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Council of the County of Maui

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Council Chamber, 8th Floor

CONVENE: 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama (in 9:02 a.m.)
Councilmember Tasha Kama
Councilmember Michael J. Molina (in 9:42 a.m.)
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King
Councilmember Tamara Paltin
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez (in 9:21 a.m.)
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci

STAFF: Chester Carson, Legislative Analyst
Rayna Yap, Committee Secretary

Zhantell Lindo, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Director, Department of Public Works (WIT-69)
John Smith, Chief of Field Operations and Maintenance, Department of Public Works (WIT-69)
Chico Rabara, Engineering Program Manager, Department of Public Works (WIT-69)
Jeffrey Pearson, Director, Department of Water Supply (WIT-39, WIT-70)
Helene Kau, Deputy Director, Department of Water Supply (WIT-39, WIT-70)
Mark Walker, Assistant Waterworks Fiscal Officer, Department of Water Supply (WIT-70)
Sananda Baz, Managing Director, Department of Management (WIT-57)
Erin Wade, Planner V, Department of Management (WIT-57)
Jennifer Oana, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
(*Seated in the gallery*):

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Brian Bilberry, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the
Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Jasee Law

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good morning, everybody. Thank you for being here for the Water --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Infrastructure.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --Infrastructure—I was going to say, Intergovernmental—and Transportation Committee. Today is February 24th and it is 9:00 a.m. Thank you, Kelly King, for that clock. Now we don't have to look at our phones. And I want to thank all of you for being here today, 'cause it's usually we meet at 1:30, so thanks for making the time to be here. We have quorum today. Thank you, Alice Lee, Chair Alice Lee for being here.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Well, Ms. Madam Chair, if you travel to Hungary in the near future, you want to tell the people, jo reggelt.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Jo reggelt.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Yeah. And hopefully they won't put you in jail. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: She is so funny. Thank you, Mr. Sinenci, for being here.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha and good morning, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning. Kelly King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Good morning.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning. Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aloha. And Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning. It's so fun, yeah, when we have that blessings from Ms. Lee as we open up all our meetings. We have to check your pronunciation and . . . no?

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VICE-CHAIR LEE: You have to.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No need, yeah?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: No. Need.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: When we go to all these different countries, we'll just say you told us so. But appreciate all of you being here. My name is Yuki Lei Sugimura, and thank you, everybody. We have with us . . . oh, and Mr. Riki Hokama is here so we have quorum to conduct our business. Thank you, Mr. Hokama. From the departments, we have Jeff Pearson, who's in the gallery. Is Helene coming, Helene Kau? She'll be here. And Mark Walker is also coming? Department of Public Works, Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, our Director, to talk about Public Works. Erin Wade, who is the Planner handling the parking for the employee parking, which I think is something very important. Corp. Counsel, Jennifer Oana. Thank you for being here. And my Committee Staff is Chester Carson. Thank you. You do such good work. I really appreciate you. And Rayna Yap. What a team. So, thank you. Our District Offices are standing by and today we have an aggressive agenda. And, Members, I hope we're going to finish this in half an hour as it was requested by Chair Lee. So, we'll do our best. First on the agenda we have WIT-69, which is really the finishing of budgetary review for the Department of Public Works; and then next we'll have WIT-70, which is the review of the Department of Water Supply; and WIT-39, which is an intergovernmental agreement with all the counties including us for supply for mutual aid and assistance during emergencies; and the last thing on the agenda is WIT-57. I think I'll take the intergovernmental agreement first before we do your department review, Mr. Pearson, okay. I'm going to switch that around, Members, if you would allow me to do that. The . . . do we have any testifiers?

MS. YAP: One in the Chamber.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We have one testifier. Please identify yourself.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. LAW: Aloha kakahiaka. I'm Jasee Law from Kula. I get nervous when Yuki Lei's up there. I got to read my name on that thing. Good morning, Yuki Lei. So nice to see you again, and all the Council. Thank you. I want to thank your staff of the Upcountry Council office for working on this issue in our neighborhood, the issue of recycling. This was headed for the landfill, but I diverted it; and I'll put it . . . make sure it gets in the recycle bin to save us some money. As you know, the County is buying more land for a dump, for \$12.5 million. I used to be a trashman on a military base, so I learned that cardboard packs a truck up faster than anything else. Every time someone moved out, they'd leave a big pile of cardboard boxes for us and we had to go to the dump twice. So, if you're wondering that. I appreciate your patience, Yuki Lei, 'cause I was expecting you to cut in and say, this is a Transportation, Water,

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and Infrastructure [sic] meeting and not a--what's the name of your Committee?—yeah, the environmental protection meeting. Every time they'd leave a huge, yeah, pile of cardboard boxes. We would have to drive the truck to the dump twice, so those big huge trucks cause a lot of wear and tear on the roadways, and then the Public Works people have to come back and pick it up. So, yeah, thank you, Yuki Lei, for having this meeting, and I look forward to working on you in the . . . working with you in the neighborhood on this issue.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Any questions for . . . is your name Lau or Law?

MR. LAW: Law, L-A-W.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: L-A-W. So, you're Law, like in . . .

MR. LAW: Southern pronunciation.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any questions for him? Seeing none, thank you very much. Any other testifiers in the Chambers? I don't see any. We have connected with Lanai and Molokai but are not able to connect with Hana. So, at this time, Hana do you have . . . Denise, do you have any testifiers? Oh, I'm sorry, Lanai, Denise Fernandez, do you have any testifiers?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair. This is Denise at the Lanai Office, and there are no testifiers.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Molokai Office, Zhantell Lindo, do you have any testifiers?

MS. LINDO: Aloha, Chair, no, we have no testifiers at the Molokai Office.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Last chance, anybody here besides Jasee Law to testify? Seeing none, Members, I'm going to ask your permission to close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

ITEM WIT-69: OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (CC 20-85)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, the first item on our agenda is the finishing up of the review of the Department of Public Works. And so, what happened, Members, as you remember, towards the end of the day we lost quorum, so our meeting ended a little bit early. I went and listened to the tape to see where we are and were. And actually, the Department of Public Works had presented their entire presentation, which was done

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by Jordan Molina. Good job, he did a really good job on it. And I think, as I said during the meeting and I believe so that all his work that he did when he worked in the Office of Council Services as well as with the Budget Committee really helped him understand the presentation and the importance of what he was doing. So, I want to express our appreciation to him. And I guess I want to ask the Members, because that's exactly where we left off. If any of you have any questions, because if you don't, this item I can defer for later. Mr. Sinenci, any more questions for Department of Public Works?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: None.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: None? Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just . . . Chair, I don't know if they had any new items that they were presenting as far as funding for this upcoming Budget Session?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so that will come when . . . on March 25th when we get the budget from the Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, nothing was approved for the future.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, they weren't talking about new things.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Just kind of review, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It was really well done. Mr. Hokama, do you have any questions for Public Works?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No. I just wanted to make sure we're kept up to date on the vacancies and positions.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I may want to propose some different approach on how we deal with those --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --and the challenges for recruitment. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Ms. Andaya, do you have any comments regarding your E/Ps or vacancies?

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes. Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Councilmember Molina, for that question. Right now, we have a total of 43 . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hokama.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I'm sorry, Hokama. What did I just say? I'm sorry. Hokama. We have a total of 43 vacancies in our Department. Majority of them come from Highways Division. And one of the reasons is, we've had a number of retirements and other types of separations from the County in the past year, so we've been actively trying to fill those positions. One of the challenges is leadership from within our divisions. We have a lot of young leaders that we're trying to train. A lot of staff who would potentially make great leaders but don't feel that they're ready yet to make that transition into a supervisory role. So, over the past couple years we've been training our staff, providing them with supervisory training, having them temporarily assigned to different positions. So, I think we're at the point where we're having a lot more staff feel more comfortable in transitioning into those types of positions. Then at the same time we're also actively recruiting from outside of the Department. One of the other challenges that we have is finding civil engineers and surveyors, as I had mentioned in a previous meeting. And so, we've been doing a lot of recruitment outside of the County. There have been considerations as to downgrading the positions from Engineers IV, III, to even going down to Engineer I, where these individuals or employees would have significantly less experience, but would, you know, be able to promote as the years go ahead and that they gain experience. That's something that we're still considering, but we also have to take into account existing operations and the time it takes to train these employees. And then I mentioned earlier about the surveyors in a previous meeting. I think we may have one potential employee that we're about to interview, so we're hopeful that we can fill that position soon; otherwise, we are relying on our existing employees and also looking at other ways to get the work done in our Department.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Are we getting any list or . . . I mean, again, I don't know how detailed information are we going to be receiving through your Committee?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You know, so the Department presented a PowerPoint presentation.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, I have mine . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You have that, so it has a lot of information, but you want like positions available, or what are you looking for?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, I deal with specifics. So, yeah –

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. We can request from the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --I'd like worksheets.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thanks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And then –

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --how are you going to deal with the CIP, Chair? We just going allow them to report back to Budget anything regarding CIP?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so actually we had sent a letter after the last meeting so we'll, you know, we'll get that response and then we can deal with it I guess during budget, 'cause I'm not going to bring this Committee back again . . . I mean this Department back again, so.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. 'Cause I, yeah, I just wanted to know if you were going to give us guidance on how we may through our districts look at certain type of projects whether it's, like for me, shoreline projects. We still have some potential shared liability with the State on Keomuku Road, so.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Which road? I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: The Director knows. And that's why --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --you know, for Molokai we know their challenges, and that is why, for under the CIP thing, I had just wanted to know more about on the equipment side, how is the Department preparing for our needs --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Challenges.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --to do more shoreline work.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That's a good point 'cause there may be some new equipment that's needed. I think during the presentation from the Department they said that during the last Budget Session, because it was Fiscal Year 2020 review that they appreciated the equipment that the Council had approved for them 'cause it would help them. But I guess, Rowena, you can let us know if there's more equipment needs. If we could send them a letter, Chester? Is that what you want, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, because, you know, I like to see the coordination in how we are going to approach this especially a potential purchasing or acquisition. You know, we already made a commitment last year for West Maui with the work on

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the drainage catchment program because of, you know, we got to maintain our basins --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --so, you know, we supported that project wholeheartedly. You know, again, there's many things happening. We eventually may feel some type of kickback from the global concern of coronavirus on our economy 'cause of lack of travel --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --and how we're going to start taking care of those cash revenue requirements. So, I just would like us to get some sense of how they're planning so we can make the appropriate financial adjustments.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Such a good point.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we have the threats of potential coronavirus which if it does take a turn worldwide and affects our economy here, that is exactly right, Mr. Hokama. We need to plan for that impacts. Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just had a question about the question . . . or I had a few questions, but my first question was the one, the letter sent out from your Committee on February 20. The answers to that, would they be sent to this Committee --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --and uploaded onto the Granicus as soon as you guys --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --receive them?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So, waiting for those answers. But other than that, I was wondering if it was possible, you know, we had some situations with traffic in Lahaina, if we could get like, you know, their information of the crosswalks that needs improvements and like, maybe like some progress report on how much needs to be done and where we're at with that, especially along Wainee Street in Lahaina. Pretty much all of those crosswalks are not very well lighted and it's causing a safety issue.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we can send a request to them for that.

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: And, Chair, I can also add to that. Whenever there's a traffic incident or event, one of the first things that we do is communicate with MPD to get their report and get an understanding of what had occurred at the situation and what factors could have contributed to the accident or incident. And once we have that information, then we can use that to determine what solution is most appropriate for that intersection or area. I do know that our Staff, whenever we get requests for restriping or if the, if any members of the public, or if your offices know of any areas that need to be addressed immediately, then forward those concerns over to our Department and we can get started on them right away, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We, our office did forward --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --the concerns over. I just was wondering if you knew if there was a standard length of time from the event of a traffic fatality 'till the time that you get the report?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I don't know the timing. It could, I mean, it could take months to get a report back. But that's one of the things that we do is we communicate with MPD to get their reports. And then, a lot of times they have, they offer suggestions to us as well that we consider when we're making improvements.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We'll send a letter to the Department regarding that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Also, you did also, is that what you said?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I sent a letter of resident concern areas that are not as safe as we would like them to be. There is also a tree by the Times Supermarket in Honokowai that is, you know, how you have those traffic, not traffic light, but just lighting, the tree branch is like growing beneath the light so it's making the light be obsolete. So, just was wondering if anything could be done with that one.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we'll send a letter. Can you add that, Chester? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Where people like, sometimes they walk from Times side to the food trucks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Kind of by Nachos and L&L.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Chair Lee, do you have any questions? Thank you. Nothing? Okay. So, I will . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yes?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Can we just make a couple comments?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. I mean, I'm just kind of based on, I didn't know how specific we were getting on these questions. But I have a couple things. One is, on the vacancies, when you start talking about the vacancies, are you working with any of the programs like Kama`aina Come Home to try to contact people who are actually from Maui who have gone to the mainland, gone to school, and stayed there 'cause they couldn't find a job?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: We have worked with DPS in the past regarding those kinds of programs. One of the things that we also considered was bringing back that internship program. A lot of our current engineers in the Department came up from that program, including Chico Rabara who's in our audience today. He's our Division Chief for Engineering Division. And I also wanted to reintroduce John Smith, our Highways Division Chief as well. So, those are programs that we're interested in looking into.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Just in my personal experience, there's a lot of people in the engineering realm that have gone, you know, from Maui and have gone to the mainland and weren't able to find jobs here. And the other question I had was on the transportation draft plan for South Maui. I know you've gone through several meetings with a very small community advisory group and are planning to bring it to the general public in South Maui. And I'm just wondering if that's going to be updated before it comes. Because we, you know, in going through it I was told there were things in there that were really, really old that have either been taken care of or are obsolete now.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: The plan that, Transportation Plan for South Maui I believe is anticipated to be completed at the end of April or beginning of the summer. So, it won't be ready. The suggestions in the plan won't be ready for discussion at Budget. It'll likely happen . . . well, what will happen is we'll have a presentation on the plan to the Council. And then, from there we can make recommendations for a future budget.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. But when you say completed, you're going to complete it without going to the general public for comment or . . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I think we have a pre-final draft. And then, we'll have to discuss that with the public, make a presentation --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --and then, do another presentation before it becomes --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --before the Council before it gets finalized.

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

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, and may I also add, we also have the South Maui, or Kihei Drainage Master Plan that's still being finalized as well. I thought, I think we may have already a final draft that we're reviewing. But I'll check with staff. Again, that's another plan that will have to go, we'll be bringing to the Council before the end of the year.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And then, the public first hopefully --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --in South Maui? Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Director. I just wanted to say mahalo for sending Hana Public Works Supervisor Rocky Hoopai to our town hall meeting. He shared the paving schedule for East Maui. One of the questions that did come up was, is it just a rule of thumb to just do two miles at a time?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Dag . . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, no, it's not a rule of thumb. But what we do is, once we understand our allocation for funding, then, you know, we can I guess take that allocation and see how much paving we can do in the area. Again, the way we address it is, you know, we'll take care of the items that are in great need, areas that are heavily traveled. And then, we approach resurfacing from two angles, one from our Highways Division road crew, and then, another one through our . . . contracted out.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Oh, that's nice that he went to your meeting. Any other questions? Oh, thank you, I'd like to welcome you to the meeting, sorry, Keani's been sitting there for a while.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I guess I do have a question. I'm sorry I'm late. Did Director go over the questions that I sent?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, I wanted to take up two letters --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --that were sent to the Department, one is yours, and one from the last Committee meeting. But we haven't received responses yet. So, we have . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, in my letter I just asked for the responses to be ready for verbal --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- for verbal presentation of it today.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then, aloha, Ms. Rowena Dagdag --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Andaya. So, did you want to go through the questions --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --on the written correspondence now? Or you want to wait?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I actually took your, you said you would have 20 questions or more. So, we took that, and we sent a letter to the Department. So, are you saying you sent another letter with the same questions?

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I received the letter before it went out and made adjustments to it. And instead of asking, I took a long time in getting the questions back to OCS, so --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I see.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --because of that, I just adjusted the bottom part asking --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I see, I see. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --instead of a written correspondence by a certain date, just for --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Present it at the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the Department to be prepared to respond to those questions --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --at the meeting today.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Rowena, do you have the letter, or do you have comments?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, I have two items here. I wasn't sure which one was which. I do have your letter dated February 21, 2020, and I don't know if that, there's another one that, the, was it through an e-mail that was sent from the Committee . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You know, we sent this . . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay. Yes, I can go through this letter.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: So, you . . . I'll read the question, and then I'll provide a response. Number one, please provide an update on the plan announced in 2018 to replace old streetlights with LED streetlights. That project is currently on hold pending litigation. What I can tell you at this point is that we're working on a, an Environmental Assessment for the streetlights. And I do have Brian Bilberry from Corporation Counsel in the audience. He's been working with us on that litigation.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Number two, please provide an update on the following appropriations, page references are to ordinance 4988, 100,000 for a title search and

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survey for Lower Nahiku Bridge, including an assessment update on the existing structure and an estimate for infrastructure repairs on Page 28. At this point, we do have a title. We prepared a title search a number of years ago, and because there haven't been any new changes in the area and because we've determined that the County doesn't have an interest in the bridge itself or the property on it, we at this point haven't moved forward with a new title search 'cause it would've been redundant. As for an assessment update on the existing structure, this is something that Councilmember Sinenci's staff and I had talked about because I think at this point what might need to occur is that it be held, a discussion on this should be held in Committee prior to an appropriation for an update. At this point we have determined we don't own the bridge structure and that, I mean, and that we might want to just hold a discussion with the property owner first before we spend any money. But we'll continue to discuss the appropriation for this particular item with Councilmember Sinenci's Office. The next item, two message boards, two light towers, tire roller compacter, a ten-ton floor jack and ice maker, Pages 29 to 30, so, contract number 6988 for the message boards has been executed. Estimated time of arrival for these message boards is June 12, 2020. The two light towers, those light towers have been received. The tire roller compacter, there's an existing purchase order with an estimated arrival time of May 30, 2020. Ten-ton floor jack, estimated arrival is May 30, 2020, as well as, and then, the ice maker has also been received. The crack sealer hot pot and replacement crew-cab utility vehicle for West Maui, the hot, crack sealer hot pot has been received, and the crew-cab utility vehicle contract has been executed with an estimated arrival time of May, I'm sorry, July 14, 2020. The 50,000 for a user fee . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, Chair, real quick? So, for the two message board, two light tower, tire roller compacter, and the ten-floor jack, and ice maker, that was for Lanai?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: That was for . . . I need to go back and check, I remember the . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Was there an additional one, ice maker for West Maui?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, I think, I know the ice maker was for Lanai.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I'll need to go back and take a look again, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Let's see, 50,000 for a user fee study to determine building, electrical, plumbing, grading, and grubbing permit costs, this was another one that we have been in discussion with Councilmember Sinenci's Office on. We're not, I think, you know, when we ask for these user fee studies during budget, it really should be followed after maybe a discussion as to issues that we're experiencing, you know, with

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the, with any fees. And then, what we can do is research it internally first and then come back and provide, okay, these are the issues, this is how we should solve it. So, again, we can continue talking or discussing this with Councilmember Sinenci on how best to approach this user fee study. Otherwise, I would also suggest that maybe we have a subsequent discussion in Committee regarding this item. Three million for Countywide drainage improvements, I'm just reading through all of this, Engineering allocated 900,000 to Highways Division for pavement preservation materials as follows, 450,000 for hot mix asphalt, 200,000 for micro surfacing emulsion, 100,000 for micro surfacing aggregate, and 150,000 for the cold mix asphalt. So, within Fiscal Year 2020, the Highways Division has resurfaced portions of Pulehu Road, Makawao Avenue, Kaluanui Road, Kihapai Place, Nonohe Place, Kaupakalua Road, and Haiku Road. Some of this work is to extend the life of the pavement until formal resurfacing or a reconstruction project can be contracted through Engineering Division. We have also applied two coats of micro surfacing on portions of Hana Highway and Maui Meadows on Maui, and Akahi Street, Pakali Street, Nani Street, 6th Avenue, Hoalauana [sic] Place, Ohohia Place, and Lamalama Street on Lanai. We're evaluating sending the micro surfacing equipment to Molokai before the end of Fiscal Year 2020 to address additional areas. I don't have the, the data is still being compiled as to the exact number of lane miles being, that have been addressed to date. But we can get that information to the Committee as well. For the Engineering Division under their Countywide Resurfacing Program, we have accomplished the following with the existing 2020 Budget, design of Central, South, and West Maui district resurfacing is about 60 percent complete. Upcountry, Paia, and Haiku District resurfacing design is at 30 percent complete. Hana District resurfacing, we're currently working on surveying, as well as Molokai, the survey work has been completed for the district resurfacing and we're now working on topo maps, same with Lanai District resurfacing. We had a contract to do survey work and right now they're completing the topo maps. Countywide Engineering Division drainage, there was an emergency drain line repair within the Oceanview Estates subdivision in Waiehu. So, we're working on that. Auhana Road drainage improvements, the construction contract was executed. We're currently waiting for a right of entry from one of the neighboring property owners. Fifty percent design is complete for Liholani drainage improvements. Waiehu Heights drain line repair is about 20 percent complete. And what we can also do is provide additional information on the segment of drain lines that we're completing in our formal letter back to the Committee.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you're going to send us a letter back to all the comments that you're making --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --now? 'Cause I think that's, would be valuable. I'm trying to write all of this down. So, Keani, if you don't mind, I would rather the Department send us a written response so that we can address this and look at it with comprehensive, this is great information.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I agree, Chair.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: And good questions. So, Rowena, could you, do you mind? I'm gonna ask . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, no, we can also get it . . . I wanted us to also hear the responses in case anyone had follow-up questions at the time, like at today's meeting. And then, if we could get the written responses that would be great before budget.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. How many more questions?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, there's quite a few.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so, I just wondered if you don't mind?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. So, you want Director to stop answering the questions --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, and I guess if I could --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --preferably. Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --ask the Department, 'cause there's, I mean, great information and I'm impressed that you have it memorized. But I think that, I think I would like to have it written so that we can look at it. And if we need be, I hope we get this response back quickly so if we need to take it up, then you know, I can schedule it for a short time during, or as we try to squeeze in all our departments but before we take up budget, yeah?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yeah, we can probably get it done within the next, by the end of the day today or by tomorrow.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. By tomorrow.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Get it back to the Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And we can look at it, is that okay?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I mean, if the Councilmembers don't have any objections.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Or yeah, or do you want to, Members, do you want to continue on this? I'm just thinking there's so much valuable information. I'd rather have it in writing than verbally. But are you guys okay? Keani, thanks for doing this letter, I mean,

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this is great. So, Rowena, could you do that? Could you provide us the information in writing so that we don't have to sit here vigorously trying to write what you're saying?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Sure, I can do that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Otherwise we have to wait for verbatim minutes. So, I appreciate that. Okay, Keani? Okay. Good. Excellent. So, you're done.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Public Works. So, basically, I had questions dated, my later was dated February 20 and this is, this one, we'll get both of it and put it on Granicus. But I appreciate your responses and I appreciate that you've memorized all the projects that you work on for us throughout the County.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: And I, Chair, if I may? There was one question on your letter that had asked what, if anything, can the Council do to help ensure the Department is able to effectively and efficiently execute its mission. I, you know, as the, you know, as I talk with the division chiefs and also with staff, one of the things that we would like is to have a really good relationship with the Council. And to also just engage in a lot of discussion with you, even if, I mean, my door is always open. There may not be answers that I can provide right away, but I will certainly do my best. And the staff will do their best too, to answer the questions and work with you with any questions that you have that you're facing with your district. A lot of times we think oh, we can give more money to the Department to do this, or more money to do that. But oftentimes that doesn't always solve the problem. We also need to understand what our existing capabilities are, our existing staffing, because once we start adding projects, or adding additional tasks, then that becomes a resource issue and sometimes our staff isn't able to handle all of that work. I mean, we can also contract. But there's a lot of . . . but you still have to have a staff person assigned to oversee that project. So, just open communication, visits to our baseyards and our offices, we're also welcome, you know, we welcome you to come and visit us at any time. And, you know, we do appreciate all of the support that you've given us throughout the years. So, thank you very much.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. I look forward to your responses to those letters. Thank you.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Absolutely, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Keani Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. In the questions that I sent, I forgot to include Chair Lee's addition during last budget, the 5 E/P's for the pavement preservation program. So, if you wouldn't mind including a response to, or just an update on if those positions were filled and, you know, whatever other update you

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have on that priority that Chair Lee put in. And then, I think Member Paltin has a question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You got that?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I just was --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Rowena, you got that?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Yes, I do.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --wondering if you were, if you had asked for the detailed list of the 43 vacancies, like . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think Mr. Hokama did. So, we'll get that also.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Okay. Members, this is great. I think we're all trying to get ready for what's coming up next month. On the positions for the pavement, I think it was Ms. Lee that put it in for those positions and Tasha and I went to do a site visit and John Smith, who is back there, gave us a tour, along with Rowena and Jordan. And it was really interesting, I think what Jordan said is that, that section, what do they call it, that division, that does all the highway slurry seals and --

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Oh, the road.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --yeah, and I think Jordan mentioned that they were having such successes that it's invigorated that, you know, division or section. So, thank you very much for that. Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I would appreciate if you can also give us just general estimate costs for various road safety options, whether it be a raised crosswalk, flashing signal, and ribbed red crosswalks, things like that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you want to . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I want to make sure we address pedestrian safety 'cause I, we cannot tolerate what's happening in our County, Chair. I mean, we lost on Lanai, we've lost Molokai people, we lost a lot of Maui people about pedestrian, okay, safety, so --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --I hope we can make a reasonable attempt this budget. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you can let us know if you see areas of concern is what you're talking about, Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, we, yeah, I think all of us know in our district areas we need to address.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we had one biker that died in Upcountry also. Any . . . yes, Ms. Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, thank you. I just wanted to follow up to along Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez's line. Did west Maui get the bulldozer?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: John's nodding his head.

MR. SMITH: It's on order.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: It's on order.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. So, it's going through then?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: It's moving, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, right on. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Hi, Director.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Just kind of following up on Member Hokama's question, I think that was his question. Yeah, when we were going through the budget, a lot of times we are not aware of how much everything costs, you know. So, we just ballpark it a lot of times. And so, one of our major complaints throughout the year is traffic safety, lack of traffic safety, speeding, et cetera, not enough safety in crosswalk areas, not enough lighting. So, maybe as he asked, you can give us a list of all your traffic calming devices and an

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estimate of how much each one costs. There's probably about 10 or 12 year, or less, and including guard rails. Okay. And I know you're asking us to try and discuss the details before we add to the budget. But sometimes we already know that these things are needed, yeah? So, maybe you can give us that, you know, that rundown on the expenses? Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good points. Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. What I wanted to say was, I heard you say that with your, with the amount of vacancies you have, that sometimes we want to give you money so you can do so many things. But without the personnel, or even the space to do it in, no matter how much money we throw at you, you can't use it. So, could you include in the, your letter to us, or response, what, I mean, we want to give you everything. But we know that's not possible because you don't have the resources, or the personnel, or the space. So, can you help us to stay within our, within what you know you can do for us?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Regarding personnel vacancies?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Regarding the entire Public Works Division. Because I think when we did the tour it was evident that there's only a limited amount of space, there's limited amount of staff; therefore, there's a limited amount of work that can be done that all the money in the world isn't going to help them if they're in the same space and they can't do the work 'cause they don't have the personnel to house them. So, that's what I'm saying. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: But we're so grateful the amount of talented people that we met, so committed to do the work for the County. So, I just want to . . . that was impressive. Thank you very much for allowing us to do that. Ms. Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: One last question. I totally agree with Member Kama. But we need to stay on top of how do we increase capacity, you know, we cannot be going through this every year, we don't have capacity. Well, we know that one of the holdups is the baseyard. You know, my son has told me several times, you know, he told you too, yeah, my son likes to talk. So, anyway . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I wonder where he got that from?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Not me, not me. So, anyway, he told me, you know, you give us equipment, we have no place to put it. You give us additional people; we don't have places to put them. So, I, so, we need to know when is all of this going to happen so that we can help you increase capacity. But, so, if some of these major issues aren't moving forward, then we're all going to be stuck, right? Okay. Thank you.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Great.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: No, Chair, thank you. That's, those are really good points. And it all comes down to strategic planning and making sure that we have a good strategic plan in place that has deliverables and a timeline for the deliverables. So, you know, with John, and Chico, and Glen, you know, those are things that we have been discussing is, you know, just, I mean, not just succession planning within the Department, but how it is that we take part in I guess the, you know, the future of our Department in Maui County. So, it all starts there, is making sure that we have a good plan in place for the years ahead.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Oh yes, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I just wanted to remind everyone that, you know, this effort of doing the departmental review prior to budget is so that we don't do it again in budget. So, I mean, and it's up to everyone if we want to, you know, have a shorter, you know, if we don't want to stay here 'till midnight, you know, the last two weeks of Budget Session then this is part of the reason that we're doing it this way. So, whatever responses that we get back from the departments, if the Members could, you know, follow up on them if it's something that they need additional information on so that everyone's prepared for Budget Session with all the information they need to make adjustments to the budget if that's what they're wanting to do.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You don't know that we do like staying here 'till midnight.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I figured that. But now I know for sure.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes. Just so you know, we all like being together, so.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --if I may add one more thing?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: You know, I can, I think I can tell you all this, that our budget for the year ahead is, our goal is to get caught up with projects. And also, to make sure, when you look at our CIP and that's something that, you know, we're still discussing with Mayor, a lot of it is repair and maintenance of existing infrastructure. And,

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because right now we're getting caught up with a lot of our road reconstruction projects, our Federal-Aid projects, I think at last check we have a few more roads that still need to be addressed through our Federal-Aid reconstruction program. And then, the next step is to focus more on the bridges, those that are Federally eligible, or eligible for Federal funding. Because once we get those reconstruction projects down, then we can start focusing on the repair and maintenance of the existing roads. And, you know, I travel to other counties and I always wonder why people are so mad about Public Works on Maui 'cause I think we have pretty good roads and we have a good staff that really cares about making sure their districts look good and have drivable and safe roads. So, yeah, I just wanted to add that in that a lot of our, the work that we want to accomplish in the year ahead is more repair and maintenance. And right now, we also have staff working on those long-term goals relating to shoreline mitigation, bikeways, and greenways, and, you know, other long-term projects. So, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, thank you. Thank you. Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Quick question. Mahalo, Chair. The roadkill on Maui island, is that Public Works, or is that --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Humane Society.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --oh, Humane Society on Maui?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: I'm sorry?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The what?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Roadkill.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Roadkill.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You're talking about feral animals? What does . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Or pets, I mean, sometimes pets get killed and are on the road. So, Humane Society on Maui, for Lanai, is it . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: MPD.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Sometimes our staff --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, so just like Molokai then.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: --if it's a large animal on our right-of-way we'll go and address it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then, so, on Molokai and Lanai?

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MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: It, I think it depends on whether, you know, yeah, whether it's on private property or on County right-of-way.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If it's on the road, a County road?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Chester, can we check? Thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Good question. We hear about that too. So, I want to apologize to Mr. Molina, he's been sitting here, my staff had to give me a note saying he's been waiting. So, welcome, Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, no apologies necessary. Well, you know, upon hearing our Budget Chair's concerns about questions I was going to say I don't have questions now, but during the Budget Session I'll have a ton of them. No, I'm just kidding. Just, and about roadkill, you know, I thought you were referring to my cooking. So, anyway, but all joking aside for the Department, good morning, Director.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: You mentioned about road maintenance, specifically for Makawao Baseyard, we still have that roller, I guess, doing a lot of in-house paving there. Is it your intention to add more, request more resources for additional road paving in, especially in, you know, Upcountry District the roads constantly need to be resurfaced and repaired, potholes filled? Any thoughts on, I don't know if that question was already asked of you with regards to more resources for road paving in the Upcountry area?

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: My understanding is Mayor is interested in doing more road or putting more resources in towards road maintenance. So, I believe that's going to be one of his goals in the upcoming budget.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. That's good to hear. I know a lot of folks will be happy to hear about that too. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Okay. Department, I think we're done with Public Works. Thank you very much. Please thank Mr. Molina . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, can I ask one more question?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, did you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, just talking about baseyards, I just wanted to get a feel from Public Works 'cause I talked to Parks and Rec and I think you guys are working, I just want to make sure that you're working on a potential joint baseyard for South

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Maui which I think would address a lot of these repair and maintenance things that would get done quicker because right now we have no baseyard there.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Do you have a . . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Chair, the Department is in support of a, you know, any kind of consolidated facility or a facility that would help us with our operations in South Maui. I think we've expressed that interest to the, you know, to the Administration team. So, that's something that I think, I don't think I can, I don't have any more information about that other than we do support.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And you're working with Parks and Rec --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --to do a consolidated. . .

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: It's, you know, it's something that we support at this time, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You got that, Chester?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, I'm trying to dismiss Public Works so we can move on with the agenda. Thank you very much, Rowena.

MS. DAGDAG-ANDAYA: Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. Please thank Jordan. John, thank you for being here, and, Chico, thank you for being here.

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

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm going to defer this item so we can take it up again. So, item is deferred.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thanks for your great questions. Thank you very much, Rowena. Thank you.

ITEM WIT-39: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, HONOLULU BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY; THE COUNTY OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY; AND THE COUNTY OF KAUAI, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY FOR MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE DURING EMERGENCIES (CC 19-423)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next item on the agenda I'm going to take up the intergovernmental agreement for Water and then, take up Water. So, it's WIT-39 Intergovernmental Agreement with City and County of Honolulu Board . . . Honolulu Board of Water Supply; the County of Hawaii, Department of Water Supply; and the County of Kauai, Department of Water Supply for Mutual and Aid and Assistance During Emergencies. So, this is an intergovernmental agreement which all of you probably are familiar with it. But if the Department could give us a brief summary of what the intergovernmental agreement does and take up also what kind of emergencies does this agreement then come forward to fulfill and anything else. Mr. Pearson? Or, Ms. Oana, you might have a comment too, Jen, on this. You do? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

MR. PEARSON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, are we skipping the second agenda item? Sorry, I was . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm going to take up, I'm going to take it out of order.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: After?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, after.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Sorry, I missed that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're going to take this up first and then do Water.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. PEARSON: Okay. Good morning, Jeff Pearson, Director, Department of Water Supply. I have with me Helene Kau, the Deputy Director. HIWARN is, it's been in place for I don't know how many years. But Department of, I mean, the County of Maui wasn't involved with the agreement that was between the other counties. And if we need to get into details, Jen can speak more. But there was some indemnification wording in the HIWARN agreement that our Corp. Counsel was a bit unhappy with or didn't want to accept in the agreement. So, we weren't involved in the county agreements in the

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past. When I got here, you know, the counties again asked me what's going on, why aren't, should we be involved? I worked with Corp. Counsel and we were able to revise the wording to satisfy Corp. Counsel in the indemnification. So, then, we chose to also be involved with the, with this HIWARN agreement. It, what it involves simply is if there's emergencies on other islands, let's say a hurricane hits Kauai and it doesn't hit us or Oahu, for example, we could, if they need assistance, they can ask us for either equipment or personnel. And what the HIWARN agreement does, it simply, or I shouldn't say simplifies, but it clarifies to provide your requests. So, if you say I want a certain employee, it'll be defined in this HIWARN agreement, so they know what to reimburse for that certain employee instead of trying to argue and have undefined discussions of what these are. Same with equipment, there's, each piece of equipment will be defined in the agreement. Therefore, when the time comes for reimbursement it'll be easier and more straightforward for the reimbursement. So, that's the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's planning ahead.

MR. PEARSON: --kind of the gist.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Could I have Jen Oana, could you say something 'cause this is a legal document. So, we'd like to hear from Corp. Counsel.

MS. OANA: Okay. So, going back why we weren't in the agreement originally is the indemnification issues. We were kind of going back and forth with the other counties and they all signed off on it without any changes to the indemnification provisions. So, we just never signed on back then. And that was, I'm not really sure, maybe about 2012, I'm just kind of guessing. So, I think what they're doing now is kind of revamping this and making everybody sign again. And so, we have the opportunity again to get into this kind of partnership. I understand Council Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez's issue. Usually when we send up intergovernmental agreement ordinances it's an agreement that will be signed right away and something's going to happen right away. But in this case, it's an agreement that we sign off now for something that may happen in the future. And we don't know what will happen in the future. We don't know what major catastrophic emergency is going to happen that we're going to have to invoke this. So, it is up in the air. The amount of spending is kind of also up in the air. So, I totally understand why Vice-Chair is concerned about this. I do have some notes that I just wanted to throw out for your discussion today. Now, I'm not aware of any issue in the past that anyone, any county has ever had to use this. There might have been some issues with Hurricane Iniki in the past. But I'm not aware of what Maui County had to do for them. So, this is kind of an unknown. And since I am aware of this HIWARN issue, the other counties have never had to invoke this. They never had to ask us for anything. And of course, the Maui County never was in a position that we had to go ask for any help from the other jurisdictions. Do you have a question, Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, I was going to ask the Chair if we could ask questions or when would that happen?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, let her --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Let her finish?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --finish then we can, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. OANA: So, because this is such an unknown and really if there is some kind of even major emergency it's likely that the Department of Water Supply will be able to take care of itself. We have three major water systems and if there's anything happen to one system, I'm sure that the other systems can kind of help out the system that is damaged, whether it's trucking the water or whatever. But it's just, you know, kind of unknown 'cause this is a major catastrophic event that I'm anticipating this agreement's going to cover. So, and if Water Department can't, I'm sure other departments within the County can help out the Department. So, this agreement is really kind of anticipating something really catastrophic, I'm guessing. So, in looking at, you know, the rules that we have in front of us, the Charter, the Council Rules, the HRS, in terms of if you guys want to add the provision that Vice-Chair wanted, you just have to think about some things today and according to the rules, you'll need two thirds of all Members to agree to this emergency meeting that will basically approve a resolution for the authorization of this aid. So, two thirds of all the Members have to agree to the meeting and that an emergency exists. So, what does that mean? If there's a major catastrophic event, roads may be closed. However, you can have a meeting via telephone or video conference. But is the telephone working, and is the electricity on? Further, are there six of you who are alive and well to hold this telephone meeting if the telephone is working. Further, with regard to the rules, an agenda for the emergency meeting still has to be posted electronically. So, again, is the electricity on, are the computers and the network working, you know, I'm not sure about that that. And another thing is persons requesting notification of all meetings still have to be contact by postal, or electronic mail, or telephone. And it says as soon as practicable. So, I'm not really sure what that means. If you have a meeting, if we send it out or try to call them or e-mail them, that may be okay. So, those are just things that I want you to kind of discuss today or when thinking about the amendment to the resolution. And that's really all I have to say at this point.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. So, Ms. Lee, did you have a comment?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: I look at this agreement as being pretty standard. I don't know why we should consider, you know, worse-case scenarios or people can't come to work, et cetera. Like Corporation Counsel said, this is an agreement that is like to be renewed, right, renewed?

MS. OANA: The other counties are renewing it. This is our opportunity to get onboard.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: First time, first time.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Okay. So, in other words, this has been in existence for a long time?

MS. OANA: At least from about maybe 2012, 2013.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: So, about eight years, yeah. So, this is nothing new, right? Okay. I just wanted to make sure because I really don't think it's necessary to have six Members try and deal with an emergency if one should come up when this can be done ahead of time. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Kama, did you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, I don't know if it was a question or a comment because it seems like we are being asked to approve something we know nothing about, something that we think something going be happening but we not sure. But whatever that is, go ahead and sign this agreement. That's kind of weird because whoever thought of this agreement must have thought of something. They must have known something might happen. But so, what would that catastrophic event be? What would it look like? I mean, it's really difficult to think about. So, I'm glad that we're talking about it now because what's the most worst thing that could happen here?

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah. And then . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Go ahead.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So . . .

MS. OANA: And in terms of the Water Department, because this doesn't cover, you know, every Department and everything in the County. This is really a water utility agreement among the different --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

MS. OANA: --jurisdictions.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: What about Public Works, what about everybody else? I don't know. But I just want to ask that question because somebody must've known something to be able to come up with this unknown document. So, I just want to let us have a good discussion about what are we really saying yes to. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Hokama?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Oh, yeah. I want to hear the response to that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Who's going to respond to that?

MS. KAU: May I, may I respond?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, yeah, Helene?

MS. KAU: What this agreement does, it's an instrument that authorizes the request for mutual aid assistance. So, it authorizes, you know, the other counties to request the assistance from each other. And it very clearly defines mechanisms for reimbursement, it identifies legal protection and immunities for employees, as well as for use of resources. And it establishes eligibility for a possible Federal reimbursement of expenses associated with this mutual aid and assistance. So, the agreement is really defining authorizing the request for aid. We're not obligated to do anything. We're certainly not going to provide assistance if we're not in a position to do so. But it's something, you know, I believe after Hurricane Iniki on Kauai, I believe every county, every water department provided assistance there. And perhaps the reason that this was limited to Water is because as we all know, you know, nobody can survive without water. There were many places on the island of Kauai that didn't have power for an extended period of time. But it was a high priority to restore water. And so, I believe that is what the intent of this agreement is. So, it's providing authority to provide the mutual assistance.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. And as you know, whenever we have an emergency, everybody goes to Costco and buy cases and cases of water right, first, and then, batteries. Mr. Hokama, you can continue.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I thought it was important to understand why it's specific water utility only, per se, agreement. My only concern would be of the County that needs the help is so physically damaged that they're unable to pay for whatever reason. And more than likely, I mean, is this even, including even the ability of us to secure equipment to assist, let's say, Big Island, in case that's what the need is, or the aid request is? Would that be things like that?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Kau?

MS. KAU: And yes, there would be. And so, what each county is going to do, is we're going to identify the types of equipment that we have in the event that there is a need within the State we could, you know, provide that assistance.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Right, right, right.

MS. KAU: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And so, yeah, the interesting thing is, well, we've been fortunate, yeah, Iniki, Lanai, Molokai's damage was not as severe as let's say --

MS. KAU: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --Kauai and whatnot. So, it may not be a total Statewide disaster --

MS. KAU: Or even . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --but what people like us want to know is, if it's, that's the case, then wouldn't the Governor just declare a state of emergency and execute State executive authority to get this done anyway? Why would we need a County agreement when by Governor's executive decree all this is a go automatically --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good point.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --under State jurisdiction?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's a good question.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, Corp. Counsel?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Oana, do you know the answer for that, how, what would happen, the State of Emergency declared by the Governor versus this agreement?

MS. OANA: No, I don't really know. I'm sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you, thank you. Ms. Kau?

MS. KAU: Yeah, just a quick comment. In that most recent disaster that we had with the fires on the West Side, for example, I was in FEMA, I was, so I was in Emergency Management Agency downstairs filing the FEMA paperwork to try to get generators, generators that we may have needed to run the water plants. The amount of time that it would take for those generators to get here was weeks. Whereas the extent to which Oahu or another island would have such a generator available, they could get it to us within days. So, it's those kinds of things where we could provide mutual assistance, you know. And you're right, though, if the Governor declares an emergency, then perhaps that would trigger, you know, some other mechanism whereby we'd be required to provide the aid. This HIWARN as part of even preparing for that type of scenario, we're already identifying, as part of the agreement each of the counties is identifying the equipment available so that we'd actually be better prepared to, you know, provide assistance.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, that's good.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Are you, more questions, Mr. Hokama, you're done?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, I'm done.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Keani, then Ms. King. Did you, Mr. Molina, did you have your hand up too? No? Okay. Keani?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. Some of my questions were kind of discussed. But, you know, dovetailing off of what Member Hokama said, so, the Hawaii Island, when the volcano was erupting the Governor declared that a State of Emergency, Iniki was a State of Emergency, the Kauai flood was a State of Emergency. And so, if enacting the State of Emergency would allow the counties to help with some kind of a promise for reimbursement, then it would kind of make this contract unnecessary is kind of my read on it. And then, in response to what Ms. Oana was saying, if we're not alive and well, and if we don't have electricity or phones, then I would think that we would need our departments more than other counties would 'cause I would think that our County would be a priority first before helping other counties. And so, this kind of contract would only be invoked if we were okay first. And if we are okay, then we can go out and help others. And if it was, you know, like such an extreme situation as was, Ms. Oana was describing, then I would think that the Governor would declare that a State of Emergency. The reason that I proposed the amendment to give Council the approval authority is because Council has jurisdiction over the money. And so, I, in this contract I wanted it reflected that this, that's Council's authority that the Council should have a say and the public should have a say in how we're using our resources, our personnel, our equipment, and we recess meetings all the time and return back in a couple of days. So, it's not impossible, we do it all the time. The situation such as Iniki lasted for months. And so, that would give the counties time to help where they can, when they can. So, for these reasons I, you know, stand firm for my proposed amendment that if we are going to pass a contract like this, that we give ourselves that authority to approve. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That's interesting proposal because to me the whole point of this is to circumvent the Council. So, if we're going to keep our authority, we really don't need this contract. And, I mean, isn't that correct, is that, because right now I guess we're saying that somebody could declare a State of Emergency, and it's usually the Governor or the Mayor. The Council doesn't declare State of Emergencies. So, someone would declare a State of Emergency, and then, the decision making would be in the Office of the Mayor as far as either asking for assistance or giving assistance without going through the Council. Otherwise, we don't really need this contract, do we?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: I mean, we can still make agreements with the other counties to identify equipment that each of us has in the case of an emergency where we might want to go to our councils and authorize. But we, this specifically is asking for a way to make action happen without the Council is my take. Ms. Oana?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Well, you know what, I, I'm going to have Ms. Kau answer. You looked like you wanted to add to that conversation.

MS. KAU: And I believe that you are correct. However, this agreement, my understanding is that it, we're relying upon the other county. If we agree to provide assistance to Kauai, for example, Kauai's going to agree to reimburse us. So, it's not FEMA, it's Kauai.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

MS. KAU: I believe Kauai's going to seek reimbursement from FEMA. But we're going to get reimbursed from Kauai, which is going to be, as you may know, it'll be, you know, we'll be reimbursed much more quickly. So, you know, I think that that's a huge difference if we're just relying upon the Governor stating a declare of emergency, and if everybody's going to be reimbursed from FEMA, it'll take years.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, no, I mean, I'm not talking about FEMA, I'm just saying that, you know, we can still do the reimbursement, I mean, you just did it, the Police Department just did that with the TMT issue. They sent, we sent 27 officers over there I think, something like that. And we got reimbursed by the County and we didn't have an agreement like this in writing. So, and in fact, that one actually did kind of go around the Council. We didn't even have a say in it. So, maybe if we had an agreement, we, that the Council gets to approve this, all these things that would be one of them. But for, you know, for me, the situation that we're in right now is, you know, we can still make an agreement with the counties to identify the equipment, to offer support when needed, and to request support when needed without having a legal document like this that basically, the only need that I see for this is that it allows the Mayor to act without Council authority.

MS. KAU: And from . . . may I?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. KAU: From an Administrative perspective, my impression is also as I said, the extent to which the county that's in need of assistance would file for reimbursement. This, the operational plan requires all of us to keep very meticulous records of the assistance that's being provided. And that will only support the FEMA reimbursement. So, you know what I mean, it's administratively defining how we're all going to maintain records and it'll make it a lot easier in the long run.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Well, to me, that's, we should be doing that anyway, you know. If we're asking for reimbursement, or if we're offering our services and asking for reimbursement, or asking for some other services from another county and offering

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our reimbursement we should all be taking meticulous records and keeping track of everything. And so, I'm just trying to kind of define what we're doing here because, you know, to me that's really the issue is if is, could, is, maybe it's a matter of a few days that the, this could be acted upon quicker if the Council didn't have to meet, have an emergency meeting and decide. But I just want to be clear that what we're doing here is basically, you know, if we're going to put something in here that says the Council has to decide anyway, do we really need this agreement?

MS. KAU: Probably not.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. KAU: Yeah, probably not.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Lee? Oh, are you done?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I'm done, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Madam Chair, again, the purpose of the bill is to allow the County of Maui Water Department to participate with Hawaii Water Utility members. So, this is a give and take and an agreement that shows a sort of unity in times of a crisis or emergency, their willingness to help us and our willingness to help them. I wouldn't count, I wouldn't presume that in an emergency situation that you're going to have a unanimous vote on the Council. There are nine people here, maybe eight show up, four in favor, four against, you know, that could hold up, you know, something important that could be done. And again, it's a choice that we have. It says here it's not a requirement. It's an agreement to participate, and that if we have the personnel, if we have the equipment, if we have the supplies. And if we have them already, it can be sent out immediately. If they needed additional money, they would come to the Council. So, you know, this is not some, an agreement in stone. It's, to me, it's symbolic of being willing to work with the other counties in case of a disaster. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Willing to help them and if we ask them for help that they would help us. So, I think that's really aloha. Tamara Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just was, I had an interpretation of this, and I just was wondering if you guys could clarify if it was correct. Like the other Members said there's other ways that we can help these counties. But my interpretation of going into the agreement is for the paperwork side on the back end because if we enter into this agreement, we're clarifying what the reimbursements are, clarifying what the equipments are and all the terms. Whereas if we don't enter into this type of agreement and at some point, whether by Emergency Proclamation or whatever the case may be, that we do offer mutual assistance, then at that time we have to clarify how much the reimbursement is, what equipments there are. So, my

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interpretation is just to help the departments on the back end with the paperwork that it would already be clear from before the time that we sent out the aid?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good question. Ms. Kau?

MS. KAU: Yeah, that's one of the factors. That's not the only factor. But that's one that's immediately apparent to me because I've been involved with filing for FEMA reimbursements on, you know, in Water Department. So, to me, that's just hugely beneficial. But that's not the only thing. You know, there are other things that are defined in the agreement.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Could you share that with us?

MS. KAU: Well, as I said, you know, it was reimbursement, legal protection, immunity for employees, as well as for the use of the resources. So, it's, you know, indemnifying each county, some of the concerns that we had had previously. And as Director Pearson and Corp. Counsel Oana had alluded to, we hope to never ever have to do this. That's the goal, it's just that in the event that we, you know, something catastrophic happens we'd like to be able to provide the assistance more efficiently.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, to follow up, the indemnification is only for instances not including gross negligence?

MS. KAU: Corp. Counsel?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Oana, do you have a . . . she's looking at the intergovernmental agreement.

MS. OANA: Yeah, so, on Page 6 of 12, Article 9, it does address indemnification and it's not limited to suits arising from, or related to, negligent or wrongful use of equipment or supplies on loan to the requesting member or faulty workmanship or other negligent acts, errors, or omissions by the requesting member or the responding member personnel.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, by not limited to, that means it doesn't include?

MS. KAU: Includes but is not limited to. Line 18.

MS. OANA: So, it, yeah, Ms. Kau is correct. So, it includes but is not limited to that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is not limited to that? Is that what you said?

MS. OANA: So, it indemnifies and holds harmless the responding member for all claims, loss, damage, injury, and liability of every kind.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, if somebody came to Maui from Hawaii Island and was grossly negligent, they're still indemnified?

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MS. OANA: No, I wouldn't think so.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. Sorry, I'm not so lawyer-easy. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, after reviewing the agreement a couple more times and hearing our discussion, I've come to my conclusion through my experience that I'll be supporting this for a couple of reasons. In general, one, I like to be supportive. I think counties as a whole should stand together in this State. And we all recognize our unique challenges and unique set of abilities, especially this County. We're a County of multiple islands, each one alone cannot stand. So, I value the need of the other counties to be able to also count on us in times of need. Second, as I understand and experience, the various documents we gotta go through, whether it's our State Constitution or . . . *(inaudible)*. . . I believe there's enough financial safeguards in place. The Department can spend, or utilize, only what is existing. They must follow through with collective bargaining agreements if they're using County personnel. There are still government procedures and appropriate required documentation for backup. Plus, if they do need assistance outside of the approved parameters by Council, then by Charter, they're required to come back to Council for final approval and authorization of emergency funding. So, the Council will have, again, final say if that situation arises. But whatever is utilized prior to that, it's a budget that was approved by Council that the Administration will be utilizing, and within the parameters of what we appropriate. So, I, again, more than likely I would think slightly different if the request came to me it would be so obvious that more than likely the Council would give unanimous support because of the degree of the request and the severity of need to help to respond. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I appreciate the camaraderie with the other counties, and I'm, you know, the first one to be, to want to collaborate with all the counties on emergency, which we have done without such agreements. We've done it on, you know, for the Big Island storms when that happened. And actually, it was HECO that harnessed all the trucks from the other islands to come over there and help them with fallen trees, et cetera. And one of the things that I come back to is that when the storms hit Iao Stream, that overflow and that big issue that we had, the Council was dealing with that, and we held it up. And because we were able to look at all the expenses and the reimbursements, we were able to get that whole rock crushing expense taken out of there because that was a huge expense and that was not something that was related to the storm. That's a little bit of the worry I have is that if there's, if we relinquish our ability to authorize the reimbursements, then we may be facing expenses that are either unrelated, or unnecessary, or unwarranted. So, without that checks and balance, you know, which is what we're talking about, we're talking about the Council would not have that authority to approve any of the expenses. It would just be an automatic thing, which, you know, I'm torn because I

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think sometimes, we need that 'cause we need that quick response. But other times there are things that get thrown into that mix that are not appropriate and the public was screaming at the time about some of those expenses, you know. And they got, actually, you know, there was a lot of denial of what was going on and the public had to go down there and see it for themselves. And so, I'm trying to figure out how do we maintain that oversight and our responsibility to the public if we're going to, you know, put ourselves in the position. And I like the idea of, you know, identifying equipment, of the paperwork and all that stuff which I think could be done, and has been done. I mean, anytime you want to get reimbursed from another County you've got to keep meticulous records. I mean, I would assume that the Big Island, that we did that when we sent our Police over to the Big Island recently. So, I'm not sure that, I just have a level of discomfort with this, with relinquishing our, something as vague as this that's going to be for all, you know, and it doesn't have a sunset date on it. So, we just don't know what could come up. And, you know, having dealt with it in the past where there was that big issue I'm just, I'm trying to find a level of comfort with this the way this is worded. And maybe it's, maybe the comfort level is with the amendment that Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez is proposing. So, I'll kind of leave it like that and see if we have an amendment to this, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just had a question about the source of funding. Would this be coming out of a, the Emergency Fund, or Department of Water Supply?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Kau?

MS. KAU: And so, again, this agreement defines a mechanism for reimbursement. The agreement says that the agency requesting the assistance is responsible to provide reimbursement. So, any expenses that DWS Maui is going to incur will be reimbursed by the agency requesting help.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. So, specific to the Department of Water Supply?

MS. KAU: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

MS. KAU: You're welcome.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Members, anybody else have any comments. Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I was reading the agreement and it says there's I think on, let me see what page it is, I guess the first page, Exhibit 1, Page 1 out of 12, and item F it says, and it defines who the member of this team is, so, it says any Hawaii, well, on

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the top it says an associate member is any non-utility participant approved by HIWARN leadership team that provides a support role for the HIWARN program such as State of Hawaii Department of Health, or those who are members of the HIWARN leadership team, but have not executed this agreement. What does that mean?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Oana? Ms. Kau?

MS. OANA: I believe it's like Department of Health support staff and people who are facilitating the matter but are not the County Department of Water Supply people.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, not people who have executed the agreement?

MS. OANA: Because it's only the counties, the Mayor and the Director who are executing the agreement.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, a Councilmember couldn't sit on top of this team?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Oana, do you have a response?

MS. OANA: I don't know. But there are meetings that are being held. And I'm not sure who attends the meetings now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. PEARSON: Yeah, all the counties have met either by phone or when there's a conference on another island we'll set aside an hour to, you know, work this out and go over this. So, that's the people that we've been working with in the past to get to this point. I think Kauai's Board approved theirs, this agreement. Oahu, their board, I'm pretty sure they approved, yeah, I think, it sounds like we might be the only ones that haven't approved this yet. And yeah, and as it says in here, the Department of Health just participate, they're like a non...associate member.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, who decides if a councilmember from each county council can participate on this team? Who makes that decision? I mean, if we wanted to 'cause we wanted to become more participatory, how does that happen?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: My general thought is usually the Council doesn't get involved with department matters. So, even when there's an emergency downstairs in the Emergency Office with Herman Andaya, the Council's not invited to sit through all of the disasters. So, definite, you know, division of, as is...as it states in the Charter, the departments and the Administration does department work, and the Council does budget and policy work. And if we try to interfere, we can get impeached. I think that's how strong the language is. So, I don't think I want to impose ourselves on this agreement, my opinion.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: But . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Keani?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. So, the language that I . . . so, okay, so, this Intergovernmental Agreement, this resolution went through the WAI Committee before we created WIT --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and then, it went to the Council, and then it was recommitted back to Committee. So, the language that I had proposed would be inserted in the resolution in Section 2 under Authorization, at the end of the paragraph it would say, provided however that . . . I'll read the whole thing, Authorization, the Council of the County of Maui hereby authorizes the Mayor or his authorized representative to execute the agreement, all other necessary documents relating to the agreement and any amendments thereto, provided however that before any request for mutual aid and assistance is made by the County of Maui to any other Hawaii Water Utility member, the Council shall approve such mutual aid and assistance by a majority vote. So, that's, that would be the additional language. And as I said before, it's because there's a financial obligation component to this contract that as the, as you said, the Charter clearly outlines what our responsibilities are, and that is the Council responsibility, which is to be the financial oversight body, right? So, I think it would be appropriate for us to have that oversight and, you know, in following the Charter and to maintain that authority. So, I would be happy to pass that, this resolution with that amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, if you would like a motion, I would be happy to make that motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, it's a bill, right? It's not a resolution. You would attach that to . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The resolution.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's an ordinance, it's a bill. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Whatever.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: The amendment?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That your amendment . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then, I'll have the language distributed to the Members.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. If you could give it to . . . yeah, could you?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, my staff is making it right now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thanks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: I just have a question for Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, and that is, does your amendment apply when the Department doesn't need additional funds?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair. So, if we're providing mutual aid, I would assume that we would be utilizing our resources, which costs money. So, equipment, personnel, overtime, so, even it's not like a budget amendment, it's still requiring County funds to be used outside of the County.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: I know, but what if they already have their funds, see, because if they already have funds in their Department, and they don't require additional funds, then they wouldn't need our approval. So, but if they need additional funds, they have to come to us for approval.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. So, if . . . the Department is going to request what we anticipate, right? And so, this kind of, you know, catastrophe . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Catastrophic.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Catastrophic event--thanks Member Molina--then, you know, it's not something the Department had budgeted for. And I would imagine we would need to do, you know, some kind of budget amendment to receive the reimbursement.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Ms. Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: I still am not convinced that this is necessary, I mean, your amendment is necessary because they have to come to us if they need additional funds. And I

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really think it's important for us to show that Maui is willing to help the other counties in case of a catastrophe, whether we do or not is a, you know, depends on the situation. And at this point in time, I believe the Department has made its case that the matter of FEMA reimbursements versus County reimbursements is very significant, and the fact that . . . what was your second one, Ms. Kau? The reimbursement was an issue, and the other second . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Indemnification.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Indemnification.

MS. KAU: Indemnification.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Yeah, indemnification is an important issue to me too. So, I think they made their case and I agree with them. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, yes, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So, in response to Chair Lee, what would happen is we would come in like after the fact, right? And so, as Member King pointed out, it wasn't until after all of that resources and funds were expended in, you know, crushing the pohaku at Iao that, you know, Council had any say, that the community members had any say in what was going on. And so, to me, you know, having some kind of say after the fact, you know, that kind of damage has already been done. And so, I think it's important that, you know, we are the transparency piece to this. And when it comes though us is the only time that the community has any involvement. Otherwise, they're just, you know, either complaining about this, you know, calling the Mayor's Office or, you know, ranting about it on social media, or calling our offices. And then, at that point we have no say. And I don't want to put us in that predicament again.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, just couple things, and the one thing that is clear, yeah, it's about that, you know, those of us who choose to serve about caring about how things get done and that, well, I think we shouldn't lose sight of what we need to get done is to respond to an emergency during this type of situation we're considering this morning. Okay. For those of us that want to make the call, better run for Mayor, because that is an executive requirement and authority. We are the Legislative Branch. Our role is correct, to account for those things that have been expended. We audit after it is done. We don't make decisions prior to the expenditure of the fund. The difference that is before us is how to deal with those funds and resources requested after an appropriated and approved budget. Okay. But the Charter is clear.

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That is a Council decision. Anything that is going to be expended within the bounds of the approved budget is an executive decision. And after it is spent, it is our job to account for it, that it was done within the parameters of the law, of the budget approved. But we don't approve something we've approved already. Then what does the executive do if we're doing his job? That is not the role by Charter. So, I would say, let them do their job and let them face the responsibility to ensure the appropriate accountability. That's our job.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Well put. Members, okay, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez has an amendment. So, you want to restate your amendment, and then, we need, we'll take a vote and we'll see where we are. This is great discussion, and . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, point of order? Don't we need a motion on the floor --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I was going to make the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --for the main motion first?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay. Let's make the motion. You're right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I move to pass, I move to recommend passage of the bill before us on first reading with the amendment inserted in Section 2, provided however, that before any request for mutual aid and assistance is made by the County of Maui to any other Hawaii Water Utility Member, the Council shall approve such mutual aid and assistance in a majority, by a majority vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. The amendment is being passed out --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --in the back of you. Okay. So, now we have the main motion.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, and it's, the amendment is being distributed by my staff right now. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Main motion to support this Intergovernmental Agreement as stated was made by Keani Rawlins, second by Ms. King. The amendment that Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez stated is now passed out by her staff to us. Can I have a copy of it?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, just, I just wanted to get point of order. Is it all right to do the main motion with the amendment and we vote on one thing? Or do we have to have a --

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: You gotta make the main motion first.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --main motion, and then a new motion . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And then we gotta second, the amendment is second.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I, in my motion I included the amendment already.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: She included it in. Is that alright to do one motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, I would like to separate it out so we can vote on both.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, you gotta retract?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I want my motion to remain.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So . . .

VICE-CHAIR LEE: What?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I said my motion the way I wanted --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Ms. Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --my motion to be.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I just wanted to make sure it was okay that we can vote on the motion with the amendment 'cause I'm happy to do that. I just want to make sure we're not doing, we're . . . *(inaudible)*. . . parliamentary procedure.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Is, the motion is, made a motion with amendment. Ms. Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Yeah, I think we need to --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Separate.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: --make a motion on the main --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Main motion first.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: --on the bill before us. And then --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We'll do the amendment.

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VICE-CHAIR LEE: --have the, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez do her amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, okay. So, do you mind?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think it's more efficient to just vote on it as is.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, I'm trying to save us time because we're over our morning break time. So, I mean, if my motion doesn't pass, then the amendment will be for, I'm not going to make the amendment because I'll know what the vote is already.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Unusual, but that's fine. We'll do that. Okay. All in favor . . . you understand what we just did? We did main motion, amendment simultaneously. And then, if this passes, then it passes and if it doesn't, then we'll need a motion for the main motion, which is kind of reverse. But that's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, it's not reversed. It's pretty procedurally done. We say I, you know, I make the motion --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --with the bill as amended.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Call for the question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Okay. So, we are voting on this, Members. All in favor of the motion with the amendment say aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Opposed?

COUNCILMEMBER: Nay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Roll call. Okay. All in favor . . . okay, you want me, you want me to do it, Chester? Can you do it?

MR. CARSON: Can we please do a roll call on the vote?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Go ahead, call names.

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MR. CARSON: Member . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Usually, you say the name.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aye.

MR. CARSON: Member Molina?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aye.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Keani?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Tamara Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Miss . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And I'm a no. What is the final vote?

MR. CARSON: The "ayes" are five, and the "nays" are four.

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VOTE: AYES: King, Molina, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci.

NOES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Lee, and Councilmembers Hokama and Kama.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending FIRST READING of revised bill and FILING of communication.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Motion . . . Ms. Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: I would like to have an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, not now, on whether this is legal or not, appropriate or not because it seems that the Council is trying to become involved in an executive, yeah, executive matter in that agreements are generally not --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Amended.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: --approved, well, not approved, but executed by the Council of this type. Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Will do. Yeah, go ahead. So . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I actually worked with Corporation Counsel on this amendment.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Regardless, I want an opinion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We shall get an opinion. And I guess, Ms. Oana, until we get that opinion, then I'm reluctant to forward this to Council until we clarify the role of the Council in this Intergovernmental Agreement. So, if you don't mind, Ms. Lee, I'm going to hold this until we get the opinion back from Corp. Counsel. Okay. Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Then, you might as well make sure we just do this all one time then have Corp. Counsel verify that the main motion is made is appropriate because that is what we, the bill that was passed, the title, and what does the content is two different things.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's true. We just amended it. We just violated Sunshine, huh?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, make sure they sign off on that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, we didn't.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Mr. Pearson?

MR. PEARSON: Yeah, Chair, I'd like to also, not at this time of course, but sit down with Corp. Counsel because what I see this amendment doing is kind of like taking the teeth out and taking out the intent of this agreement. So, it may not even get to Council if it doesn't help us do what we have intended to do. And I heard Member King's words that it's trying to circumvent the Council. I don't, I mean it seems like that's how it's working. But there was no like intent, or there was no, oh let's see how we can, you know, get around the Council. There's no ill intent like that. But --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, I . . . Chair?

MR. PEARSON: --I see your point how that does --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, but let me just respond 'cause I didn't say that, implying ill will. I was just saying, stating a fact that basically --

MR. PEARSON: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --that's the purpose of this bill --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. We don't want to have a --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --so, no, no, I just wanted to be clear that, and when I made that statement, I was just trying to be clear on what this bill was about. It wasn't meant to, it to make a judgment call. But the way I see this amendment, it's basically, to me

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it's policy. This is the policy of the Council that, you know, we have this oversight. But I agree with Mr. Hokama. If you're going to do this, if you're going to hold up a vote that the Committee has taken, for Corp. Counsel, then we, are we going to do that every time, you know, if we don't, if we want, are we going to get an opinion every time we make, we take a vote?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. PEARSON: Yeah, thank you. Anyway, I didn't take it as any ill will, I'm not, there's no negative --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I'm just trying to come to terms with what we're doing.

MR. PEARSON: --but I did see her point after she brought it up and that wasn't the intent, that's all.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: All right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Chair, can we also get our OCS attorneys up here to weigh in on whether you as Chair has the authority to hold this up 'cause the majority of the body voted?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: But we're waiting for, Ms. Lee, I think, has a valid question as it relates to this policy. So, I will take Corp. Counsel's opinion for what is going on, on the floor. And, Ms. Oana, do you have any comments regarding that?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair? And if Ms. Oana isn't ready, we can take our break and, because I would like also our OCS attorneys as is my right under the Charter.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You know what, let's take a break.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Good idea.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, we're going to continue discussion, we're going to have recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 10:51 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:01 a.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .(gavel). . . Member Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. In the interest of time, I think it might be better if we move this item forward to the Council --

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: --and we can still ask for --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Verification.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: --an opinion from Corp. Counsel --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I'll do that.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: --at the same time.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All right, Members, I'm going to move to the next item. Did you all hear that? We're moving forward.

**ITEM WIT-70: OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF WATER SUPPLY (CC 20-86)**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And the next item on our agenda is a presentation from the Water Department for budgetary, operational, and information for the current fiscal year. And then, you can tell us, well, you can't tell us what you're asking for the new fiscal year. But we look forward to hearing from you. Members, just so you know, we're not going to get a presentation on the parking near the Kalana O Maui Campus. I think we're going to run out of time. But if it looks like we could call them, I'll try. But Water Department, let's move forward.

MR. PEARSON: Thank you, Chair. We're going to do this kind of in a two-part system and we're going to be hopefully brief for you --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. PEARSON: --folks. But Helene Kau, and along with our support from our Fiscal Division, Mark Walker, he's the Assistant Fiscal Officer. Our Fiscal Officer is out right now on medical. So, Mark's filling in. So, he'll give a real brief presentation. And then, Helene and I, and Mark are here for questions. And then, I'll give a real brief presentation on the CIP.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. WALKER: Good morning, Chair, Committee Members, Mark Walker, I'm the Assistant Fiscal Officer for the Fiscal Division of the Water, Department of Water Supply. This morning I'll provide you with a brief general overview of the Department's actual operating expenses to date, versus our approved Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. You should have in front of you a seven-page packet with a blue cover page. As we begin our presentation, please keep in mind our Department's mission statement, to provide

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clean water efficiently. Page 2, by way of background, Department of Water Supply is comprised of two major divisions, two major programs, excuse me, Administration, and Operations. Within these programs there are seven divisions as you can see from your handout. The Administration Program has 75 approved positions, and the Operations Program 148 for a total of 223 positions within the Department of Water Supply. Page 3, our estimated operating revenue for Fiscal Year 2020 is 66.7 million from the various sources listed on the left-hand side of Page 3. This revenue is used to pay the operating costs listed on the right-hand side of the page. At 12/31/19 our collective operating revenue was 36.7 million, or 55 percent of projected budget. Page 4, the largest expense components of our Department's budget are listed on this page, electricity at 15.5 million, or 28 percent of our budget, payroll at 14.8 million, or 26 percent of our budget, annual budget. Next, we have annual debt service at 8.7 million, or 16 percent of our budget. And lastly, grant payments of 2.6 million for various grants managed by our Water Resource and Planning Division. Weather not only affects demand for water, but it also plays a significant role in electricity costs, especially when you, we pump water from one facility or storage tank to another in various phases during dry summer months. The Department continues to work and look for ways to minimize consumption and conserve electricity including changing out old motors to high-efficiency motors. On Pages 5 and 6 you'll find the financial information on our two programs. This concludes my brief presentation and we're open to any questions that you may have. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much, Department. Questions from Ms. Lee, Ms. Paltin. Ms. Lee?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: So, what is the status of your budget? Are you spending according, you know, according to your time schedule, or are you behind, or are you short of money, you have too much money?

MS. KAU: Thank you, Member Lee. We're fairly on track. I know that some of our equipment expenditures are somewhat delayed by compliance, vendor compliance with HCE, you know, for State procurement. But I've chosen to delay some of those purchases because for many instances we're saving thousands of dollars by waiting a couple of weeks, or a month, for them to become compliant, so.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: I'll give everybody else a chance. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My questions had to deal with vacancies and vehicles. How many vacancies and what are the conditions of the existing vehicles that we have?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Kau? Mr. Pearson?

MR. PEARSON: I was in the back there when you were discussing vacancies. So, I got the information expecting this question. We have right now according to, as of this

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morning we have 21 vacancies, and out of those 21 vacancies we're either interviewing or recruiting for 11 of those 21. There's a couple that are, we're waiting for the list. They're still in DPS so that's out of our hands. There's five vacant and then there's a couple on hold. And let's see, I'll try to . . . one vacancy is on hold because there are return rights that are open to the person that left. The other one I don't have a discussion of why it's on hold. One of the vacancies we're going to hire the assistant superintendent first, it's a operation, Wailuku, oh excuse me, Water Treatment Plant Ops on the West Side. And so, once we hire the assistant superintendent, then we'll hire that position. So, it's about, I guess you could say close to 10 percent.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And your vehicles, how many do you have and are they, what are the conditions of them?

MS. KAU: In terms of budgeted for 2020? Or in terms of the overall fleet?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Overall fleet.

MS. KAU: I'd have to get back to you in writing.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You got that, Chester?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'll yield.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I will just ask for my same questions that I asked for Public Works be for Water Department. And then, for Water Department, can I ask, a request from this sheet too --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --Chair? Okay. You put down acquisition of Wailuku Water Company. So, this amount is a coordinating number with the number that is also with the State Legislature and being processed at that level? Or is this a separate thing?

MR. PEARSON: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MR. PEARSON: I'm not sure exactly where the bill is now at the State Leg. I know that they had, they're looking at matching funds and I think the last time I saw the bill, or the first pass through I think there was a like a blank. So, I don't know if they've determined the amount of the matching funds. Beyond that, I'm, the most of the negotiations and the discussions are taking place on the 9th Floor. So, I don't have a

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lot of detail or if there's negotiations going on I, you know, shouldn't probably share too much anyway with the owner.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. All I'll tell you is if I'm going to support, need to support I need one complete financial analysis to be sent to us. I want a pro forma. I want a complete list of assets and liabilities. I want the current designation of CWRM and any associated boundaries. It needs to be documented and verified, including the financial values.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. It ties to interesting discussions.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And any additional or potential liens that we are not aware of. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, you know, in your vacancies that you have, are they in Administration and Operations? And how many are in each if they are?

MR. PEARSON: What was the question about the vacancies please?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: If they were in the Administration and/or Operations or both?

MR. PEARSON: There's not much in the Administration side. There's a lot . . . let's see, I broke them down real quickly here, field ops has seven vacancies, treatment plant has three, plant ops which is our pumps and our motors and our electrical, plant ops has six vacancies, our planning side has one, our engineering side has one, and then, fiscal has three.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Ms. King, or Mr. Molina first, sorry, and then, Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I'll go ahead and yield to Ms. King. She had her hand up before me.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Mr. Molina. So, first I want to echo what my colleague, Mr. Hokama, said about the Wailuku Water Company that I'd like, you know, I was trying to find all the information the first time it came to us and we never got anything in writing. So, I'd be very interested to see the workup on that, the cost and the balance sheet. But I wanted to kind of run . . . some of these numbers weren't adding up for me. I thought you said, and correct me if I'm wrong, on the

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expenditure's electricity was 28 percent of the budget, the operating budget? And maybe I got it wrong, I wrote 28 percent, payroll 26 percent, and debt service 16 percent? Are those the numbers that you gave us, Mr. Walker?

MR. WALKER: And I just ran those very quickly off of this sheet in front of me. Is the math not adding up?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Because it, then there's the thing at the bottom that says that all four of those together are 59 percent of the operating budget, and that doesn't add up.

MR. WALKER: I'll double check those numbers.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And the percentages, but what I, I just wanted to clarify that the operating budget is 70.2 million, our revenue is 66.7 million. So, we're 3.5 million basically in the hole overall? Does that need to come out of General Funds?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Department?

MS. KAU: I'm sorry. Could you please repeat the question?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, I'm just looking at the sheets that you gave us. It says estimated operating revenue is 66.7 million total --

MS. KAU: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --and then the operating budget is 70.2 million. So, does that difference come out of the General Fund?

MS. KAU: No, the Water Department is self-sufficient. We have other components, the 66 is basically related to rate revenue. We have other components of income, interest income, jobbing, some jobbing where we charge for materials and supplies for work that's done. We also have . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. But that's in this total. That's all this . . .

MS. KAU: That is not, I don't believe that's part of the 66 that he . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. KAU: The 66 is just quoted as, you know . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. 'Cause if you look at the slide, it says estimated operating revenue, total revenue 66.7 and it says from, and it lists all these things, water delivery monthly charges --

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MS. KAU: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --fire flow, installation jobbing, interest income, and other income. So, it looks like, to me it looked like that's the total.

MS. KAU: Yeah, and I apologize. That's somewhat misleading. Included in our total revenue is also lapsed funds, interfund transfers and other income. So, you know, we have interest income of about 400,000. We have interfund transfers from Sewer and Fire, that's a little bit over a million dollars. And so, you know, therein lies the difference between the 66 and the total.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, that, this slide is not correct then, that that includes everything?

MS. KAU: Yeah, and I, we, that was really an excerpt from the whole presentation.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. KAU: So, I apologize.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. It was just, it was getting me confused.

MS. KAU: That was just the pure . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, basically, the Department is covering everything . . .

MS. KAU: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

MS. KAU: We cover all of our own --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Good, great.

MS. KAU: --expenses.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Good job. All right, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I don't know if the directors can comment on this at this point, if not, I can get a response back once we hit the Budget Session. Repair and maintenance of our waterlines, 'cause there's been a lot of talk about, you know, our waterlines are leaking and a lot of water. So, just an update on that, where we're at, what you may potentially need in terms of resources to address that issue. Any comments, Mr. Director?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Go ahead.

MR. PEARSON: Yeah, we're in, we're a little behind on evaluating and assessing the waterlines, you know, age, material, location, amount of water, size of the waterline. So, Engineering is working on that. We have a leak detection program. But again, it's kind of running a bit random. It's not really focusing on where we should focus on. So, when we get this better evaluation done through Engineering, I think we'll have a better way to focus on the most needed areas of repair or replacement.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, especially the big trouble spots, especially those, yeah. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Ms. Lee, did you want a recess? No?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Wondering when?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I took . . .

VICE-CHAIR LEE: That other recess was to check on something.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, sorry. You want to take a short recess?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: No, no, no, I . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anybody want a short recess? Okay. So, I took a recess earlier. And then, but if you want, I can take a short recess.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: No, I can wait. I thought you were checking on something during that recess.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: I stayed right here.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, sorry.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sorry about that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I think that was our break.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, you can walk out the room and come back or whatever. Okay. So, okay, Mr. Molina, you're done?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Mr. Sinenci, I think Mr. Hokama after --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --and Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I just had a question about travel for Administration and Operations. What just, what constitutes the majority of the travel expenses?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Kau?

MS. KAU: For Administration, the bulk of the travel is for training and conferences. And for the Operations Program, some of it is for training. But we also include travel to Molokai, et cetera, which is necessary for compliance and water testing, et cetera.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. All right, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Who's next? Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Mine is more in hearing the Department reminding me, this is multiple departments, Chair. So, I would ask you if you would send the communication more to Department of Personnel. I know this Department has been trying to fill vacancies. Part of our . . . their difficulty is in the processing, the process we go through, especially with medical examination requirements. The Department, the prospective employee, and yet, we limit them on how they can get those medical exams done in a timely manner so that the Department gets the employee they want and, you know, Operations can move forward without so much relying on emergency personnel assistance. So, if you could put that in because I think there's ways, we may need to revise our policy, whether it be from our side or not, to ensure that the departments can get people filled sooner than later.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Faster. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, I would ask that because all departments can benefit from this, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Paltin, Ms. Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I was wondering also if we could get a comprehensive meaning of an applicability of return rights, and possibly of how to do away with those if it's a thing.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: 'Cause I no more return rights.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Miss . . . Chester? Ms. Lee?

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VICE-CHAIR LEE: Okay. For the Director or Ms. Kau, I'm wondering why our electric bill is so high. Can't we use solar panels, or hydroelectricity, or any other means --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Kau, or . . .

VICE-CHAIR LEE: --to bring the price down?

MS. KAU: Feel free to add in. The bulk of the electrical cost is related to pumping. And we need that pumping to be available 24 hours a day. The difficulty that we've had with solar, per se, is that it would require so much space for panels, et cetera. You'd need a field of panels to get enough electricity for one pump. And then, we don't, we would have difficulty . . . I believe that they're working on it now. But up until recently, there hasn't been battery storage, and there's no efficient, reliable . . . I shouldn't say no efficient, there's no reliable continuous source of alternate energy. We've also had difficulty with, from what I've been told, when the pumps switch, for example, from, if they would switch from electrical to another, from, you know, direct MECO power to an alternate source, that switch causes some wear to the equipment that's really detrimental. So, that's rather dangerous for us and it affects the lifespan of the equipment. But the biggest, you know, the biggest issue is reliability of solar.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. PEARSON: If I may add --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Pearson?

MR. PEARSON: --yeah, she's correct about the, you know, because our pumps are 300, 400 horsepower, they're larger pumps that pump a high volume of water, sometimes a high elevation. So, that's the, her point is correct. We're working on one area where we're trying to put in a large field of solar. But the location is in another TMK right next to our well site. So, I'm not the electrical expert. But according to, what do they call it now, Hawaiian Electric now right, Hawaiian Electric says that it's against their PUC rules to take, you guys are nodding your head so you must be aware of this, but at least it's good or better than I am, but you can't bring power across a TMK to another TMK. It's called wheeling. So, we're trying to get a way around that because we do have a tentative, not an agreement, but tentative discussion about powering one of our well sites.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Unless we buy the property, adjoining property.

MR. PEARSON: Yeah, that's true.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Okay. I hope you don't give up on that because that sure seems like, you know, this day and age to pay that kind of electric bill it seems, you know, extraordinary. And finally, have you filled, did you say you filled most of your vacancies? You said, 10, you only have 10 percent left?

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MR. PEARSON: That's correct. We have 223 positions. And right now, we have 21 open. And of those 21 vacancies, excuse me, 21 vacancies, and we're either interviewing or recruiting for 11 of those positions right now.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: So, the others are primarily field positions or office, the ones that are left? Are you still having trouble with engineers?

MR. PEARSON: Field, three fields that are either vacant or waiting for a list, one in planning for the return rights issue, another field ops, yeah, mostly field. And that's kind of a . . .

MS. KAU: Engineering only has one.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Engineering has one?

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Oh, engineering has one?

MR. PEARSON: It's kind of a revolving door, you know, 'cause the guys come and go.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: Yeah, I know you've been stealing from everybody else, right?

MR. PEARSON: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR LEE: That's how it goes these days. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Ms. Keani Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. Aloha, okay, so, I have questions about updates to the CIP's. For . . .

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

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Huh? Yyeah, the CIP's, the Department received 3,320,000 for Countywide facility improvements. And then, it has like, you know, the list of all the things that it intended to do with the money. Five different projects, booster pump at Piholo Water Plant Treatment [*sic*], do you have an update on those projects?

MR. PEARSON: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MR. PEARSON: You, I guess it's up to you, I was going to wait until Operations was done being discussed and I was going to do CIP --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

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MR. PEARSON: --but it's up to the . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You want to keep it in that order? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I can hold my questions.

MR. PEARSON: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any more Operations questions? Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, then, you going to consider grants operations? That's mostly cash, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, grants is . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, my, in just general, are we, is the Department pleased with the outcome so far from our grant program for restoration in all areas? Or is some area kind of standing out as needs adjustment?

MR. PEARSON: You're asking for what the status of the contracts are?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: In general.

MR. PEARSON: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: In general.

MR. PEARSON: Well, I think there's always, there's not always room to provide more money to the watershed partnerships because they can't, they don't have the abilities to spend it. So, and I think you know when Eva was here up before that they have a committee that reviews the spending and then evaluates, you know, they give an ask, and then we evaluate to determine what we think they can handle. This year, the grants that are listed on the handout that you received, I think they're all, Jen might know, they're close to being all finalized, the contracts, it's kind of an arduous process and frustrating sometimes for our Corp. Counsel. But there's a lot of holdups in this contract process. But I think they're almost all pau and they're all in, ready to move forward, yeah.

MS. OANA: I would guess --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Oana?

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MS. OANA: --about half are executed and we're waiting for the rest to come in.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, anything unanticipated that's impacting you, per se, in the watershed? This avocado thing is nothing for you folks?

MR. PEARSON: No, I haven't heard of any specifics that are of any greater need than normal in the watershed partner discussions, no.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Do you get any reports on toxicology with, from the watershed projects that's reported back to the Department?

MR. PEARSON: Toxicology?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I am being inundated now with toxoplasmosis kind of requests and everything regarding feral ungulates; deer, cats, okay, impact on everything including the monk seals. So, I'm just wondering if you have data that helps us?

MR. PEARSON: I haven't seen any data on that. If . . . they may have some, but I haven't seen it, or they haven't shared it, or we haven't asked for it. So, I can follow-up.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And again, if it makes sense, I would ask that you secure that data for potential decision-making requirements. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Add that to your list. That's interesting. One of the watersheds that came forward said that they had gotten rid of the deer, I think, that was in their watershed. They worked on it. I was kind of impressed. During the discussion of the watershed, one of the questions from the Members was, oh you weren't here 'cause it was, but Eva was here, the request was the amount that was requested from the watershed, the amount that was awarded, and why was there a difference if they got less. I think that was one of the questions that we were, you know, yeah, we'll hear back from you. So, just know that, and I believe also that in understanding how important the watershed preservation groups were, that there was the discussion about possibly putting additional funds 'cause yours was limited based upon, you know, the, your Department and your parameters. But there may be some opportunities to put it in OED so that we could actually award more money, or if, I don't know if they have, you have an idea as to maybe how we can shift that to you, and you can award all. I'm not too sure how, what the financial procedures are. Maybe Mr. Hokama might know, you know, whether we need to, if we could send it to Water, or if there's an interest of increasing the watershed grant amounts and it can go to either OED or to the Water Department. So, anyway, that discussion also came up.

MR. PEARSON: Much appreciated.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, that would be good 'cause they're so important. Yes, okay, so, Keani, you had a question?

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for asking that question, Chair, and I look forward to trying to figure out a way to increase the amount of grants --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --without putting all the burden on the water ratepayers to shoulder that responsibility.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If we're done with Operations, I'll ask my CIP questions.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, anybody else have Operations

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Let me know when you're ready.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Let's move over to CIP. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah? Okay. Okay. So, that's on Page 88 on the CIP Council approved budget, the five different projects that was funded, Countywide facility improvements, including the status of addressing the sanitary survey deficiencies issued by the State of Department of Health Safe Drinking Water Branch that required corrective action be initiated or completed by FY 2020.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Do you have it? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I can read the projects if that would be helpful. It's the improvements at booster pump station sites, anticipated project includes Piiholo WTP sludge lagoon booster pump and MCC upgrades, improvements at water treatment plant WTP sites, anticipated projects include Kamole WTP clear well tank structural repairs, Lahaina WTP one MG tank refurbishment, tree clearing along the raw waterline serving the Piiholo WTP and Olinda WTP septic system.

MR. PEARSON: So, under that Countywide facility improvements there's like, and as you started to list off, there's like nine items in that list. And there hasn't been much movement as of yet on these nine items, just the total of that is 3.2 million. So, there's a lot of work left to do. None of these items are large items. Some of them may not be spent completely. If you see the, you discussed sanitary survey deficiencies, and also another one that relates to sanitary survey with construction, unforeseen type construction that may come out of the sanitary survey. So, you know, the better condition that our system is in and the less dings that the Department of Health puts on us, then of course the less money we'll end up spending. So, we might not spend down that amount of money which I think is a total of a 1,500,000 for both those items related to sanitary survey.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And so, a follow-up to that, Chair, is do you, Director, anticipate it being completed for the 2020 Fiscal Year? It just says that it --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's a CIP . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --required corrective action be initiated or completed. Oh, okay. So, initiated or completed this year?

MR. PEARSON: Correct. So, you know, what they do is the DOH, an engineer for DOH, Department of Health, you know, comes out here physically, sets up a schedule with our field ops and our plant ops, and goes to well sites, and tank sites, and booster pump stations, and the like and then, just determines from there, oh, you know, that shouldn't be there, or that should be disconnected, or you gotta replace this, or you know, you have a rusted portion of the tank, you gotta repair those kinds of things. So, like I said, it's not really predictable. Of course, we try to do our maintenance. But they may see things that we didn't see or do and requires effort and cost.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Good. So, CIP, we have 18 months, right? So, it's not end of the fiscal year. So, we have an additional ending of the year. Any other questions? Okay. All of the comments that I got from you; we're going to send a letter to the departments. I think, Riki, your point well taken that really for Water and Public Works, are very similar kinds of questions. We will ask that question from Department of Personnel regarding medical exams. And then, any other, none, no other questions? Oh, yes?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just to follow up on the idea of either funding, additional funding for watersheds. So, if we send that over from OED, are we sending it over with the funding? Because if we don't, then it is coming out of the ratepayers' fees.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It'll be General Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, if we're going to talk about that maybe we need to talk about whether we take that funding from OED and move it over, or whether we're going to expect it to come out of your revenue stream.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, we'll check into how the, because they're self-funded --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --for . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: 'Cause to me, Chair, that's why we have it separate because that comes out of the General Fund if it's in OED.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, and everything that's in Water Department comes out of their revenue stream. So, that's something to consider before we move forward on that --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, I see . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --and then we can talk about it in . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sorry, I understand what you're saying. But I see a value in the Department that understands the work of the watersheds to be able to look at the pot of money in total. But I don't know if that's possible because of exactly General Fund versus, you know --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --the Water Department. So, we'll check into that. And maybe Mr. Hokama might know.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: We can do that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We can do that?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: We can make projects that can access different --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --pots of money.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, that's just my, the main concern.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: 'Cause that might be more efficient I think, but, Mr. Pearson?

MR. PEARSON: Another thing I'd like to clarify just for your information, the question is as you said earlier, our ratepayers are paying for this. Now, are they, are we giving them the bang for the buck, or should we be, what amount of money should we put towards watershed protection?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

MR. PEARSON: And the Fresh Water Council, that's a group that works under, it's . . .

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: CWRM.

MR. PEARSON: I can't think of it. Anyway, they're a group that's working on water issues Statewide. And they've looked at the way of determining the amount of funding and there's kind of a couple of ways you can look at it, a percentage of revenue, of course, or a percentage based on the amount of gallons per day that we provide to the customer. If you look at it on the gallons per day as you provide to the customer, we're, I think we're at like 7 percent. But if you look at it as revenue, we're about 4 percent. And I think the number that's been discussed industry-wide is about 5 percent is the maximum that should be funded.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. PEARSON: So, we're kind of trying to keep a track of that and determine where we should go.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. That's a good guideline.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And then, the other question I have is the South Maui Watershed a part of the County watershed protection pot? Or is that getting funded at all? It might be seen --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: South Maui Watershed, that's . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --as a fairly new. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Countywide.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That's the one that Michael Reyes has been working on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The Maalaea one?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, South Maui Watershed.

MR. PEARSON: I don't have an answer to that. But you do know that a lot of the, or the majority of the water that is provided to South Maui comes out of the East Maui side.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. No, I know that.

MR. PEARSON: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I just, I'm just looking at the watershed protection projects.

MR. PEARSON: I can look into that. I don't have an answer.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Members . . .

MR. WALKER: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yes, yes?

MR. WALKER: Just for clarification, Member King's earlier comments on my skewed numbers, I have the revised ones if you have just a moment. Electricity 22 percent, payroll 21 percent . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wait, wait, slow down. Electricity 22 percent.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, are we going to get a hard copy of the corrected numbers? And then that way we don't --

MR. WALKER: I can . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --have to like quickly right down --

MR. WALKER: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --what he's . . .

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

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. WALKER: Debt service 12 percent and grants 4 percent.

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

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Four percent, 4 percent, grants 4 percent. Debt service was what?

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

MR. WALKER: I'm sorry, debt service was 12 percent.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Twelve percent. So, can you send that to us in writing? Chester, can you request for that? Okay. Is that it, Keani? I'm trying to go through this so that we can get that presentation of the parking --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, I'll be quick.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --for our employees. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo again for your effort in trying to get General Funds to help --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Watersheds.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --protect our watersheds and restore our watersheds so that the ratepayers aren't doing it all their own. I know that was the intention when you said that. I wanted to thank the Director for completing the replacement of the well motor and pump for Kualapuu Well. I know that went without a hitch. So, mahalo for that. And I wanted to find out the status of the wells construction when it is expected to be online to provide backup for the Pookela Well A? That is on Page 894, Pookela Well B.

MR. PEARSON: They're just, I'm not knowing all the specifics, but I know they just had a pre-con meeting with the contractor on that project. I can get more to you. But I apologize, I don't have more details than that right now.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. PEARSON: But it's moving forward --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. PEARSON: --if that's the question --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Great.

MR. PEARSON: --it's moving forward.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. And then, the last two questions are regarding the, on Page 896, has the contractor been secured and construction begun on the replacement well and what is the status. And that is for the replacement well for Waiehu Heights Well 1.

MR. PEARSON: That's the 3 million? Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, that's the 3 million.

MR. PEARSON: Yeah. There's an existing well that for whatever reason at the time it was dug, I think it was, well, they drilled it and then they drilled it deeper 'cause they didn't get the amount of production that they wanted. So, the original discussion, or the original thought was to go in and try to refurbish that well and save it, and maybe

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fill the well a certain level so you're not as deep. But we decided in looking at the well sections and so forth, it's, it was better that we looked for a new location. So, we've got two locations set. We have to have negotiations with the landowners to see if we can enter their lands and, you know, subdivide, and get on their lands to put these, this proposed well.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then last question, Chair, is regarding the Countywide Water System Modification. I think this was like the contingency fund of 150,000. Have any of those funds been used?

MR. PEARSON: I guess I got the go . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. PEARSON: I'm trying to behave, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good job.

MR. PEARSON: Yeah, that was Countywide Water System Modification, that's 150,000. Well, what's taken place there's...sometimes we have emergency situations. So, we end up spending the money but not on this specific item. So, we've got, right now we've encumbered 110,000 of that 150,000.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good.

MR. PEARSON: So, we're . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: On one project?

MR. PEARSON: No, it's on --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It was multiple?

MR. PEARSON: --one, two, three, four, five projects.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. All right, maybe if we can get those in writing too, I guess. Okay. Mahalo, Chair. That's all

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director and Deputy Director.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Mr. Walker.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, I'm going to defer this and gather more information and we'll share it with the Members.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION. (Excused: AL)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And sitting in the back patiently is Sandy Baz and Erin Wade. And I wanted, I want them to give us an update of our employee parking situation. So, can I . . . thank you very much, Department, for being here. I appreciate it.

ITEM WIT-57: PARKING NEAR THE KALANA O MAUI CAMPUS (CC 19-227)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Staff is passing out Kalana O Maui Campus parking and I think all of us understand the urgency for this. Thank you for passing on second reading the \$450,000 that was allocated for this project. And the Department wanted to just give you a brief overview of what this is before they started. So, I'm grateful that you were able to do that for us. Thank you, thank you, Mr. Pearson, for being here. Yeah, thank you. Okay. Ready?

MR. BAZ: Sure.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Baz, Erin Wade, take it away.

MR. BAZ: Good afternoon . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Make a lot of people happy.

MR. BAZ: Okay. Good afternoon, Chair and Members. We are happy to come to you this afternoon, or not quite afternoon yet, close to it, and just give you a brief presentation on what we're planning on with our parking management here in our County campus. There's a single sheet, kind of a fact sheet we provided that provides some detail, and then, some information about the numbers of stalls. With this activity that you . . . and thank you, if I didn't say that again, thank you for passing in second reading so our staff can get started on this work. But it provides 56 additional stalls on the 2 lots that we described. And in the future, and in the very near future we're going to have 27 fleet vehicles that are going to relocate, and 48 employees that are going to relocate. So, that's 75 less cars around this facility and it frees up 131 additional stalls by these two functions. And so, within the next year or so that'll make a big dent in our waiting list. We'll still have a waiting list, but it'll be hopefully a little bit shorter. We've also provided our diagram, if you want to call it that, on our, the surrounding areas of our campus here. And as you can see on the screen, there's public parking in the front of the building, and generally employee parking and fleet

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vehicle parking in the other areas. So, the, what we're describing there is labeled Lot A and Miyahira property. And those two will be combined into one lot and provide those, a total of 99 stalls, 56 additional, so. I guess, Erin, you have anything? I'll just leave it up for questions I guess, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, Members, this item . . . do you have a time schedule that you're looking at, or, and who's in these buildings right now what you're calling lot, well Lot A, and this area, 'cause is there CDBG in here, in the Miyahira Building? No?

MR. BAZ: I'll describe the buildings and then she can give you the timeline.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. BAZ: So, yeah, on the bottom of the screen there under that big bold Miyahira property you see CDBG offices and Parking 2. That is the front house, the house closest to Kaohu Street and CDBG offices are located in there. That building will remain. We're not going to do anything with that building. It was, and thank County Council, they got A/C in that building so that they're a little bit more comfortable. And then, the building to the rear of the lot is going to be condemned, excuse me, demolished. It's condemned now. We cannot occupy it. And so, that's the one that we're looking at working with Planning Department and SHPD on getting the approvals to demolish it. And then, the yellow house, I think it's Lot Y there, on the front, is held . . . our early childhood education and volunteer program occupy that. There's three individuals that are located in that office. So, there's been some discussion with the Department. We initially talked to, thought about this project, we did talk to the Department and let them know this was a possibility and so they've been looking at different areas. And so, I've been discussing with the Director some different options that are available for their relocation. And then, timeline, Erin?

MS. WADE: Thank you. So, immediately we need to do an environmental review of the buildings, having them both reviewed for asbestos and other potential contaminants. So, that's the first thing that will be done with the funds. In addition, we'll be working with SHPD to determine if the building, the one in the back of the Miyahira lot needs to be documented with a Historic American Building Survey. That would be the next step if the SHPD would like that. And then, once we pass those two steps, we'll be working with the Planning Department to get a temporary parking permit for that area. We'll be applying for that, and the Environmental Assessment document. So, we're hoping to work through that through the summer. And then, get under contract to, as well as get under contract to get the engineering design completed for these. And I think we spoke at first reading that this isn't intended to be a permanent surface. It's the recycled asphalt product that Public Works has that we would use to pave these lots in a temporary fashion because as we showed on the handout, Council, in the past, Councils have intended to develop additional office space on the property and we didn't want to tie the Council or Administration's hands moving forward by putting permanent parking there. We wanted to make sure that that was still an opportunity if that's something that is desired.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I have a question before I turn it over to the Members. So, were we planning on building a parking structure here so it's not just gravel lots?

MS. WADE: Do you want me to answer?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Was there ever plans to do that?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, Madam Chair, so, coming into the Office of Managing Director I found four plans that were created various times throughout the last probably 20 years as far as expansion of the County Building and structure, things like that. And again, you know, four different looking plans, the latest, the last one was the one that was created when the work was done to demolish the Old Wailuku Post Office, and that's why there's that temporary lot there now. There, if you look at that plan, there's plans for a building pretty much where Lot B is located right now. It is to the west of Kalana Pakui and the south of Kalana O Maui building. And that would be another actual County building. And I think they originally planned for about three or four floors. But if we needed, and that was with the old site at the Old Wailuku Post Office providing office space as well. So, we'd have to reconfigure that if we're looking at that. The Mayor has asked us to look at various options. And so, we're, we are doing that and looking at seeing what is the best possibility for maintaining the seat of government in Wailuku, in this campus, as well as providing enough space for our employees to work and our citizens to get good service.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Anybody have questions? Okay. Let's go right down the row. Mr. Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, just a couple questions, you didn't mention how much is still on the waiting list for parking stalls. I know you said 56 is being . . .

MR. BAZ: So, currently, there's 310 people on the waiting list. So, this will take theoretically about 131 off of the waiting list.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. And then, are we losing some of those parking lots with the new municipal building down at Kahului? Would those technically move some, vacate some of these stalls?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, so, the, on the fact sheet that service center, the 27 fleet vehicles and 48 employees are the ones that are located, relocating to the --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Service center.

MR. BAZ: --service center.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, service center.

MR. BAZ: I went blank there for a second. Yeah, at the service center.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. So, about 75 stalls will be opened up when they do that. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning, or afternoon, whichever you want to call it. Just in terms of notifying the residents about construction noise, dust, and all of that stuff, what's the work hours, I guess, you anticipate? Work will be like Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30?

MS. WADE: Yeah, typically, that would be the case. Of course, we would need to apply for a noise permit if we went beyond that. And as we start working towards getting the temporary parking and developing the Environmental Assessment document we will be meeting with the neighbors. So, that will be the beginning of that dialogue to determine what their needs are for the neighborhood and we can put any of those requirements in the bid docs for construction.

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

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good point. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to see if, could you show us exactly where all the new 56 parking stalls? 'Cause I'm getting a little confused. There's like seven Lot B's and then, I think is it all on that Miyahira property?

MR. BAZ: Between Lot A and Miyahira, yes. Yeah, we didn't show you the design that we're planning. This is the current status.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. So, it, so, but it's going to be 56 in addition to what we have here?

MR. BAZ: Correct. So, between Lot A and Miyahira it'll be a total of 99 lots.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Between . . .

MR. BAZ: I'm sorry, lots, stalls.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, between what's already there?

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yeah, I just, I'm trying to figure, in my mind figure out where the 56 new lots would be, and it doesn't seem like there's room by just taking that one building down.

MR. BAZ: The two buildings, yeah, the yellow house and the . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, you're taking the yellow house down too?

MR. BAZ: Yes, and then --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. BAZ: --the engineers, you know, the, I have an architect and an engineer in my office. And so, they're creative in figuring out how --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. BAZ: --stalls can get fit in there making sure that there's, you know, backup space and, you know, certain criteria.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And it's all on one level?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, it'll be all on one level with the recycled asphalt.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. We'll trust you. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No questions at this time. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Tamara Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. So, from hearing Member King's question, this one that Mr. Shimomura and Mr. Shupack gave out, that's what the new --

MR. BAZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --configuration is?

MR. BAZ: Yes, that's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then, I was wondering, I couldn't locate Lot G.

MR. BAZ: I don't . . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Gravel lot 40 stalls.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is it Lot E or Lot H?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, one of them must be mislabeled. It maybe where that lot, the second Lot A is to the right hand of the yellow house. It's a gravel, it says 40, yeah, we'll have to look that up, I'm sorry.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then, the renaming of the lots, like Lot E is formerly Lot H, and lot, former Lot E is now Lot B, and Lot A is like what was the purpose of that?

MS. WADE: Yes, so, this has been the template that the County has worked off of for years and years. Obviously, and as Administrations change and lots get added it just keeps getting modified. So, part of this effort is going to be to clean all that up, have them all named adequately, and have the system updated so that it's much easier to understand.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. One more question? You know, when you were saying that the 27 fleet vehicles will be relocated within the upcoming year, I just was wondering if it's not like within the beginning part of the upcoming year, if you moved the fleet vehicles to Lot E and double park them that might provide more space for regular parking. Or if it wasn't that way because of the security around the campus and no security there, just throwing it out there, but it said someplace in this thing that some of the fleet vehicles aren't used, some go on multiple runs a day, and some sit for days without moving. And if there's the ones that sit for days without moving you can just kind of tuck 'em into that gravel lot and use them as needed. That might open up some more parking spaces.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, thank you. We appreciate the suggestion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Cool.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Kama, do you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. So, Lot Y, that building is going to come down?

MR. BAZ: Yes, yeah, we're going to most likely if we can move that building. There's another department that has shown interest in it.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Really?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. And then, so, gee, already we've got people asking for it and people haven't moved out yet. So . . .

MR. BAZ: Office space is a dire need in this County.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Try parking.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, and parking, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, just, just right I just thought about this. So, we all pay for parking, all of us and all these guys parking in here, right? So, are we all, do we all get charged the same amount per month?

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Well, I'm sure, I'm sure.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, so, in the rates and fees of the Budget Ordinance under Department of Management there is a list of the lots and how much the charges are. They range from \$15 to \$50 based on the different lots.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, okay, that's just something else. So, there was something else I had. Oh shoots, it just went out of my head. Okay. You can come back.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. BAZ: You're always welcome to contact me and . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I will, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, I know that--

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have one more question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --the . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wait, one second. I know that the list of people who want parking is probably, you know, long and they've waited a while. But have we looked at the Wailuku Union Church, you know, what is the status of that? 'Cause there's that big empty lot above the State building and it, I know they were going to build some affordable houses. I think they didn't get the funding they wanted now. And then, maybe in the future, but I wonder if we could also look there?

MS. WADE: Yeah, thank you, so, a while back we were looking to lease the property and develop a parking lot on that property. It started going through the permitting process and there were some concerns for the historic rock walls. So, that process stopped. However, the property owner is looking to build housing at the upper side of the property, not near the lower side rock walls and is intending to build a parking lot that would support in the future that housing development. So, one of the things that we're trying to work with them to determine is, is there a temporary short-term parking that we can utilize at that site without having to again build the long-term permanent parking and get, prevent them from moving forward with whatever the property owner's intentions are for their land. So, it has gone again back and forth. They're not sure about their timeline. They're still trying to organize funding. So, we have reached out to them and they continue to give us updates. But we don't have any confirmation at this point.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Good.

MR. BAZ: And. . .

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Paltin? Oh, sorry.

MR. BAZ: Madam Chair, just to add, Member Kama had organized a meeting. They presented at that meeting and presented that they were going to do affordable housing on that lot. So, they are still in the major drive to do that.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good, 21 affordable housing, oh rentals, yeah? So, I hope that does happen. Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just was wondering, one of the documents said that the parking revenue is \$64,130 in anticipation. And where do we find out like during the budget is that where we find out the actual revenue and how it gets spent, or the plans for how it gets spent? And if that, any of that money is going towards this Miyahira project because it was like for, you know, upkeep, maintenance, and expansion as well. So, I heard in my scoping meeting that it was coming from General Funds. But is there plans from the parking revenue to reimburse the General Funds for this parking thing since that's what we collect the parking money for?

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thanks for the question. So, and actually when I presented my budget to EDB the other day, I did provide you with an up-to-date or as of December 31 balance of that fund. And yes, you will get an updated balance during the budget discussion. The use of the funds will also be discussed there. Our intent is to utilize those funds for security. So, we're wanting to do like extra lighting, cameras, those kinds of things with that funds and maintain this using the General Fund. Yeah, we're not planning on going back to that fund for additional money.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Just following up on that question from Member Paltin, Director. I think it was two or three years ago the prior Administration proposed the parking fee increases and that was to I guess, for security enhancements like lighting, et cetera. Is that what you just spoke of, part of that, or now with this new parking proposal will County workers, I don't know whether it be this Administration or another, look at further hikes in their parking fees to I guess offset the cost for this project?

MR. BAZ: Madam Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Miss . . . , yes, Mister . . .

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MR. BAZ: So, actually it wasn't, I was the Budget Director back then, it wasn't an Administration request. It was actually presented, a Councilmember made that suggestion, yeah. No, we wouldn't be requesting additional funds to reimburse for this project. This is a temporary lot. Should we go forward with, you know, a parking structure and things like that, then yeah, we might have, you know, hundreds of covered stalls or, you know. So, we're going to have to talk about it at that point when we discuss a future project but not with this project.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Good, that's good to hear 'cause I did have a County employee ask me about that if we're looking at potentially increasing our County employees' parking cost as well. So, yeah, that was referring back to that initial proposal. That came from the Council, not the Administration yeah. 'Cause I believe your former predecessor, Mr. Reagan was, had done a presentation too, yeah, with regards to the increases. 'Cause it was a significant bump, you know.

MR. BAZ: Right. There has been discussions, and it was probably related to some of the future activities of a new building. There's been lots of different discussions about parking management. And so, Erin's been, you know, working on that and, you know, well before we change the structure we'll come back to Council because it is something that's very important to our --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Employees.

MR. BAZ: --employees, yeah.

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

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Real quick, I just wanted to refer to the site plan that is on the first page. So, that is some of the, it looks like Lot B and the old post office site is built out as this is just one of those 20-year-old plans that you spoke about, Director?

MS. WADE: If you're talking about the single page that shows the County master plan, that is one of the options that was presented in the 2013 master plan. So, there was option A, B, and C, and that was the least dense version of it.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Are there, I mean, I don't know if it's out of character, but is there like more plans that, you know, to muster support, I mean, if looking at those plans?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, so, my . . . thank you, Madam Chair and Member Sinenci, so my office and my CIP team, you know, Erin, and Dan, and Brian, are working on evaluating that. The Mayor has asked us to evaluate the, you know, desired expansion of, you know, making sure that there's enough office space to maintain the County offices here without having to relocate them too much. So, we are looking at all of those different,

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like four, and that's why I said those four mentioned plans that we talked about and we will come back, of course, for funding for discussion on that before we have a future idea.

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

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. I just wanted your team to present your ideas to us. I know that you have a lot more to go in terms of environmental reviews and everything. And I like Mr. Molina's input about communicating with the neighbors and I'm sure you will. Ms. Keani Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. On the 8 by 11, 8½ by 11 page on the front it's, there's like a little box here with a plan and it says Civic Center Phase II, Option A. Do you know --

MR. BAZ: I could describe that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- where I'm . . . yeah please.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, so, and it might have been what Member Sinenci was referring to.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's what I thought. Okay.

MR. BAZ: As Ms. Wade mentioned, this was one option of one of the different things in the 2013 plan. If you can identify that U, basically U-shaped building, it's not really a U but there's a center courtyard.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. BAZ: That would be that new County building that I was discussing. There, they had plans for a building on the Old Wailuku Post Office site, and then, the County Building itself, you'll notice is a little bit different because it has façades and additional, you know, space provided basically outside of the building within a new structure, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. BAZ: That was one option from eight years ago, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that. And then, real quick, when we first took office Pro Temp Kama had asked about who chooses where the stalls, who gets what stall, and Councilmembers being in Lot C. What, was there an explanation ever given? And if so, can I hear it?

MR. BAZ: I don't recall that. I'd have to go look it up.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Okay.

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MR. BAZ: Historically, the Councilmembers have had those stalls, you know, right along there. If, do you want to talk about, you know, we can talk to Chair and, you know, maybe Members on relocation if you're interested and discuss. The Mayor, you know, the Administration manages the parking, right? So, you know, the final decision will most likely be Mayor's. But at this point I'd be happy to discuss different options with you. And if she have interest, let me know.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Managing Director. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Great. Oh, Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you. Sorry, I know you're pressing for time. But just, with regards to Lot D, 78 lots, or stalls I should say, and you have all these planters. Was there any thought about the possibility of reconfiguring the lot or getting rid of the planters? I know it's nice for aesthetics purpose. But --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: What planters?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --could it create more parking stalls if we did that? Was that ever thought of or considered?

MS. WADE: So, for permanent parking you have, we'd have to meet the Parking Code and the zoning which does require one tree per five stalls. So, because that is finished and final parking, the planters and trees are required. And as a result, when we make this temporary parking, we need to get special permission from the Planning Commission to build it without landscape and irrigation. But it will allow us to get additional stalls in for the interim period.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So, as far as Lot D, if we, even if we made an attempt, you'd probably get an ear full from the Arborist Committee and everything else. Okay. I just thought, I was trying to look at creative ways to potentially add more parking, so.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You sound like a developer.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I don't know how to take that. But I'll keep my opinions to myself. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's good. Yes, Ms. Tamara Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I was wondering maybe if we earmark some of those stalls for the Planning Commission, they might be more lenient with us.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Next question. Okay. I think we're all ready for lunch.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just a suggestion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Just one last question. So, who puts in the plants? Who puts in the plants or the trees? Who decides what trees are going to put where?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The kind of trees?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Is that us, or is that Planning, or is that . . .

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

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Really?

MS. WADE: Yeah, so, when we work to do expansion plans, we'll have a landscape architect on the team who would determine that when it's the final tree. But if you have thoughts or ideas about, or preferences, feel free to let us know those too, and we can incorporate that early.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, all good. All right, Members. Thank you for going through this aggressive, ambitious agenda and discussions. And so, at this time, this meeting will . . . this item will be deferred so that we can continue talking about it. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (Excused: AL, RH)

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And meeting is now adjourned. Have a nice lunch. . . .*(gavel)* . . .

ADJOURN: 12:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

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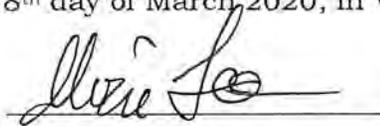
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I, Marie Tesoro, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 18th day of March, 2020, in Wailuku, Hawaii

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