do was to interview actually everyone in the Department because different specialists had different needs, right. We have agriculture, we have film, we have the environmental coordinator, and also the energy coordinator. So, initially it was making sure we were all in line with what type of projects that these various specialists had. And then she is looking specifically at Federal funding --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MS. FUKUMOTO: --at this point.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Next question. There are a number of organizations or entities who would like to apply for grants, but let's say this is a one-time grant request, so for them to spend their own personal money on a project and then be reimbursed later could create a, you know, a financial hardship on that person as well as the requirement for obtaining insurance especially if it's just gonna be a one or two-time event. So, how do you address those?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

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MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you, Chair. Yes, with respect to insurance, what...for a one-time grantee, you know, I might suggest that if part of administrative process is more challenging than most that they may look at using a fiscal agent because the fiscal agent has the insurance. Normally that would qualify.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You mean a current non-profit?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yeah. There are some non-profits out there that can...that have been fiscal agents through like Lokahi Pacific. And...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't think Tri-Isle exists anymore.

MS. FUKUMOTO: No, Tri-Isle does not, no.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yeah. So, there are some fiscal...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That was her question. Count that as one question.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Just joking. Okay.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yeah, with respect to the, you know, advancement of using your monies first and then getting reimbursed that's the normal grant process in our Department, so we have not discussed, you know, trying to change that process.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This is something that concerns a number of us, yeah. So, I guess, then maybe you should have a running list of non-profits who are willing to oversee these new people or, yeah, umbrella these people. Because sometimes people in the community have some great ideas about doing an event that they may not want to keep doing, you know, so --

MS. FUKUMOTO: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --we hate to miss out on those opportunities.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. And then before I call on Member Sinenci, I wanted to just kind of follow up on Member Lee's, Chair Lee's question or comment. So, is OED doing anything to help support these

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organizations to locate an umbrella organization since we only have so many Lokahi Pacific's and Tri-Isle no longer operates now? Is OED doing anything?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you for the question. You know, we can only work with the existing organizations who are out there so, obviously, Lokahi Pacific. Recently, Maui United Way was involved in some.

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

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yeah. I think, you know, the organization would have to seek another umbrella organization that has the same sort of mission and purpose and that umbrella organization may be willing to do that. And there is a fiscal, sort of, fee, you know, that is paid through the grant for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Director. Okay, Member Sinenci and then Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, on that note, you know, we had a couple non-profits in East Maui that couldn't fulfill 'cause they couldn't come up with the funds right off. My question was about grant administrators. Is there a rule of thumb on how much percentage that they should be taking from the grant?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you. You know it varies between 10 percent, it could go, you know, as high as 25 percent depending on what the specific fiscal agent does. As an example, University of Hawai'i is a fiscal agent for MISC, for instance, and other projects. And in discussing those fees, you know, there's things that are advantageous to MISC and that's why they are using the University of Hawai'i. As an example, the University of Hawai'i has a helicopter insurance. And so if, you know, MISC went directly to go get helicopter insurance, it would be a big part of their budget so, you know, working with an organization that already has some resources sometimes is more beneficial and therefore, the...that fee may be different because of that.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And but you haven't seen anywhere there is some mismanagement from some of these administrators who are really...

MS. FUKUMOTO: The...I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. FUKUMOTO: What generally happens when you have a fiscal agent is that...and because these are the same fiscal agents perhaps that the fiscal agents know how

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to submit an application for the grant, they also know how to process the payments. What we found with new organizations who have never gone through the process, you know, we, a lot of times, we in our Department have to work with them to clarify their grants, right. You know, can you redefine your purpose and your mission, you know? So, we do work a lot with first-time grantees. And with respect to payments, a lot of time invoices do not come in properly, and we have to go back and work with them, you know, to make sure that the payments are done correctly. Because if we can't get it at a certain, you know, satisfactory level when we send it down to Finance, they won't pay it as well. So, you know, we have to make sure that we are processing payments consistently. So, when...I would have to say that normally first time grantees it takes a lot for our Department to work with them because this is their first time, right, versus returning grantees, they know the drill, they know what to expect, and they know, and it's easier to process them.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. When I think about the Office of Economic Development I think about an office that's supposed to develop or create new jobs for people in our community however that may look like. So, I hear what you're saying about new grantees who don't understand the process. So, it seems like that there's some step that needs to be filled in so that they are able to become their own sponsor without having to go through a fiscal sponsor. But on that note until that time does come, I want to know how can we change it so that people don't have to put out their own money upfront because I know a fiscal sponsor that's a fiscal sponsor for two entities. That means that fiscal sponsor has to put out their own money to help that other two entities, so we putting a crunch on that fiscal entity if we are not allowing. So, I want to know how can we go ahead and issue out the funding especially if it's just a small amount? I mean, everybody has to go through the same process of filling out all the forms and I can see that if you're doing 20, 30, or 40,000, but if you doing 5 or less there has to be a process that's easier. So, I want to...I want someone to answer the question. How can we change this process so they can do what we're wanting it to do so it can work and so we have...can have economic development coming more and more?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. So, Director Fukumoto, would the policies that you follow...I guess, can you first explain what the current policy is and then the Council would like to, as expressed by the Members, make it an easier process for our community organizations? So, would we be able to work directly with you, you know, offline to amend that process or, you know, do we need to, like, create an ordinance for it?

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MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you, Chair. I totally understand, Tasha, where you're coming from and what has happened actually is we've seen some organizations work through a fiscal sponsor maybe the first or two year...first year or two and then they know the drill because they can see the paperwork that the fiscal sponsor had to generate, right, and so then they move on and they literally can become self-sustaining after. When I looked at the grants, almost 60 percent of the grants were under 25,000, you know, through our...this 15 million, 60 percent of the grants were under 25,000. So, you know, perhaps we could look at saying that we could do an advance of a certain amount. The challenges is always that when you give someone monies the part that's challenging is trying to get those receipts after you've, you know, given the money. And the process of trying to be a bill collector at that point, right, if you don't get the receipts. Granted if you're not gonna give the whole amount of the grant and perhaps just a portion, they would have to show you the receipts for the first batch of money before they got the second batch of money, you know. So, if we are looking at perhaps helping the smaller grantees, you know, then the amount that we would be advancing may not be large and maybe the risk may be less than doing it on a, you know, bigger grant. So, I would be willing to perhaps work on something --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director.

MS. FUKUMOTO: --as a test perhaps.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, maybe you could take a look at Chapter 3.36 in the Maui County Code. That's relating to Maui County grants programs and maybe in there we could add something about the smaller-type grants where it's \$5,000 or one-time events and take a look at how maybe we could make some kind of provisions for that.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I would agree to looking at the ordinance because it is easier to do work at the ordinance but you work...I would like to work on that, too, Chair if it comes to that, because I think that you can capacitize [*sic*] organizations starting with something small so that when they do reach their capacity then they can come to you with the bigger grants or request and be able to be...and by that time they can . . . (*inaudible*). . . helps them to be able to get towards that capacitation [*sic*]. So, I'd like to be able to do that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Okay...okay. Chair Lee and then Member Paltin.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And perhaps we could ask Lokahi Pacific to join in that conversation because you still may need an umbrella organization for the reporting and also they might have an idea of how you can have this shared insurance policy of some kind, because that's one of the hardest things to get as you mentioned and I've been through that. So, what we've done in the past, which I know you guys won't want to do too much of, is the County would co-sponsor an event on occasion whereby we would take care of the insurance, so...so there are bunch of ideas that could be discussed and I think there's a lot of possibilities here. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just had a couple questions. So, the tech specialist and the grant writer are two separate people, yeah? And then, so then there's no vacancies that you have and the three ladders that are at their locations, everybody else on the bottom is on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you. That's correct. Everybody on the bottom is on the 9<sup>th</sup>...well, not the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor. We are in One Main Plaza.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, on the One Main Plaza. Okay.

MS. FUKUMOTO: And I'm sorry, and my workforce development...Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act people are in my One Main Plaza.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay, got it. And then, couple other questions. Someone for the grant's one, somebody came to my office and they wanted to get a grant for the Pa`u riders for the Kamehameha Day Parade and they were saying that they were told it wasn't a cultural...fall in to the cultural. Is that...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. FUKUMOTO: I would definitely not have said that. I mean, that is definitely a cultural activity.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

MS. FUKUMOTO: So, I would like to know who they spoke to because that for sure would not have come out of my office.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, if somebody wanted to pursue a grant for the Pa`u riders for the Kamehameha Day Parade, just put in a application?

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MS. FUKUMOTO: Well, at this point, you know, we have closed grant applications because there were two grant application deadlines, but we do still have funds in certain districts. So, what we were...what we normally do is that we would do a press release to let, you know, to let and inform the public that there are some funding available in certain districts and certain pots of money and we would do like a last call for grants. So, you know, after we do that, then, you know, it would open up again to another application process.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, so I'll just let 'em know then.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yeah, they...direct them to our office.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then stoked to see the HTA numbers up. I was looking at the Made in Maui County Festival. I went to that. That was pretty awesome. I was wondering if there's any debriefing that how some of the numbers were lower in attendance and retail sales and items sold --

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --but then the numbers in wholesale accounts were up but new leads were down. Was there any debriefing on how to like bump it all up?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you. Yes, there was actually a three-hour debriefing of this event, and I was in attendance at that debriefing. So, with respect to attendees, this was the first time that the festival had to redirect parking. In the past, parking used to occur where the solar farm is right now at the college and so all the parking had to primarily be at the War Memorial. We had two spots in the War Memorial Gym. They could go to Kaahumanu as well. So, we knew that this year that may have affected the numbers. It was also a very extremely hot day from what we're told, you know, that may have affected the numbers as well. And so, of course, you know, when you don't have as many attendees the retail sales go down. What I didn't report here was that actually what happened was that even if we had less attendees each person spent more even if there was less attendees. Although the total retail sales went down, but each person supposedly spent more. You know, again, it's...we have this Friday wholesale buyers time and to see that we had like 600 people come in, right, and we were able to increase the new wholesale accounts to 300-something. That's, I think, a reflection of our being able to bring those wholesale buyers on Friday.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: One last one?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The part where it said implemented open space funding grant process, I'm not familiar and I just was wondering if you could fill me in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you. Yes, thank you for the question. I noted that because Makale`a Ane and I spent quite a bit of time developing the open space grant application process. So, whenever there...as a example, you know, we had one come through and we literally...there was no application process. So, we had to take all the Code sections, work with Corp. Counsel, and come up with the application process by which, you know, a open space grant would come and apply for the money for the Open Space Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I wasn't even...so, like, if you have open space that you want the County to purchase now, you can just fill out a application and apply for it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Normally, there would have been a process prior to that where the funding was already set aside and then the organization is coming, you know, to get their funds for the appraisals and the working grant to complete the purchase. So, there was a Hāna property that we recently were involved in obtaining through this funding source, and so we had to literally do all the documentation to get the applicant to submit proper documentation, our covering ourselves based on the various Code sections.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, so it's not like, oh, we really like this property kind of thing? It already is like a done deal and then this is the follow-up to get it done like with paperwork?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. FUKUMOTO: My observation only in the last 14 months in this position is that I'm only working at this point with properties that already have set aside funding.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sinenci, then Member Sugimura.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Real quick, Ms. Fukumoto, I was just inquiring about the Film Office and if there was any regulations to some of the, I guess, those film crews that are coming in and filming on Maui. Just my concerns are about, you know, keeping our Maui as...Maui County as a reputable...if we're being shown on television, that kind of stuff. So, are there any regulations for that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you for the question. I would have to say that, you know, I am extremely grateful that we have a film commissioner, because what happens is that whenever film projects come to Maui, he makes sure that the, you know, the quality of what's being represented, right, with respect to Maui is of that quality that we expect, and because he's been a film commissioner for, you know, several years and knows the industry. What's interesting is that in the past, I think, they would...there was a sense of trying to go after the very big film projects like 20 million, 30 million, something like that. But what happened over the course of the last several years, which was interesting as Tracy Bennett discussed with me, was that it was better for him to go after the smaller type of commercial projects, you know, like literally a company coming in to film for 3 or 4 days to do commercials, you know, versus the bigger film projects because it literally evened out the work for the 300-plus people that he's trying to employ on the island, you know. When a big project comes in, they're here...they may be here for a long time but they're gone and then we have a lull, right. So, his ability to be able to transition to medium, smaller projects so that there's a consistent flow of these projects coming in so that everybody is consistently working was what he's been focusing on.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. I'm gonna take last questions from Member Sugimura, ask a couple questions myself, and then we're gonna take a ten-minute break, and then I'm gonna call Chief of Staff up to do his presentation. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Make it fast. So, I want to go back to Tamara Paltin's question. And I was writing so I might...I mean, I was not paying 100 percent attention but did you say you purchased property in Hāna? Did I hear that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, so there was appropriations in the Fiscal Year '20 Budget for Mokae and Maka`alae.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Those went through a land trust --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --Ke Ao Hali'i --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --and those are the ones that we require grant applications for. In cases where the County is purchasing the land, then, of course, there's no grant application, right. So, then that, those are the ones that we...like the one that we just took up prior to this --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right, right, right.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --right. They...the County decides to buy it. The County's gonna own the land, not some other entity or some other agency, and so it'll be on our books.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, those don't require grant applications --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That makes more sense.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --but if you do...if you are a land trust, then yes, we do require grants...applications.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, that makes sense then. I was just thinking now this does not sound like what normally happens, so thank you for the clarification. And then on the Film Office, ending of last term...well during last term, there was a reality show in Ha'ikū and the whole neighborhood got really upset, right, and --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Māhinahina too.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --and Māhinahina too, but the neighbors wanted an ordinance change and we came to the end of the term, we never did it. And I wonder if you guys are looking at anything where the neighbors in that Ha'ikū situation wanted to be notified. And I think instead of 500 they want it to be 1,000 feet, you know, so that more neighbors could be notified. I think there were some pretty, pretty like horror stories that they experienced as they tried to

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go home and were blocked and this just reminding me that we should pick it up and I wonder if you are and if not I would like to.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you for the question. I think that occurred before I came into office --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, yeah.

MS. FUKUMOTO: --and so I know what happens is that whenever there is new film projects that come in that they work with my Film Commissioner. He, you know, goes and does the site inspections and things like that, and so he definitely tries to, I would say, make sure that any production company understands the sensitivities of filming here, --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. FUKUMOTO: --you know.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I guess nothing new. I think I'll add that on a to-do list. I'll talk to you about it after to get more clarity --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --'cause it sounds like the neighbors in that particular --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --instance, and I really didn't think of it until we having this conversation but they're pretty upset at the reality show all hours of the day and all kind of language.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I actually spoke with the State Film Commissioner. I can't remember her name at this moment, but...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Georgette [sic]. Georgette [sic] Skinner.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And she said that the producer for that was kind of...

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, not welcome back because of how upset he made the community and how disrespectful he was when he was here.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I see.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And so...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, that'll never happen again maybe.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so I mean, we can institutionalize some kind of policy --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --but the, I think the entire State was aware of --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Of that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --that happening and was --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --you know...yeah, was...wanted to address that to ensure it didn't happen again --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --because it creates a bad reputation --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for the industry here.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Mr. Galazin, we will send something. And then the last thing that I wanted to just contribute in the conversation just because I been...I worked in the Office of Economic Development with Kimo Apana as Mayor and I will tell you that when I walked in there and I started doing events in Wailuku I used to ask the County to provide insurance, to run the checks...I mean, we didn't have the non-profits like Lokahi Pacific and I think Susie Thieman is gonna kill me if I mention her name but she's super awesome. And since Alice mentioned it first, I will contribute and...but now there are organizations like hers which are fiscal managers and, you know, they take a percentage which is really worth it. What I would like to maybe be part of the conversation because I've seen it all where really big grants and you have small grants. You have the same problems whether you have big or small and caution

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the County and remember that I think that we sit here to try to protect our resources and the County so that we don't expose ourselves because I've seen it both ways, you know. And I don't want us to walk down a path thinking, okay, we're gonna help everybody but yet we leave our self open for lot of liability and so that's the caution I... 'cause I was... because I worked in OED and I was sitting on, you know, both sides and the community side and then the County side. I mean, it is... Office of Economic Development has gotten a lot more sophisticated, you know, a lot more money than when I was there, and but I want to cautious us we don't walk down a path that we become, you know, liable. But thank you very much for mentioning her name, she's super good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so I'll just ask a few more questions, Director. How many...oh, so in line with your goal on Page 421 of the budget narrative, goal number one is to foster job creation within Maui County and with new and expanding businesses. How many permanent jobs has OED helped to create this fiscal year and how many...how much funding was allocated to this?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Chair, I'm sorry, I don't have numbers for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, we can request it in writing.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, second question regarding the HTA contracts. Awesome job getting 12 more contracts and all that funding inserted into our County. I guess, would you be able to kind of like briefly explain how you're able to get that increase and if, you know, getting another increase is something that we would be shooting for this next fiscal year?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you for the question. Yes, you know we made it...we made a really hard attempt at introducing Ipo Mossman, who is our HTA Coordinator at our OED grants workshops and, you know, we made a concerted effort to inform the grantees that I know you're here for the OED monies but three days later was the HTA funding, you know, application as well. And so, we highly encouraged our grantees to go after the HTA monies and, you know, I truly believe that part of that was the process as well as Ipo has really taken it upon himself to drive more money into our County. You know, what it is is we don't...we do not accept the money as the County of Maui. You know we are just helping the various organizations go get funding and so he has really worked with all of the organizations, you know, trying to help them with either trying to increase or help with how to write the grants as well, you know, like what is HTA looking for when

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they're looking for projects. So, he's really been like the boots on the ground trying to get the funding and, yes, we would like to go after more, you know, encouraging again. We're gonna have five more OED grant workshops starting up here soon and we'll be doing the same thing encouraging them to ask for HTA funding.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. So, implementing the same strategy you used this last fiscal year, great. Okay, my third question is regarding the number of grants. So, in your goals and objectives, you estimated that OED would grant 90 new grants this fiscal year. How many of those grants were new grants, meaning that they were granted to the organization for the first time this fiscal year? And if you don't have that number, I can also request that in writing.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And my last question is regarding the two expansion positions, Economic Development Specialist III and Grant Management Program Specialist. Were they filled?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Yes, they were filled. So, my grant writer started December 3<sup>rd</sup>. My technology specialist started December 2<sup>nd</sup>. As you know, it takes a while for you to start a new position in the County, and so unfortunately, it took more than four months to try to get that and, you know, very experienced people that we were able to hire so very happy with them.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Okay, Members, if there are no objections, I will now defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

**ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. This item is now deferred. Mahalo, Director Fukumoto and Ms. Silva, for joining us at today's meeting. So it's 3:15, we'll take a ten-minute recess, and we'll call Chief of Staff Miyake up here to set up for our next agenda item. Okay, 3:15 on February 20. Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 3:15 p.m.  
RECONVENE: 3:28 p.m.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 3:28 on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And we are going to pick up on...if there are no objections, Members, I'm going to move up EDB-75...oh, no, next one on the agenda, EDB-75(8), Operational and Budgetary Review of the County--oh, okay, yeah--of County Departments (Office of the Mayor). Okay, we have with us Chief of Staff, Tyson Miyake, and Budget Director Yoshimura with us as well. Okay, Chief of Staff, you ready to go?

MR. MIYAKE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. MIYAKE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All yours.

MR. MIYAKE: Good afternoon, Chair, Councilmembers. I'm happy to be here, first time.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Welcome.

MR. MIYAKE: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll be easy on you.

MR. MIYAKE: Oh, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's only a promise from me though.

MR. MIYAKE: Okay, I'll be quick. The Office of the Mayor serves the County of Maui through its Administration program, the Office of Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant, CDBG programs, and the Budget Office. The Administration program interfaces directly with the public on a daily basis including our community liaisons, Communications Office, and administrative and clerical support staff. We focus on responsiveness and openness in order to provide exceptional service to members of the public. Community liaisons respond to an array of inquiries and concerns ranging from information...informational requests to complex issues, which require research

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and follow-up with departments. The Office operates in a fast paced environment frequently disseminating time sensitive information to the public through the Communications Office and interactions with the community liaisons. The Office of the Mayor provides excellent customer service to all residents and visitors. We achieve outstanding transparency by providing timely, accurate and complete information internally and externally. We keep the benefit of the entire community our top priority in all decision makings. And we foster relationships with County, State, Federal, and international government agencies. Part of our strategic goals, we respond to all texts, e-mails, phone calls and letters in a timely matter. We work closely and communicate regularly with our departments to know their needs and find solutions to...to find solutions to help in any type of situations. We set high standards for our staff to attain their full potential. We work closely with our communication staff to provide timely, complete, and accurate press releases and social media posts to the public. We use e-mails, texts, phone calls, letters to inform the community and all County personnel of our activities and events. We also attend community meetings to gather input on matters. That's like the community association meetings and all town hall meetings, et cetera. We keep an open door policy to provide public access. We require accountability and responsibility for every program and project we undertake. And we enhance working relationships with all government officials including State and Federal entities. So, this is our strategic plan. The Office of the Mayor recognizes the vital importance of having a strategic road map for successful operations. The Office of the Mayor worked with the Department of Managing...Management on developing this strategic plan. Our...the community liaisons' duties assigned are based on the Mayor's strategic vision so each community liaison is assigned to one of these five goals. I know the Managing Director Baz will discuss more in depth about this 'cause this is a Department of Management implementation. The Office of the Mayor has community liaisons. They are here to listen, research and resolve. Each liaison is assigned to a district, department, and subject matter. The liaisons handle issues, complaints, inquiries, phone calls, e-mails, letters. Some of the liaisons are assigned to a legislative tracking team, which submit testimonies and provide...they also provide oral testimonies. They monitor hearing notices and track status of bills. The community liaisons, we are held accountable, we...by weekly reports and staff meetings. We are in a team environment meaning if one of the liaisons is absent and that's a representative from the South Maui District, it's not that we put it on hold for like the next day, another liaison will help and pick up. The communications team, they draft...they do all drafts and distributes press releases. They update the web page's content for County departments and agencies, and the Office of the Mayor. They assist the Mayor with speeches, newspaper columns, the Ask the Mayor column, and the Our County column. They assist with proclamations and certificates and statements. They manage all social medias for the County Administration, such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. They produce visual medias, photos, videos, and flyers. They prepare memorandums for the Mayor for his public appearances. They facilitate

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communication and messaging between Mayor and County departments, agencies, and news media. They also staff and assist the Mayor's radio program and once a month TV show called Holo I Mua. And the communications team also staff the EOC during emergencies. And they work very closely with the Police PIO on updated press releases in all emergencies. The budget team. The budget team produces fiscal...the fiscal year budget. They review all travel requests and unbudgeted equipment requests. They monitor all grants. They review all requisitions relating to E/P's on Workday. And they look over quarterly reports on performance measures and vacant positions. The budget team also did research relating to budget software implementation, such as CIC, OpenGov, Zobrio, and CentralSquares [sic]. And Budget Director Yoshimura is here to answer any of those budget questions. And that's all I have for now. Any question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, good job.

MR. MIYAKE: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, all right. Members, I think I'll try to take it in order, and I'll take two questions at a time and we'll start with Pro Temp Kama. We'll do a question, a follow-up, and then we'll take...we'll start with our first round then see.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, regarding the CDBG, so we don't...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're gonna take that up separately.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I mean, unless you want to try to ask and see if Chief of Staff will be able to answer but --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: What do you think Tyson? You want to take it or leave that for Mr. Pontanilla?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --it...the program, yeah, will be...

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay, then I'll retract my question --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: --by not asking it. Okay. Okay, so the question is, you know, for your community liaisons it says in the PowerPoint right here that each district is assigned a liaison. So, who is the liaison for Kahului?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief of Staff?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And can you go through everybody since I'm asking? I can ask for everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: They don't need to ask you.

MR. MIYAKE: Okay. Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Member Kama. The liaison for Kahului is Randy Piltz.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Oh.

MR. MIYAKE: Yes, and today's his birthday.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Happy birthday, Randy.

MR. MIYAKE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And so, who's the other Councilmembers...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Actually, can we...Mr. Miyake, can we do like each district and then like what their job description is?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. MIYAKE: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: That's good.

MR. MIYAKE: So, the Kahului...the Upcountry liaison is Gladys Baisa. The West Maui liaison is Alan Fukuyama. The Lāna`i liaison is Darlene Endrina. The Wailuku liaison is Don Couch. South Maui liaison is Bill Snipes. East Maui liaison is Bill Medeiros. And then we also have a...oh, Moloka`i liaison...I'm sorry. Moloka`i liaison is Stacy Crivello. And we have a tourism liaison, Terryl Vencl.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And what do they do?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for Upcountry there isn't a different one for Member Sugimura and Member Molina's districts...is one?

MR. MIYAKE: Yes, correct. That's correct, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. And then would you mind describing their job description?

MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Chair. So, for the liaisons, their job descriptions are based on...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For each one.

MR. MIYAKE: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For Mr. Piltz...I forget what Upcountry is. Oh, Ms. Baisa. Oh, I know what Ms. Baisa does.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: We do.

MR. MIYAKE: So, they over...so for Mr. Piltz, he takes care all Kahului issues, complaints. He also does the Department of Public Works. So, any kind of questions regarding like sidewalks or anything, he is the...he handles the Department of Public Works. For West Maui, Alan Fukuyama, he is also assigned to the Department of Fire and Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, and Maui Police Department, and issues with the Department of Water Supply as well, I'm sorry. Lāna`i liaison, Darlene, is any Lāna`i issues. She also sits on the Status of Women Commission, and she assists with the proclamations and certificates. For Wailuku, Don Couch, he assists any, like I said, Wailuku issues as well as Department of Planning issues. South Maui liaison is Bill Snipes. He does all South Maui issues. He also takes care of our Census 2020. He is the lead on that and Department of Finance and IT. Our Hāna liaison is...East Maui liaison

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is Bill Medeiros. He takes care of also Veterans Affairs and any East Maui issues. Stacy Crivello is a Moloka'i liaison. She also is Mayor's liaison to all Hawaiian affairs and the Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that job description. So, in addition to geographic questions if there's a subject matter issue like Public Works, I could refer our constituents to Mr. Piltz?

MR. MIYAKE: That is correct, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Mahalo, Mr. Miyake. Pro Temp Kama? Good? Okay. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I don't really have a question. I want to say thank you very much for doing this your first time, but I appreciate your understanding of this position that you're holding and I like the way the...like Gladys Baisa, I know she was like at the Kula Community Association meeting last night. I'm sure she appears, you know, with Mr. Molina also on that side of the island, and she also does our boards and commissions, right, besides having a vast knowledge which she brings about non-profits. So, I like how it's multitask and it's not only just assigned to, you know, like a district or something like that. So, appreciate it and I know that I just want to say that I know that Don Couch also does a SeeClickFix or whatever that, you know, you can download that app. So, when I drive around I see abandoned cars I take a picture of it, I send it, and he assigns...I don't know who assigns it. Maybe you assign the department to take care of it. So, I appreciate that because I've been trying to, you know, see that we don't have as many abandoned cars. So, I appreciate that. The multitasking that I think goes on in the Mayor's Office as you reflect what the Mayor wants you all to do, so thank you. I have no questions, just statements.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. So, you know, like we get the e-mails and the phone calls as well and I know that, you know, none of us have any magic wands although I think people assume we do. But if there's not a complaint and it's something that we just see, do we just e-mail to the district person? Like, I didn't see in the strategic plan the issue of like homeless encampment on County properties and stuff like that. And like mile marker 13.5 area is getting pretty bad, 13.5 to 14. And then, you know, there were...there was one of our residents in Lahaina that got hit in the crosswalk and those types of issues. So, how do we work together to address them in the absence of the magic wand?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief of Staff?

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MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin. So, also in the Office of the Mayor, I...I'm part of the homeless task force that Mayor Victorino has put together, which is just regarding to your homeless issue. That's...I'm working now with the new Deputy Managing Director Josiah and a bunch of the big departments that are part of that, Parks and Recs, Public Works, Transportation to assist like we work out collaboratively so we can address all this issues. It's not just a one department or one location type of issue.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, is there a plan to get like a County land manager in the future? For like, I think around the 13.5 mile marker area is County lands, but it's just like kind of like a dump or a used car lot or something and we shut down Lāna`i and kind of fined them heavily so it's kind of hypocritical for us to just let it be what it is becoming.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Miyake?

MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Chair. Yes, Mayor stated in the State of the County that he wants to create a land management division to help manage all the lands that the County owns and he also stated for the abandoned vehicles to increase it from one vehicle per resident to two. So, we're working on that as well.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I mean, the--just one last follow-up--the abandoned vehicles that we're seeing is not, kind of not tied to residents. They are just like piling up in, on County property on the side of the road, like just all sorts of random places.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Madam Chair, I think at our last budget or EDB Committee meeting we requested a budget amendment for \$500,000 for our vehicle disposal program, so that'll continue. In addition to taking away the abandoned and derelict vehicles that are on the roads now, Mayor Victorino is proposing to increase the program to rather than having one vehicle per household taken to Hammerhead or to our vehicle disposal lot having two vehicles per household per year, so that we'll, hopefully we'll see less vehicles on the side of the road and reduce the number of abandoned vehicles. So, I think the vehicle disposal program is up for a second and final review tomorrow.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And they don't need to be...

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, once we get that funding available then we can start removing more motor vehicles.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: They don't need to be registered and things like that? You can just bring 'em?

MS. YOSHIMURA: You can take the cars to the...I think right now our vendor is Hammerhead and I think EP&S have worked out with Hammerhead you can take your papers there, your registration papers there, and they will help you work through that process as well.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. So, if they don't currently have registration papers, no can?

MS. YOSHIMURA: No, we will have the towing and everything done as well with the abandoned vehicles that are left on the side of the road.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hello, Mr. Chief of Staff. I have questions that kind of follow up on some of the previous Members...but I really need to know if it is more appropriate when we receive a call, a complaint...you know most of them are complaints. Do we refer them to the relevant department? Is that better than referring it to the liaison because a lot of times the liaison is too busy? And besides the liaison is just gonna refer that call to the department anyway. So, how do you...how would you like us to handle those calls?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Miyake?

MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Lee, for the question. The liaisons might...if you refer it to the liaison, they might have had other calls that from constituents or another Member perhaps of the same issue, so you can whichever you prefer but the liaisons will know and I will know based on the weekly reports as well. So, we also use like Member Sugimura said SeeClickFix and Managing Director Baz and myself and I believe the Deputy as well has access to see all that information via e-mail and we also use Zendesk. So, if you...if it's just an e-mail complaint, the comms team refers it to the assigned liaison as well as myself, so I'm copied on all of that. So, to answer your question, whichever you prefer but I feel if you go through the liaison that will...we can expedite it by, you know, if there's all nine Members are...have the same issue or complaint, then we can, you know, make it quicker response to the department.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Let's say--as a follow-up--to be safe, we...we've been sending it to both the department and the liaison but now I want to copy you, yeah, so then for sure we're gonna get some action, right, because--this is part of the same question--because we spend an inordinate amount of time trying to

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resolve complaints, you know. Because if, like for instance, if we do refer the matter to, let's say, the Finance Department and then couple weeks go by and then the people come back at us, you know, follow up and so we have to follow up again. So, we spend a really, you know, incredible amount of time on trying to handle these complaints, even though we tell them we are the Legislative Branch and, you know, if you need an ordinance change by all means call us, right. But most of them need to get their roads fixed or if there's speeding or there's, you know, the same common issues that every community has and has nothing to do with the Council. So, we try, you know, we try but there's nothing we can do because, I mean like, who we gonna ask? Send my secretary out to fix the road? I cannot, right. Okay, so...and the other question is you mentioned you're part of the homeless task force, right, the compassionate response team? Yeah, good. And I think I want to commend you on the good work that all of you have done, but I really believe maybe in the next budget that you ask for money. You do...I think you need money because when you assign tasks to the various departments, it's not in their budget, you know. So, it's in nobody's budget. So, in other words, they trying to squeeze the work from whatever they, little money that they have in their budget. So, I think you're gonna find that the Council will be very open to helping you pay for all the services that the County is putting out there, and so please feel free to add it to your budget for the compassionate team. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay, and I think, you know, your staff is multi-talented and could totally fix roads. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: You remember that Dianne Shimizu?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was who I thinking of. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. Miyake. Nice to see you here. And for the record, you took over as Chief of Staff effective what day or date?

MR. MIYAKE: Officially...oh, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chief of Staff?

MR. MIYAKE: Thanks, Chair. Member Molina, officially February 1<sup>st</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: February 1<sup>st</sup>, okay.

MR. MIYAKE: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: All right, and I know you have great responsibilities of having to oversee the actions of your community liaisons, and as someone who formerly worked in the prior Administration as and we called this...we called ourselves executive assistants but community liaisons sounds like a nice touch to it. I...and I want to give first give a shout out to Ms. Baisa who's done a wonderful job as your community liaison for boards and commissions. But I'm looking at one of your strategic goals, which is to respond to all texts, e-mails, phone calls and letters in a timely manner. Certainly, it's a goal that everyone should strive to reach 100 percent, but we know the realities, 100 percent is very difficult to achieve with most strategic goals. In this case--I know you were not the Chief of Staff at the time--I have two letters here that was sent to the Mayor regarding a proposal for a rodeo arena in Makawao. Some several community members have asked and they met, we've had meetings with Maui Land & Pine about the possibility of, you know, having land set aside for a rodeo arena. But without getting into too much detail on the subject because it's, you know, not on the agenda, the purpose of my bringing out this letter October 8, 2019 and a follow-up letter from my office December 11, 2019, which have not been responded to. I would like to ask you for your assistance, Mr. Miyake, since you've just recently take over to follow up on this, because I hate telling the community when they keep asking me what's the latest and here we are going on now four months without a response from Administration on this. I mean, if it's something the Mayor doesn't want to do, then that's fine but just let us know so we can relay the message instead us of telling, you know, passing the buck and say well, don't ask me, call the Mayor's Office. We'd like to offer our assistance in that way too, so. And, you know, whenever people in the community ask for help, like Member Lee, following up on Member Lee's, you know, comments about getting the calls from the community. We certainly want to work with the Administration in helping follow up instead of having to say well, that's not our kuleana, go call the Mayor's Office or go call this department. You know, 'cause the way I see it we as elected officials in our capacity should...you know, we talk about customer service. This is what we need to be as well. So, we certainly want to...well, I'll speak for my office, we want to use that approach and not pass the buck and just put it all on the constituent to call up and that's when they get frustrated when they say...you know, 'cause I've heard it many times over the years that, you know, ho, I hate it when, you know, I call the County, they keep passing my off to this department and that department. So, I think a great emphasis should be placed on customer service, and I think one of the departments earlier this morning mentioned that and that's a good thing. I'm glad, you know, that emphasis is being placed. So, if I could ask for your assistance, Mr. Miyake, to follow up on this request from the community. So, I have the letters here and I'll give it to you. So, anyway...and I'm sorry to have to use this venue to express my concern. Overall, you know, I have to say your...the Mayor's Office has been responsive in for other things but this one's the wait is a bit too long. So, if you could under...you could personally oversee this. It would be much appreciated and thank you. And just one more quick question with

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regards to your procedures and protocol. If a member of the public calls with a concern, if they don't go directly to the EA, if say they call the Mayor's secretary, then is it you as the Chief of Staff will be the one to disseminate the responsibility to whichever community liaison it belongs to? Does that go to you or the Managing Director or any...would...I would think that might go to you, right, as the Chief of Staff?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Miyake?

MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Molina, for the question. If any member of the public calls either Mayor's secretary, Darlene, or the receptionist, they can route...they will route the calls to the correct liaison to handle that specific subject matter or district or department issues. Yeah, everyone in the Administration knows the liaisons duties, each liaison's duties.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. MIYAKE: And to answer your first question, yes, I will definitely look into it personally --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you so much.

MR. MIYAKE: --regarding that letter.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you so much. And protocol-wise if we...a Councilmember wants to make a request for something followed up by the Administration, is the protocol to just go straight to the Mayor or are we allowed to talk to the directors with the request first? What is the preference?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Miyake?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I don't know depending on the Administration. I had past Administration say you have to write the letter to the Mayor and then the Mayor will disseminate the responsibilities. Other Administrations said, yeah, go right ahead and call the director. So, what is the current policy with this Administration?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Miyake?

MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. So, Member Molina, it's...we would prefer the Councilmembers write a letter to the Mayor and the Mayor can distribute to the...I will see it and transmit it to the department.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, all right, thank you.

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MR. MIYAKE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Appreciate any flexibility you can add along the way, but anyway I'll just leave it at that but thank you for being here to present the information so to give us a clear understanding of, you know, what the procedures are and protocols. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. I appreciate that question and I guess to follow up on that really quickly--sorry, Member Sinenci--is, you know, will the Councilmembers be updated, you know, when that issue is addressed or, you know, as you know, it's being resolved if that would be great and then we, you know, we know that our constituents are being taken care of?

MR. MIYAKE: Yes, absolutely, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great, mahalo. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, our office too we've been fielding some phone calls from the community as well. But we did get a response from Deputy Director Molina of Public Works and so 'cause we were looking at what are the protocols when we are fielding these questions from the public, so. But he said he mentioned that there is an RFS system online and instead of making phone calls, the public could access if you have a computer, I guess, access the system and the system has a tracking number and it documents your request for service. So, that was...that is something that we're sharing with our community about accessing that RFS system. I appreciate the homelessness task force and appreciate Chair Lee's about funding. But on page...I guess on the strategic plan slide, yeah, there's...looks like there's some room on the right side of that strategic plan. I would like to see maybe public health and safety, so maybe that is where some of the homeless issues and just general public safety, maybe another column then, you know, as that being part of the strategic plan then maybe the funding will come afterwards. So that was just my advice, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Great mana`o, Member Sinenci. Okay, I'll ask my questions and it looks like all the Members have asked their questions. Yeah? Okay. So, you know, you have your objective slide. What are your measures of success? So, here's your objectives and then how do you know if, you know, you're achieving your objectives, Mr. Miyake?

MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Chair. So, on...what...if we have a, for example, if we have a written letter come in I get...I assign it to the liaison so I give them...so, where it says in a timely manner sometimes we have to do research or we have to meet with the departments to get background info in order to address the matter. But I assign it to them and then they will respond back to the constituent and I will see a copy of it. So, I get a copy their responses back.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo for that response. So, on the objectives page there are four objectives, attend community meetings and gather input on matters, keep an open door policy to provide public access, require accountability and responsibility for every program and project we undertake, and enhance working relationships with all government officials including State and Federal entities. So, is there like metrics like so, you know, like the number of community meetings or which community meetings they would attend? If they are keeping an open-door policy so that the public does feel like there is, you know, accessibility to you, so if there's any kind of, you know, measures?

MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Chair. Yes, the open-door policy if any constituent wants to come in and meet with the liaisons they're more than welcome to. The community meetings, also with like the Members' town halls meetings, the liaisons will go and report back to me as well as the Mayor. I'm sorry, what was your other question?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so you did number two and then number one, so just like the Councilmembers' town halls. You said that the liaisons would attend and then, you know, other community meetings. It sounds like Ms. Baisa attended...attends the Kula Community Association meeting and the Pukalani Community Association meetings so that's awesome that, you know, they have a presence in the community like that. So, is that how you measure whether, you know, they're meeting that objective?

MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Chair. Yes, so when they attend the community meetings it's to just help gather inputs on matters or any issues that that one specific district or community has and it's just to keep us all engaged, you know.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Okay, Members, seeing no other questions, if there are no objections, I'll now defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, okay, item deferred.

**ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Congratulations on going through your first presentation and fielding questions.

MR. MIYAKE: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'd say it was pretty successful, good job.

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MR. MIYAKE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for being with us, Chief of Staff. And I'll call down Managing Director Baz and we'll say a hui hou to Chief of Staff and Budget Director. You going? Okay. Okay, and then we'll also be mindful of the time. It's 4:07.

**ITEM 75(5): OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF  
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS (DEPARTMENT OF  
MANAGEMENT) (CC 20-70)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so the next item on our agenda is EDB-75(5), Operational and Budgetary Review of County Departments (Department of Management). And we have with us Managing Director and we also have a hard copy of his presentation. Okay, and then, Managing Director, you ready to go?

MR. BAZ: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mic's all yours. Mahalo for being with us.

MR. BAZ: Of course. Aloha auinalā, Chair, --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha auinalā.

MR. BAZ: --Members. Sandy Baz, Managing Director for the County of Maui, happy to be here to provide a brief presentation overview of the Department of Management and our Fiscal Year '20 Budget. Department of Management is on paper it looks a little small initially when you look at an organizational chart like this but as we get into it a lot of functionality of the County depends on the work of the Department of Managing Director [sic]. So, overview of the department is that it is established through Article 8, Chapter 1 of the Maui County Charter. And the Managing Director, of course, is appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by Council and may be removed by the Mayor. So, what I generally am and what we are doing as a Department is acting as a principal management aid to the Mayor, supervising the administrative functions of the agencies, departments, boards, commissions assigned by the Mayor, which is all of them. Evaluate the management and performance of each agency, prescribe standards of administrative practice to be followed by all agencies under my supervision, supervise and coordinate functions described in Subsection 7-5.6, 7-5.7, 7-5.8 and those are responsibilities of the Mayor. When you go back and look at the Mayor's responsibilities, these items are delegated to and they relate mostly to budgetary and operational oversight of the departments. And then, of course, perform all other duties and functions required by the Charter as assigned by the

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Mayor. It's funny, most job descriptions have that, you know, as the little 5 percent. It tends up...ends up to be a lot but we get into that. So, we have general functional areas within the Department. We oversee the American with Disabilities Act Compliance, more so with the responsibility of employment and issues with ADA. Capital Improvement Projects Countywide Coordination, we have CIP project management team deal with community and constituents satisfactions. Generally, when they come to me they've already gone to you, they've already gone to the department and they're not happy with their answer so they come to me and I got to, you know, deal with that and tell them no or facilitate a response to get them a yes. Then emergency management oversight, of course, I oversee MEMA but also in their functionality but just in general when we have emergencies and public, you know, natural disasters or other public health issues like what's going on right now. I'm deeply involved in those. Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Compliance, so when it comes to employment-related things if they have a complaint that Department of Personnel Services was not treating them fairly if they're in a protected class these are related to and I have a staff person that does deals specifically with these issues. Of course, we have our Fleet Management System aka GPS that's a part of our . . . *(inaudible)*. . . Information Technology Services Division also was, enveloped the GIS system a while back. We are doing legislative tracking, Performance Management Program Administration, departmental organization and management reviews, Vehicle Use Policy Administration, Violence in the Workplace Action Plan Administration, and I probably missed a whole handful of other things but that's generally what we do. The driving factor for our County is the Mayor's strategic plan. This is the first time that we've seen a process that was gone through to really develop a strategic plan for the County for this aspect of operational priority levels. We do have a community plan. Excuse me, we have community plans. We have a General Plan. We have an island plans. We have community plans that are really a broad based, some very specific, but mostly broad based on a general community, not...a little bit of actual operations of the departments and the operations of the Administration. So, what we did was we worked with a consultant for a few months working through as we started our Administration identifying what are the main priorities of the Mayor as he sees as the CEO of the County, as the elected head official for our County, and then also working with the departments, the community liaisons on what they see and factors that they look at. So, I appreciate and I wrote down Member Sinenci's suggestion there about public health and safety. It's a very, very critical item. But as you look through this and as you go through the departments' budgets, you'll see a lot of things that we do that are not in this main category. And, you know, there's no way that we can get all of it into, you know, five nice little things here and we understand that and we continue to operate and continue to function and continue to keep many of those things as high priority items. But affordable/attainable housing, very critical for our community, for the well-being of our residents. Economic diversity, making sure that we have jobs for them, you know, hopefully good jobs that pay living wages so that they can afford their

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houses and different things like that. So, we work with...you know, OED does a lot of things with that. Climate change response and mitigation, very, very important. The Council saw it fit to create a new committee based on that so this is one of the priority items of our Administration. A lot of infrastructure improvement. We're catching up. There's a lot of deferred maintenance on things that we're catching up on as well as trying to just continue to make sure that we have the infrastructure that our community desires, deserves, and that way can afford. And then, of course, disaster management and mitigation are very important to especially, you know, this past year we had an influx of brush fires that we...it never been like that before. And so, you know, the strategic planning process was going on at the same times we're having huge fires and it did make it a little bit higher priority to make sure that we were prepared, that we can respond, and that we have the ability to recover, you know, so we do focus on that. In fact, the last...yesterday, today and tomorrow many of our directors and staff are downstairs in the EOC being trained on how to deal with disasters from that planning preparation stage to actually when it happens and then how to respond to it afterwards and recover, you know, in dealing with, you know, the rubbish, different things like that. All of these are based on--at the bottom there's tiny little words there for those of you on TV you could probably see better--a vision and mission statement. And the vision that the Administration sees is a safe, vibrant, and inclusive community of shared prosperity. And the mission is really to serve Maui County with balanced, responsive, thoughtful action with a focus on customer service. You know, we want to make sure that, you know, everything that we do we try to do it in a manner that is best for our community and really looking forward to what is it that...and then Mayor makes a decision when I make a decision we both focus on that. So, we can talk about all of those different things. This is a Budget Committee meeting. They asked about, you know, our Fiscal Year '20 Budget so got some details here. You can see as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, we have about 59.5 percent of our budget available, so we're about 10 percent under spent at this point which, you know, kind of a good thing. And we have some CIP projects that are part of...our Department oversee directly as well working with the Police Department on the public safety radio systems still. And then the Employee Parking Fund is our special fund that's assigned to our Department that we'll have discussions on. The other request from your Staff, Madam Chair, was to talk about the any Council-initiated changes to our Fiscal Year '21...'20 Budget, excuse me. And the Council was the addition of an archaeologist in my office, which you had many discussions on, appreciate that. Was kind of, you know, when Councilmember Sinenci and the Staff when I first met were, you know, kind of just trying to understand what it is and we've gone through a lot of discussion, a lot of...I've done a lot of analysis and really look forward to being able to hire. So, the process, of course, it was a brand-new position that had to be audited and reviewed and all kinds of things and so DPS says that they're going to be ready to post it on March 1<sup>st</sup>, so hopefully and our community is paying attention and we'll be able to get good applicants for that position, so we're recruiting that. As far as vacancies goes, I have two vacancies

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in my office. We have some in IT as well. Basically, retirements are dealing with and then we have one position that we've had a hard time recruiting for, a clerk level position, they're challenging with the pay as you guys know trying to recruit a lower pay position. So, we did just get another list of...from the Department of Public...Personnel Services, so we're gonna be interviewing for that position shortly. And then I have an impending retirement to deal with, so we're gonna fill that position as well so. Madam Chair and Members, that's a brief overview, probably went over five minutes, sorry about that. But answer any questions, I'm happy to.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good job, okay. Okay, Members, you ready? I'll start on this side with questions. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Managing Director, about the archaeologist. It seems like, you know, some of the other counties have already taken, you know, heed of our archaeologist so they're also looking. They see the need in their counties and the limitations from SHPD. So, I think they're following suit too, so mahalo for putting that through. I guess my interest in public health and safety is because today I've seen all the flyers in the halls about the Coronavirus. And so maybe you can speak to what's the Administration's plans on how to, you know, address something potentially, you know, just moving forward from this point.

MR. BAZ: Sure, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Managing Director?

MR. BAZ: Thank you. I'll try to make it brief. First with the archaeologist, I had meetings with Susan Lebo, you know, the...at the archaeology division of SHPD and as well as the SHPD Director, Alan Downer, and they've been very responsive and we've had projects that had been sitting for quite a while. They're actually on Maui and doing some work now and we appreciate them really, you know, making it a point to pay attention when we ask and they have and we really want to acknowledge their efforts. They're understaffed as well and so the more that we can do to help them...and this is goes on to, you know, why we have the archaeologist I think is the more we can do to prep to help them do their job then the faster it's gonna be, the easier, and the more thorough review we're going to have, so I really appreciate that. The...as far as public health and safety goes with the current...for those of you who don't...haven't seen it, Mayor had us put up flyers in all public areas basically dealing with...we've had a really challenging flu season in general. You know, we've had over 10,000 people die in United States just from the regular flu going around. And so it's a major issue, so we're trying to deal with that as well as, you know, keeping our employees at work, you know, healthy and not sick. So, we're promoting basically it's what CDC and Department of Health have promoted washing your hands, 20 seconds, sing

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Happy Birthday, whatever you know, and making sure you do that on a regular basis. Don't come to work if you're sick. If you are sick, you know, go to the doctor, and get checked out. The current...you know, you all know, you all read the paper or look in Facebook. Currently, you know, there's an issue on Maui that we're dealing with with a Japanese tourist who was here on Maui and went back home to Japan and tested positive for the Coronavirus. So, we're working very closely with Doctor Pang, our District Health Officer. I pretty much talk to him every day about different things and, you know, issues that are going on. We met on Sunday to lay out what he's gonna be doing or what he is doing as far as the Department of Health because they're the ones that are really tasked with this responsibility of public health. We're doing everything we can to assist them. We have emergency operation center downstairs and our Emergency Management Agency. We've had meetings and discussions every other day with that and video telephone conferences, one again tomorrow. The State Emergency Management as well as Department of Health, Governor are very involved in this as well as you can see, so. They make it a high priority. It's definitely a high priority for our people. Yeah, public health and safety is critical and we need that support. And even to the point of mental health and I met with Mental Health America Director yesterday about the possibility of doing some training on mental health issues and, you know, how we can address, identify, address, and support each other in those areas too, so we want to make sure that we're dealing with the whole aspect of everybody.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Director.

MR. BAZ: Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. And the Councilmembers can also help to spread the word about the County archaeologist when it gets posted on --

MR. BAZ: Yes, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --March 1<sup>st</sup> to help get some qualified --

MR. BAZ: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --individuals to apply. And then, Members, we also have Mr. Jacob Verkerke in the gallery if you have any questions regarding IT specifics as well. Okay, Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Good afternoon, Mr. Baz --

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MR. BAZ: Good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --and always a pleasure to see you and it's been...we had a great working relationship over the years. Just a quick question with regards to the Census drive, is that part of the...your Department's...you're overseeing that?

MR. BAZ: The Mayor's Office is.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: The Mayor's Office.

MR. BAZ: Yeah. They have...our Chief of Staff now. Previous Chief of Staff sat on a committee. Basically, the Census has requested the Mayor create a Census group specifically. There's a number of groups. There's a State group. There's, you know, the Census themselves that are going out doing outreach. The real goal is to get people aware that the Census is coming up and get them involved in filling out the Census.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. BAZ: So but yeah, there is a...we're working with the district--I don't know what his title is--but Leo Caires is the Census District Liaison and we're working closely with him on those issues.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, good, yeah. Just want to compliment, I guess, Bill and I'm having a hard time remember his last name, I guess he's the community liaison doing...

MR. BAZ: Bill Snipes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Bill Snipes, there we go. Well, he's certainly a guy you can count on for doing the Census drive. And also Mr. Sumida I think is still doing the parking enforcement for out of the Management Office dealing with employee parking matters.

MR. BAZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Baron still doing a good...yeah. And him too, he's always done a great job over there so just wanted to give a shout out to him, so.

MR. BAZ: Oh, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Anyway but, yeah, no other questions, but thank you, Mr. Baz. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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MR. BAZ: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hello, Mr. Baz.

MR. BAZ: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Just have a couple of quick questions.

MR. BAZ: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: First, are you creating a climate change office or department?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Managing Director?

MR. BAZ: The Mayor...it wouldn't be a department. A department would require a Charter amendment, correct. So, we wouldn't be proposing a department. It would be a division of a department.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. Is that all? A division of which department?

MR. BAZ: I believe the Mayor's gonna be presenting it as a division of his office, Office of the Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. I want to commend you for copying the Council as we created a committee on Climate Action, yeah, very good, very good. I appreciate that. And my other, not really question but comment, is you're so lucky to have the Deputy you have.

MR. BAZ: I'm blessed.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

MR. BAZ: Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I got a thing I didn't realize that you were the ADA --

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --one. And so we have a constituent that's been trying to get ADA at Kapalua Bay for many, many years and at first we were like, well,

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that's not a County beach but then when we looked into it more further it was a requirement like a condition placed on an entitlement that they received and so they're not in compliance and her small child is not small anymore. And so, would it be all right to forward that information on?

MR. BAZ: Sure, yeah. You can forward it directly to me. Our ADA...the person in that position is more focused on employment-related ADA issues --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

MR. BAZ: --but I'll deal with the...I think that I know who you're asking about and I've actually spoke to her before. I think the initial response, yeah, was that it's not a County thing and then or it was directed to Parks Department and Parks said, oh, this is not us but that's interesting to find out that it's a condition of zoning. So, what I'll do is work with the Planning Department and review that condition. If they're not following a condition, we can send them notice of warning in making sure that, you know, they go and follow that. So yeah, that'd be a...I'm happy that you learned that information, very helpful.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Awesome, thank you. I hope she can get her access.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. Nice seeing you here, Sandy. I just have a quick question, it's something that came up every single year, but I haven't heard it this year yet about MAPPS. So, what is the status of MAPPS? I don't know if that would be Mr. Verkerke but...

MR. BAZ: I could provide that.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. What is the status of MAPPS? When is it coming on board? And how much is it or how much has it been?

MR. BAZ: Dollar-wise I'd have to defer to the division chief but --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. BAZ: --so basically the MAPPS program is the Maui Automated Planning and Permitting System. It's a replacement for our...well, we've had called KIVA which is our land management and permitting system for the last 25 years. And that was state of the art at the time, so. It's dead now but it's state of the art at the time. So, MAPPS were really has been a long term process. They did a thorough analysis because we depend on this for all of our land management and permitting, right. I mean, it's really something we want to make sure we're doing properly. They did a lot of prep work with that. I know the, some of the

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Councilmembers when Mayor Victorino was a Councilmember he was, you know, dealing with MAPPS and funding that process and I believe you were on Council during the funding of that. So, that...it...we're actually nearing the end. We have gone through many of the phases of development. We're finalizing a lot of the what's called the work flows, you know, so if you go to Planning Department and apply for a permit, that permit process is a work flow process and so we're getting those into the system, getting it all designed properly, testing it, and that's what we're gonna be doing over this next summer is a lot of testing and training and working with not...so we have, you know, internal steering committee, then we'll be working with the employees, and then be working on it on a daily basis as well dealing with the change management with the community as well. Because contractors as well as professionals, you know, architects, engineers are gonna be working with the system. We need to help them to come along and with that as well. So, it's a really --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Huge.

MR. BAZ: --good lesson in change management and I think our CTO has learned a lot about that and probably become a good consultant when he retires as far as how to deal with change management. But we're getting to the end.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, good.

MR. BAZ: Our goal would be probably the first couple months of spring of next year to have it actually live live. But we...there...components of it will be...actually components are available now of the system and they'll be, you know, again, testing just to making sure 'cause when we turn on the switch and say it's live, we don't want to have any mistakes so we're testing...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, that's encouraging to hear. So, almost there.

MR. BAZ: Almost there.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Almost there.

MR. BAZ: Almost there.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: But it's important that it's done correctly --

MR. BAZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --and tested, so thank you.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, similar to Workday, you know, our employees...you depend on your paycheck so we can't mess that up, so.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right, yeah. It has to be perfect.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, yeah. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you, thank you very much.

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Really exciting to read under your affordable/attainable housing strategic plan, 5,000 new units occupied by 2026. That's exciting.

MR. BAZ: You know, that's the goal. We're working on that and, you know, Mayor Victorino has been working with partners as you know and with you specifically on a lot of different things and promoting affordable housing in our community, trying to get developers to get it done, right, you know. We can't do it ourselves. And we need definitely partners at the State level as well as the private developers to get it done, non-profits. And the more that we can collaborate, work together, we're gonna get accomplished that goal.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Okay, I'll ask my question and then if we need to go for another round then we can go for another round. Oh, shaking heads, okay. Okay, so my first question is regarding page...slide four, I think, functional areas. One of the items listed is legislative tracking and Chief of Staff Miyake also included that as one of the duties that community liaisons do. So, on his slide it says legislative tracking, submit testimony, and provide oral testimonies, monitor hearing notices, track status of bills. So, how does the legislative tracking on your slide differ from the one on his slide?

MR. BAZ: Sure. I wouldn't say it differs. It's a team effort. We are constantly monitoring bills. I'm working with the departments on their proposed bill, so I have a executive assistant in my office that is you guys remember Saumalu he's the one that's doing that for Administration and working with the two community liaisons, actually three community liaisons on that. You know, there's a thousand or so bills that were, you know, introduced and we want to make sure we're tracking. There's other ones that are coming up that we made, get made aware of immediately and so trying to get all of that tracked, you know, working with the departments and getting testimony, should we support this, should we oppose this, should we stay silent on this. It takes a lot of effort and so those...they meet on a regular basis, go over the bills, the hearing notices, and then what we should do related to those. So, yeah, it's a team effort.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I agree. It's a lot of work especially when there's only 48-hour notices --

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MR. BAZ: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --unlike ours, we give six days. Okay, I don't have really any other questions. But I wanted to, you know, commend the budget team, Deputy Director Albin, Jayne from IT, and Budget Director Yoshimura for helping to...you know, we've been doing a lot. We've been collaborating a lot on how to get more transparency with the software and I think we, you know, we've locked down a good plan to move forward in, you know, our budgeting, transparency portion and upgrading the accounting software and purchasing a CIP performance tracking module. So, I failed to say this before Budget Director Yoshimura left, but I really appreciate, you know, the Administration for all the work that they've putting...put into moving us forward as a County in doing that. So, mahalo, and I think that's all the questions that I have. Oh, okay, we got two more questions. Oh, one more question. Oh, for me? Okay, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, perfect segue, I wanted to know how you're gonna handle the budget. So, are the departments gonna come? 'Cause we're all talking to the departments assigned to our committees. So, are you gonna be calling the departments to come before us during Budget? Are we gonna do only by correspondence or what is your plan on that just so I can plan as I doing my departments?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: As you do your departments as in your Committee review?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so what I had explained earlier is that a lot of what we do during the budget process, so we do like two main things, right. We do department overview, department review of the past fiscal year, and then we also, you know, budget for moving forward. So, if we can complete the departmental review in the subject matter committees and figure out, you know, if the things that we had put forward in the current budget, you know, is working, you know, then we would continue to fund that project program, you know, position. And if it's not, then we can make adjustments when we get to the budget with the intention of, you know, cutting down the amount of time it takes when we do have the department directors on the floor with us. So, that's the hope and I think, you know, the committee chairs have been doing a really good job in getting all that information and review done in the committee. So, good job everybody, mahalo for all your work so, you know, when we are able to streamline our budget process faster in April, it'll be, you know, because of the work that you're doing in the committees now. I also promised the Mayor that we would cut down on the amount of written correspondence, so. And I'm sure all the departments are stoked about that, so as are we, I'm sure. So, the plan is to have

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them on the Chamber floor during the budget process but since we'll have done the departmental reviews in our subject matter committees then perhaps we won't have to have them on the floor as long, you know, during budget. So, that's the goal for this year and it seems like everyone's on board with that goal. So, I appreciate everyone's effort to do that for all of our sakes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . wondering, I noticed that today we got the calendar for the budget. I know it's gonna change as we go along and but that's good because then as we're talking to our departments then, you know, we can help this process along by doing the...I tried to see what you did for my committee and the questions you came out with and how you're using what the department, the Mayor submitted for his budget presentation and what the final budget, you know, ended up and you're coming up with questions, so I'm gonna copy you so we can have...don't have to have all the departments spend as much time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, I get it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, the calendar that came out is just the...and I guess we can mahalo Managing Director for the presentation and for fielding our questions --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes, thank you, Sandy.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and then I'll finish answering your question. So, the calendar that came out are all the legal notices that are required and then we'll have the procedural portion of the calendar out soon and then that way we can kind of plan, you know, accordingly. The hope also is to see...so, you know, the Mayor like you said, the Mayor proposed his budget, and then in last year's budget process the Council added things, right. And so, during our departmental review, you know, a lot of the questions that I'm asking is for an update on those additions, you know, that the Council put on. So, that we know, you know, what direction to take in April when we get to our budget process. Also I'm gonna encourage our, you know, committee chairs and, you know, Councilmembers for your residency area to start working with the departments if there are things that you would like to propose that may perhaps not end up in the proposed, in the Mayor's proposed budget now so that we can lock down the salary amount, the fringe, if you're, you know, thinking about adding positions again 'cause that was also what kind of took up some time. And if there's gonna be any adjustments

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to rates and fees to start working with the directors ahead of time and that way we have a better understanding of what the consequences of our proposals will be before we get to budget and we can plan accordingly and then we can kind of streamline it and make it go a little faster. Yeah, good?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, any other questions, Members, about budget? Okay, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I had a question for Mr. Verkerke but I think he might have left.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Why don't you just ask your question and then we can pose the question via written correspondence.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, I just was wondering what type of security measures he was planning for the all mail-in situation for the elections?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, we got that question. Yeah, Staff? Okay. Okay, Members, any other questions or comments before we adjourn? All right, it's...oh, mahalo. Okay, so if there are no objections, I will now defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, item deferred. It's 4:40 on February 20<sup>th</sup> and the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

**ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

ADJOURN: 4:40 p.m.

APPROVED:



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KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair  
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CERTIFICATE

I, Michelle Balala, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, in Kihei, Hawai'i



Michelle Balala