

HEALTHY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

March 24, 2020

Council Chamber, 8th Floor, and Online via BlueJeans Link

CONVENE: 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Vice-Chair (via BlueJeans video conference)
Councilmember Tasha Kama (via BlueJeans video conference)
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King (via BlueJeans video conference)
Councilmember Michael J. Molina (via BlueJeans video conference) (in 9:29 a.m.)
Councilmember Tamara Paltin (via BlueJeans video conference)
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez (via BlueJeans video conference)

STAFF: Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst
Rayna Yap, Committee Secretary
David Raatz, Supervising Legislative Analyst, Office of Council Services

ADMIN.: Mayor Michael P. Victorino (HFC-13(9))
John Buck, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation (via BlueJeans video conference) (HFC-19, HFC-46)
Lisa Almeida, Permits Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation (via BlueJeans video conference) (HFC-46)
Robert Halvorson, Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Parks and Recreation (via BlueJeans video conference) (HFC-46)
David Yamashita, Planner VI, Department of Parks and Recreation (via BlueJeans video conference) (HFC-46)
Edward Kushi, First Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
(*Seated in the gallery*):
Michele Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor

OTHERS: Kyle Caires, Maui Livestock Agent, Hawaii State 4-H Program; Animal Scientist, Assistant Extension Agent, University of Hawaii, Manoa (via telephone conference) (HFC-19)
Charlene Kauhane, Lead and Organizer, Maui County Farm Bureau and 4-H Livestock Group (via telephone conference) (HFC-19)
Teena Rasmussen, President, Maui County Farm Bureau (via telephone conference) (HFC-19)

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Warren Watanabe, Executive Director, Maui County Farm
Bureau (via telephone conference) (HFC-19)

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CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . The Council's Committee on Healthy Families and Communities will come to order. This is our regular meeting of March 24, 2020. Present this morning, our Committee Members by remote, Vice-Chair Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning. We have Committee Members by remote, Ms. Kama.

MS. MILNER You're still muted, Tasha.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh. Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning. Present by remote, Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aloha kakahiaka.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning, aloha. Ms. Paltin, by remote.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Aloha. And present by remote is Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Aloha. Excused is Mr. Molina at this time.

**ITEM HFC-19: MAUI AGRICULTURAL FESTIVAL AND 4-H LIVESTOCK FAIR, WAR
MEMORIAL COMPLEX (CC 19-197)**

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, we have three things on the agenda. The first one, I'm going to ask to take out of order is HFC-19. This is the Maui Agricultural Festival and 4-H Livestock Fair, War Memorial Complex. We will take testimony at this time. I believe we have some callers that would like to participate by oral testimony and we give them the same opportunity with three minutes to speak before the Committee. So, Lesley, if you could assist the Committee with our first oral testifier, please, by phone.

MS. MILNER: Warren, are you there?

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MR. WATANABE: Yes, I am.

MS. MILNER: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Please introduce yourself and share your comments with us.

MR. WATANABE: Okay, yeah. My name is Warren Watanabe. I'm the Executive Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau. I won't go through our testimony. I did submit written testimony to the Committee e-mail, and so I hope everyone received a copy of it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, we have.

MR. WATANABE: In essence, I just want to state briefly that, in essence, our board met last evening and we cancelled this year's Ag Fest. And basically it was because of the situation we are now, right now, with COVID-19 and our concern with, again, the public in large gatherings. And also with the situation with the 4-H, which I hope you let Kyle Caires explain that situation there. We just ask that the license agreement start in 2021. Since we are canceling this year's event, we would like the five-year license to begin in the year 2021, so that'll give us the full five years. And that's about all I have to say. Again, hopefully Kyle can fill you in on the 4-H side.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Watanabe. We'll take all the phone testimony at this time, Staff. Next?

MS. MILNER: Okay. Kyle, are you there?

MR. CAIRES: Yes.

MS. MILNER: Okay.

MR. CAIRES: Good morning, Chair. Thanks for allowing us to give testimony on the Ag Fest and 4-H Fair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, please, share . . .

MR. CAIRES: My name is . . . oh.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Go ahead.

MR. CAIRES: My name is Kyle Caires and I'm with the University of Hawaii, and I work in Maui County: Maui, Molokai, and Lanai, relative to livestock and 4-H youth development. This year, because of the COVID-19 concerns and the plethora of uncertainty regarding events and/or where this was going to be, the kinetics of it spread through the public, our Associate Dean made the decision, a difficult one, to cancel the 4-H Livestock shows statewide; that includes all the County events and the

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State Farm Fair participation as well. So it's a difficult situation for everybody in multiple industries. It's also difficult for our 4-H'ers. We think last year's Ag Fest events with the 4-H was a really great venue, not only for our 4-H youth, but for the public. And it helps to bring kind of what we do, the business of ranching, production of animal agriculture, and youth development, skill development to the populous down in the Central valley and we think that's a . . . that was an improvement over the Upcountry Fair in terms of just the attendance and exposure for our kids. The sale, the auction was very favorable as well. And the 4-H program on Maui continues to grow. We have nearly triple the amount of steers. Give you an example, last year we had seven steers, this year we had 15. Last year we had one heifer make show, this year we had six. We had 26 pigs last year, we had 36 this year. You know, we had one lamb and six goats last year. This year our kids had over ten lambs and over ten goats. So, you know, we continue to grow and we're hoping that the Ag Fest and 4-H Fair will, you know, be that venue for our kids and our program to showcase their skills and the hard work and effort they put into their projects. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much, Mr. Caires, for your testimony. Staff, anyone else that would like to share on this item?

MS. MILNER: Yes. Teena, do you have anything you'd like to add?

MS. RASMUSSEN: Yes, thank you. Can you hear me?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, we can.

MS. RASMUSSEN: Okay. Thank you, Chair Hokama. So I, Teena Rasmussen, I'm the new President of the Maui County Farm Bureau. As you know, I have an ag background, and I was very pleased that I was able to have the time to take on that role for the Farm Bureau. We made a hard decision last night. All of us, we're moving forward on Ag Fest. We thought that the whole community needed to coalesce; and at the end of May, we felt that it was likely that we could do that. But with the 4-H program being canceled and the fact that we had just rebranded last year to be the Ag Fest and 4-H Livestock Fair, we felt that it was going to diminish the program to the point where we didn't want to . . . and also on the top of that we're worried about our farmers and the state that they're going to be in when they come out of this. And they may be more worried about just trying to stay alive than trying to do a fair. So there's so many unknowns that we made that hard decision. We did, however—and I want to let everyone know this—we did preserve the piece of the festival that is called, The Legacy Pancake Breakfast. We had already picked our Legacy families that we wanted to honor. And we are going to have that event at a different venue and it will be in the morning and we will announce the date later. But we are going to keep that part and it'll be a more formal program. We'll invite a lot of people to it, and of course all of our Council and Mayor's Administration to join us in celebrating those farm families. So with that, I really . . . we're sorry about the late notice, we just met last night; that was the first time we could get the group together since 4-H made their announcement. And so we are asking to delay that license for one year and give us five years starting

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2021. It would be such a help for us to have a venue that we can count on year after year and we don't have to go through all of the problems with the Parks Department and trying to get all the licenses and in time to be able to advertise our event. So this would be a huge help, and I imagine it will help the Parks Department as well. So thank you so much for considering this and bless you all for all that you're enduring right now. As I said to somebody the other day, we're all in this boat together, but we're sailing in unchartered territory. So thank you so much for being there today.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much for your comments, Ms. Rasmussen. Les, anyone else?

MS. MILNER: Charlene, are you on the line?

MS. KAUHANE: I am, but they said everything that we need to say. I'm here to answer any questions if you have any.

MS. MILNER: Okay, thank you. Can you just provide your name and title for the record?

MS. KAUHANE: Sure. Charlene Kauhane, I'm the Event Organizer on behalf of the Farm Bureau and 4-H Livestock Group.

MS. MILNER: Okay, thank you. That's everyone, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Parks Department, Mr. Buck, any comments on this item from the Department?

MR. BUCK: We're in support of the . . . them postponing the . . . or canceling the event this year. We'll work with them to begin the licensing agreement . . . continue with the licensing agreement to begin in 2021.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Buck, on your Department's comments. Before I ask the Members for any questions for clarification on this item, it is the Chair's intention to defer this item today. I am still in discussions with the Administration. I don't know . . . I hope we're in phase III of this health disaster by then. But because of uncertainty of timing, length of this crisis, I want to discuss to the Mayor how long he potentially anticipates our community going through facility shutdowns and then see what would be our ramp-up time for us to be able to consider a proposal like this. I will let the Committee know that I'm in support of the proposal. By this time, I think it would be premature to move forward believing that everything will return as it was. It will not be so. So, saying that, I'm going to ask Ms. Sugimura, any question at this time? One question, one follow-up, please, everyone.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, everybody, for showing up here in force as we all shelter in place. I appreciate your . . . all that you do for our youth and the community. So, Doctor Caires, I am concerned about, with this cancelation, what does it do with all the 4-H kids that raised their cattle and deer and goat. I mean the document that was given to us by Warren Watanabe from the Maui County Farm

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Bureau has the cutest pictures. And I was there last year. I mean it's huge. I've gone to your event and I see the commitment from the kids as you're raising farmers for the future. So, Doctor Caires, do you have any thoughts on that?

MR. CAIRES: Yeah, that's a . . . I mean it's a hard situation right now, but the University has done, has set twice a week meeting dates mandatory for the foreseeable future to go ahead and guide that process. We've already gotten several of the kids, you know, some help in terms of marketing their animals. The ones who had steers that were closer to being market-ready, a lot of these animals aren't market-ready yet, right, so they're like two months out from being, you know, ready to market. The heifer projects are relatively easy to move because, you know, they're breeding animals and they can slide right into a breeding herd; so that's an easier deal, same with the replacement goat projects, breeding animals. The pigs are all very young, the students just picked them up about two weeks ago, so they don't have necessarily a huge financial investment in those animals. We're working with Farm Bureau, both Maui County and with the State to look at some ideas to raise some money to help the kids offset the burden that they've undergone. So this has also been a great learning experience from the standpoint of, you know, agriculture – things happen. I mean if your animals dies the day before the fair, you know, some of the things are out of your control, right. So we're trying to use this as an educational moment, the best we can and, you know, help everybody in terms of finding an outlet for the animals. Some of the animals have gone out to pasture already. People are starting to market some of them . . . *(inaudible)* . . . And we just have to, you know, keep working day by day. Like I said, a lot of the smaller animal projects like the sheep and the goats and the pigs, they just started in March, right, so this month; so there's obviously less in there and they're not market-ready. So some of the families are choosing to go ahead and say, okay, well, you know, we got in this for the project, we want you to finish; and we'll either put the animal in our freezer or we'll market it at that point. And some of the families, you know, are obviously dealing with this stressful situation and, you know, they're trying to market their animals to local farmers and ranchers. So everything is in flux, which is crazy. Some of us like to be very organized, but you can only control what you can control, right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I think you answered the question.

MR. CAIRES: Now we're looking at a venue . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, you answered the question, Mr. Caires. Ms. Sugimura, follow-up?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. I'm fine, thank you. He answered my question and I support what you're doing, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Kama. Any question at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Yes. You know, I'm really a firm believer that we need to grow more farmers or raise more farmers. And it seems like in times like these that we'd want to be able to try to do more in terms . . . our agricultural

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community getting out there. So is there an alternative if your 4-H program is on hold?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Caires, I think this is for you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I mean is there something that still can be done?

MR. CAIRES: Yeah, so right now the livestock fill component is . . . I mean that's been taken off the table for this year. The skill development contest like the judging is something that's still very much on the table. And because we're not allowed to organize or meet publicly, we're working on . . . I can tell you myself, for Maui County—and I'm going to make this available statewide—but I already have online classes for livestock judging so the kids can still have their skill development contest and, also, you still participate in 4-H. So the 4-H program isn't canceled. Just from the standpoint of public safety and, you know, all of the externalities, the livestock show portions were canceled; and the Dean did so in a manner to defray the costs or the majority of the projects. The beef steers are the main issue. So the kids will still be able to participate in skill development.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: A follow-up, any follow-up?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. No questions. I support deferral.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. No questions at this time, and I support the direction you're taking with deferring.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Paltin? Can we unmute her? Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Unmute.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hello?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we can hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, I thought this wasn't a touch-screen computer. I just was wondering, if we're going to make the vote for it to happen starting next year or if we're going to make the vote at that time next year for it to be five years?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: My intention, Ms. Paltin, is to just defer this item. But I'm going to take it up a little later in the calendar year of this term once we get a little bit more definitive how this crisis is moving along, and hopefully, like I said, I would like to be in phase III, which is the initial stage of the recovery components. And I would hope that by that time we get some better information about how we would deal with groupings of greater than ten or fifty people that this event would definitely have. So that's the concern now is when we'll start allowing the community to start gathering in larger numbers.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you. And thank you, Mr. Caires, for turning it into a real-life learning situation. I don't have any further questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much.

MR. CAIRES: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes?

MR. CAIRES: Chair, may I add something real fast?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

MR. CAIRES: One of the other reasons—and I didn't mention this earlier—that's affected the 4-H program and why the decision was made is much like people raid the grocery stores, there are also individuals that have raided the livestock feed from the feed dealers, and there are shortages statewide, some islands worst than others. So for the kids to be able to raise those animals to make weight, that was a huge issue and another burden. But since you all have such great contacts in the community with businesses, a lot of the pork producers here on the island, not 4-H, the pork producers, because they see a lot of recycled food waste, are really hurting right now. So, if you don't mind, if you do encounter somebody who does have food waste, whether it be through organizations like Feed My Sheep or, you know, any of that cold produce, please let either the Farm Bureau know or, you know, University of Hawaii extension and we'll make sure we get that to the farmers who need it, because they're experiencing the feed shortage in some cases as well.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Caires. We appreciate that concern you just shared with us and we all agree that at this time we need to be thinking of community than individuals, so we appreciate that concern you shared about how it impacts the food chain and the food supply to all our residents. So we appreciate you making us aware of it, and I'm sure we'll do our best to ensure that government puts in place appropriate protective policies for the total community. So, once again, we thank you for your participation.

MR. CAIRES: Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Members, regarding HFC-19, with no objection, the Chair will defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS (Excused: MM)

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much. This item is deferred.

ITEM HFC-13(9): CORONAVIRUS UPDATE (RULE 7(B))

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm going to bring back HFC-13(9) now, Members, the Coronavirus Update. Joining us this morning is Mayor Victorino who will give us some updates on the status as it impacts our county and the enormous amount of challenges and phone calls he's been having regarding clarifications and impacts of our policy as well as the State's policy. So at this time, hold on, we'll get the ability to share visual of the Mayor . . . *(sound system feedback)* . . .

MS. MILNER: Sorry.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mute that bugger. No, no, no, wasn't you, wasn't you, yeah. Okay, yeah, Mayor, thank you for joining us. We know it's a hectic time for everybody, including you and us. But we would like to give you this opportunity. If you can share with the people of Maui County an update on the coronavirus as you see it for us, from the County's perspective.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Thank you very much. And to all the Councilmembers and the public at large, thank you for your conscientious effort to social distance and try to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. I think social distancing is probably the most effective way we can do it, and I think our policies and our actions have shown that. Unfortunately in the public, that has not always been what I've seen the results in. And so, with that being said, we have issued our order as of tonight, 12:01 a.m., that stay home, work at home is our new policy. Now there is still questions out there. And then the Governor put his stay at home policy also. And so now there's some ambiguity, there's some difficulty because we know right now there are things that are different, there are policies that are different. And I'm going to put it in this manner, where the Governor's policy or the State policy is stricter, we're going to abide by. If our policy is stricter, we're going to abide by it. So we're going to take the strictest of any of these rules and abide by it, that's my mandate as far as how we'll implement policy. I think that's . . . *(sound system feedback)* . . .

MS. MILNER: Sorry, Mike just . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Can you mute that?

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MS. MILNER: Mike can you mute?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I can hear everybody say, Mike, can you see?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Yeah, Mr. Molina, we're going to mute you. And at this time we recognize your attendance, so thank you. And Mayor, again, please bear with the technology and the impacts. So please continue your message.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Let me say this, we're facing the same difficulties. We're using BlueJeans to meet with our department heads. And there's so much going on that, you know what, I just want everyone to understand, I understand what they're going through that, you know, for me, it's the big picture, the overall what's going to go on and what's, you know, out there and rules and all of that. We're talking about the State rules again and County rules. I know there's differences between Kauai, Honolulu, and us, and I understand the Big Island will be coming out with theirs. We will abide by ours, again, I will repeat, whatever is stricter by the State, that's to be abided by, whatever is stricter by Maui County and what we've mandated, it will be that's what we'll use so that you Councilmembers understand, if you get questions, the questions really would be, which policy is enforced? And so that State can supersede ours, but when ours is stricter we can supersede theirs. We cannot lessen, but we can make it stricter. Okay. So, with that being said, there's some concerns I want to share with you, Councilmembers, that I have with the public. First of all, I'm hoping everybody, and in many cases, people have been abiding. I can tell you right now, there are many businesses that have done yeoman's work. Give a couple of examples. There are hotels that are closing that they're keeping their employees for the next two weeks or three weeks to help clean up, remodel, refurbish, whatever needs to be done before they lay them off, which is kind of helping the crisis at the unemployment section. You know and I know you've had many calls. The site's been crashing, the phone nobody's answering. They've just been inundated, and other states are facing the same problem. We weren't ready for this tremendous volume of unemployment. And so we're trying our best. I know the State is. I thank the Governor, they're trying to add other lines. They're working very hard. You know, and let me say this so that you understand. We, Mayors, and the Governor meet consistently every day, sometimes two or three times a day with the changes that are going on. And I want you to understand that sometimes I wish I could get the information to you, but the information I get an hour ago changes the next hour. Federal mandates are also changing quite substantially. The Federal Government, let me say it in this manner, willing to throw \$2 trillion at this whole problem but they're having their—pardon the expression—party differences. I'm not going to get into that. I respect the idea that everyone's thinking for us, the people of Maui County and the people of the state and the people of the United States. I respect that. It's not easy, I don't sleep at night because I think of everything I do. Let me be very honest with all of you, I am ruining lives, I am hurting families; but if I don't do this now and this epidemic gets out of hand here in Maui County, which is the second largest number of confirmed cases with eleven and maybe more to come, I will not . . . I cannot sleep then . . . even worse. I'm really stuck at this point. But I will make decisions based

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on the best information I get from our healthcare providers, from our government agencies, from the private sector businesses, hospitality industry, nonprofits. I have met, I've had conference calls with all of those groups and continuously listen to their concerns and how we can work on it. So let me go on to the next issue. Sometimes people are looking for quick answers to these questions - can I do this, can I do that? Please, I am saying "no" is the answer most of the time. I'd rather side on the side of caution than say "yes," let you do something and then this epidemic gets out of hand. So we're going to be with the "no" modem [sic] more than the "yes" modem [sic]. And please understand that we've got to take affirmative action. We've got to take harsh actions sometimes, and this is very difficult. Now, there's been questions about beach parks, beaches. You know, the Governor said, keep the beaches open. The beaches is State responsibility, not ours; but the beach parks are ours. So what I've implemented is, additional porta-potties will be put on all our beach parks, because we know people will be there. The restrooms are being closed because we cannot continuously sanitize. We're putting our workers at risk, and it's a germ-infested area. I mean it's just constant. No matter how often we clean it, people come in utilizing it and we don't know what kind of germs are left behind. I know you've asked the question about golf courses, Chair Hokama. And you know what, I recommended they've closed. I cannot force it. And what I'm asking them to do is really look at, in our words, we said "close"; so I'm going to use the word "mandating" their closing, here in Maui County. I cannot speak, again, of all the counties throughout the State. And I know this is not going to sit well with those who think exercise is golf and yet exercise and getting out is very important. If you stay home all day stir crazy, I got that. But again, the beaches have to remain open. I've had our Ocean Safety people still there helping with information but not the towers open. I don't want to put them at risk, but yet I need to have public protection. I must make sure our residents, as far as mostly are going to be residents very soon and not just guests, are protected. So we are really working on different issues as they come up and we're very fluent in how we're providing these issues . . . addressing these issues, I should say. We're going to scrutinize as much as possible. We are taking the most hardest line we can take. But with that being said, there will be some exceptions that I have to allow. And, you know, we've put that down. I think that's very important. When it comes to—and this is something that I know you're not going to think about, but Honolulu brought it up and I know it's a concern because our Department of Environmental Management brought it up—these flushable wipes. Because people are not able to get toilet paper, they're using that. And when that's put into our system, that's going to clog up our system either through the piping at home or in our sewer lines and when it gets to the treatment plants. And so I'm asking everyone, please, please do not use even the flushable wipes, do not flush them down. It is going to impact our wastewater. And please, please again, if that is asked to you, please respond that way, do not, absolutely do not. It will cause a lot of problems. Our public transportation is still operating, because many of the people who have to get to work depend on our public transportation. We're trying to do social distancing as best we can. They're wiping down and cleaning the buses three and four times, you know, every time it comes off right . . . route, I should say, they sanitize, they clean. We're trying our best but we can't shut down our public bus system. We're trying to curtail it. We're going to try to do some maybe modification of schedule, 'cause now we're not going to be that busy;

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but we have workers that depend, we have employees that depend on that transportation to and from their work sites. And some of the work sites are essential, are open, and they need help. I'd asked the public to look at how we can . . . more, do some ridesharing. If we got two people in the car and one sits in the backseat, I don't know, there's so many things we can do, and I ask the public to be creative but be safe, Chair, be safe. This going take more than three minutes, so I hope you not allowing me only three minutes, Chair, I apologize. I got a warn people right now, there's a lot of Internet scams that are happening right now. There's a lot of false rumors going on, on the Internet, but also, there's a lot of scams – people asking for help, people asking for money, other scams that are out there. If you don't recognize the e-mail or you don't recognize the text, delete it. Please, that's the last thing you want to have is be infected by some malware and whatever else is out there. And so I know people are taking advantage of this emergency. They're taking advantage of the fear factor. And again, I ask people, there is no fear but fear itself. Let us calm. Let's do what we can. Stay home. I think, you know, that would be happy . . . I mean that would be a real good medium of keeping from social distancing. Okay. Moving on. I already said the golf courses need to be closed. Again, I mentioned about the beaches, they will remain open. Beach parks are closed. We've put more porta-potties. And I'm using, instead of comfort station, I've got to put a porta-potty 'cause people understand what they are. They've upped their cleaning. They'll be doing it two times, maybe three times a day; so they're not going to just let it sit there. The company's willing to do it. We have Ka Lima who's helping us in this area, also. So we have different organizations along with our park workers, but I've got to protect them like I protect the rest of the public. So they practice social distancing. Again, protective . . . personal protective equipment, PPEs as they're called, are scarce. We're having a difficult time. Even for our emergency rooms and for our medical area, which really is the one that needs to have this and our first responders. For example, our Fire Department now, instead of four guys going into a situation, they're sending two people in with the PPEs on and the two staying out there to help assist and call for whatever other assistance is needed. So we're trying to keep our supplies in check. Trying our best to make sure that the supplies we have last. We have orders. In fact, I have, and I cannot disclose where this is coming from, but we have masks coming in from China. We have somebody who has a connection and by tomorrow, they told me they'll get some in. You know, so we're doing everything we can to make sure . . . and of course, I will inspect them before I release that to the public. But I appreciate someone taking an extra effort to go somewhere else where they are being made. And right now, China, if you're watching what's happening there, their cases have almost subsided. In fact, almost no new cases and now they're in a recovery mode. So if we act like what we should have done or what maybe China should have done months ago, maybe we can have a recovery more quickly. But I'm not worried about how quickly we recover, I'm worried making sure we don't even start. I will say, also, our Fire, Police, other emergency operations are working diligently, they've rotated schedules, they've expanded their schedules, they're taking officers that are in the back who are doing other programs and bringing them to the frontline. We have where major incidents now and as the Chief has introduced, those will not send an officer, we'll call . . . somebody will call you or take your call and do the report over the phone. We all know all of our County services has been closed for personal, I repeat,

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for personal contact. We still will be doing it online, we'll still do it via tele . . . or video, and we'll still do it via mail. So we're not shutting the County building to personal contact, not services. We will keep all our services up and running, and everything will be continual. And we're working on flex schedules. All the departments have been given the flexibility to come up with schedules to keep people working but keep services available to the public. We're not shutting them down. We know they're going to have questions, they're going to have needs, and we're trying our best. As you're well aware of, we've suspended all convenient fees on registrations, on anything that we had that we had, what I call, a convenience fee attached to it, that has been waived, you know. The monies you agreed to last week, the 4 million, is covering a lot of these areas. Everything that I'm doing—and I will give you an accounting—is for the welfare and safety of the people of Maui County, and I won't ever back off from that. Finally, we have a plan in motion that I'm working on right now, so that you hear it from me and not somewhere else, that right now, starting Thursday, the Governor has mandated mandatory quarantine for everybody returning, whether they're . . . or coming in, whether they're guests or residents. Well, I'd like to take it one level further, and this would be for our residents. Because our guests, we're going to lead them right to their hotels where, hopefully, get them to go from the airport to their hotel and that's all they can do. And then from there, they stay within that property. But for our residents, I'm very concerned because many of the new cases have been returning residents to the islands, not only here but throughout the state. And the uptick has been more residents returning than visitors. So what I'm trying to put together right now is have a few quarantine hotels. So those returning residents—and I've asked the public to e-mail me on that idea, so you, the Councilmembers, can e-mail me, you no need ask me the question, let me give you what I intend to do, and you e-mail me what you think of this idea—I will have quarantine hotels for our residents to go from the airport to this hotel to stay there 14 days, provide the basic service: food, cleanliness, all of the things, you know. Even where I'm trying to work out hours of where they can go to the beach, keep social distancing, but spend time and have monitors to keep them separated or keep any contact from outside sources. I believe if you're infected and you come back and you infect your family, it is more devastating to that family than having 14 days of separation, 14 days of quarantine, if you want to use that. I believe that is a good way to approach it to keep social distancing, but from preventing it coming into our community. Maui's the second highest with 11. And again, much of the new ones are residents returning, which I can't stop that. I want our residents to return. I want them to feel safe, but I also want you to understand that this is a method that I can believe will really effectively slow or stop the spreading. Doctor Pang and others have told me, that's a great idea. I'm following their lead as far as what we do. And I want you to know that it hasn't been completed, but I will have that to you no later than your Friday meeting for you to look at. And, in fact, if I got it done before then, I will make sure that we e-mail. But I would like to hear your response, what you think. And maybe you want to check with your family and friends, I don't know. But I would like it no later than tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. If you're going to have a response, have a response to me. And finally, I thank you for this opportunity, Chair. I know there's so many more questions. And I really wish I could be available, but I have another meeting at 10:00 that I need to get to. I want you to all understand that you

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are very important and I thank you. You, Chair, and all of them, Chair Lee and the rest of you, for taking this opportunity to let me speak; but more importantly, to let me inform you and the public where we're moving. Are we there? No. Will we be there? I'm working real hard to get there. But remember, every decision we make profoundly affects our community. People are losing their jobs, so that's why I'm very happy with some of those who have taken a proactive approach. And let me give you a couple of examples. And I forgot because when I said that, I moved on. One of the areas is some of the restaurants, Mark Ellman closed his restaurant but will keep his employees for two weekends . . . I mean two weeks, paid to do renovation, clean up, and all of that. Mama's did the same thing. They closed last week, but they were keeping their employees for two or three weeks to make sure that they get cleaned up, renovated, spruced up, and then. So this is keeping a lot of these people from running to Unemployment. So that those who are being laid off right now can get in. So I love these businesses, and there are others. And if I start going, we'll spend another hour going through many of these other businesses. Hotels have told me that they'll shut down and they're going to do renovations and clean ups and remodeling. And I've asked the departments to look very favorably on these areas to keep people working. You know, don't skate the rules, but see what you can do to help them make sure that they can continue so that these people can continue working. Chair, I have a lot more but I think I've given enough for now. This afternoon, I have a press conference, you know, and it's a distance press conference. They're going to call in. You can watch, you can be a part of, but I will not take questions from the public. I'll be taking questions from the media so that that can be transmitted to the entire county. And if you had not seen me on TV much and on the . . . or on the state news, I have made it a point to tell them, at this time I really don't have comments, I'm trying to work things out. I don't have time to say this, that, and then change it five minutes later. So I have avoided a lot of publicity because I wanted to get what needs to be done done and not be spending time, you know, I try to give you updates every day. I've done that via the video and then Facebook and other places; but believe me, it has been a daunting task. I'm up to the task. And with your help, with the people of Maui County, and with all of us really looking at helping each other, practice aloha, practice kokua. This is a time to spend time with your family, with people that you know. Families can share. We did that back in the day when . . . you, Riki, remember when we had strikes and we had nothing but a once-a-week box of supplies, and neighbors would share. And what we had, vegetables or fruits or other edible foods we'd share. This maybe a time for all of us to come together and share. And the farmers markets that I know many times, are closed now. We're taking that food and we're going to put out a program for feeding our seniors and our unemployed, we're working on that. They're so many things that if I continue telling you everything I'm working on, I'm going to take another hour and I want you to understand I appreciate the time you've given me, way more than three minutes normally. Thank you. Thank you, all Councilmembers, for all your support. Again, with you, we will come through, all of us in Maui County will come through it a lot better than other counties in this community and in this state. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. And just one thing yeah, Mayor, since I do have you and I control the mic –

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MAYOR VICTORINO: Yes, sir.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --we have a unique county, you know that, we know that. We've got Molokai, Lanai, East Maui, points on West Maui that are difficult in access and services. So as soon as you are aware, we would be happy to be informed of how we can assist you to ensure that the whole county responds well to this crisis . . .

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, I can share couple things real quick and then, you know, and there's more coming down the pipe or that I have been informed but I cannot verify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MAYOR VICTORINO: First of all, your island. Mr. Ellison has closed the island down, okay. But he is paying all the employees through May 1st full benefits, full pay, even though he shut every public facility that he controls, all the hotels on the island. You're well aware of that. Expeditions, now, is limiting to one morning and one afternoon—what do you call that?—boat trips.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Okay. They needed to do that. Well, first of all, it's fallen off drastically, right. And by Mr. Ellison closing down, still some construction will go on, but the vast majority is also been closed down. And so I want to thank Mr. Ellison for that, like I did Mr. Ellman and Mama's and what they're doing, and many others. I can't think of all of them right now, I've got a list and I will put that together in my press conference this afternoon as best I can. For Molokai, there's not much happening. I've asked the Department of Transportation to see if we can shut down planes that are going in there unless it's essential people, essential services. Young Brothers will continue to run, and you can count on that. I talked to their executives yesterday and they assured me, nothing's going to change, shipments will continue. So you don't have to run to the grocery store, you don't have to run to the convenience store, shipments will continue at this point on a regular-scheduled basis, okay. As far as Hana and all of those areas, we've put the road-closed sign on all sides - all State and County have closed the road to visitors, okay. But I have essential families, relatives that are trying to get in and they're being turned back by some people that feel that that's their right to stop anybody from coming in to their community. Practice aloha, use common sense. And also, when you approach a visitor, use some aloha. Don't go there upset at them, because that reaction is usually an upset reaction. I've watched videos, not good. I've watched people who had challenges. And, yes, I'm going to say it in this manner and you will laugh, but there are knucklehead visitors like there are knucklehead residents. You know, if everyone used common sense we wouldn't have this problem, but unfortunately that's why rules are in place to stop those who cannot think for themselves. Enforcement is very difficult. I have only certain amount of police officers in various districts. We're trying to put more in there to help us in this area, but it's very difficult. I'm working with the State, some of the State Representatives to get some institutions, maybe even get some

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laws amended and changed that'll give us a little more force of law, if you want use. We've deputized our park rangers and sheriffs to help us in this area, but that's only five or six sheriffs we have here. And, you know, and they still whatever little Judiciary, and the Judiciary is basically closed down. All of it is done by video conferencing now and the courtrooms are going only open once a day. And the Prosecuting and Corporation Counsel are working with that schedules. All this is moving. Everything is very fluent right now. And so I want everybody to understand what I tell you today by this afternoon may change by mandate by the State or Feds. Right now I am confident that much of the money we're using, we'll get reimbursed for. And you, thank you, Chair Hokama, because NACo and the Conference of Mayors have been sharing that with us, you know. And these programs are going to be forthcoming. But right now, we've got to expend the money before we can get it back. We're prepared a lot better than other counties at this point. And thank you and all the past Councils for their due diligence with the Emergency Fund and other areas. You know, they are available to all of us. And so I will be calling upon you. Please look favorably on what I'm doing. I assure you, I am thinking of the wellbeing of the people. Whether it's the Laulima program to help people with their rents and electric bills, whatever it might be. People have to know, we are here for them. You nine and me, the ten of us, are working real hard along with all our staffs and departments making sure we keep as many services available. I cannot shut down the Water Supply, I cannot shut down the DEM, Department of Environmental Management, you still got to drop your waste. Refuse going be picked up and all of this, we just can't shut down, but we are working diligently to make sure we keep our employees safe, also. So it's a real balance. And I've been walking on a lot of thin ice. Luckily, none of it has broken. And because you guys support me and the prayers that are out there in this community, we are doing okay, not great, but doing okay. Hopefully we'll do better in the very near future. But I'll let the Lord guide us in that sense. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mayor, thank you very much. We're going to take a five-minute recess till 10:00 a.m. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 9:54 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:01 a.m.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .(gavel). . . We are back to order. We're currently on HFC-13(9). So, Members, if you have questions, the Chair is happy to collect it and forward it to the Mayor. The Mayor has also indicated for our community, this is a phone number that you may call if you have questions to the Administration or to the Mayor's Office. It is 270-7855, and this number will be physically manned after 9:00 p.m. each night; and again, if you definitely know many people will be calling, so if you do have some busy lines, I would say, please try if you feel you need to get in touch with the Mayor's Office. Again, the quarantine will go into effect at 12:01 tomorrow, which is Wednesday morning. And the Mayor has asked the Members if they have comments or concerns they'd wish to share regarding his proposal to have quarantine hotels. And I'm sure, for our Budget Committee, the impact on potential zeroing out of our

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TAT monies. So we'll deal with that at appropriate time. Before I defer this, I'll let the Members, if you have any one question you want to pose or a quick comment, please do so at this time, on 13(9). Ms. Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. Thanks for that phone number. And I want to just express our appreciation for those that are manning the phone. The Mayor's Office number that 270-7855. And I also learned that if people have questions regarding the . . . which would be health related, the number is 211. So that everybody doesn't have to only call the Mayor's Office. 211 is that number and then, yeah, I like the idea of providing, you know, hotels. And I think the Mayor was gracious, and he met with the hospital, also. And they're also talking about working together on situations that the hospital may need. So thank you for having the Mayor talk to us, Chair. That's it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Kama, anything at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So I was hoping that the Mayor would tell us how he's going to pass on his budget books to us and what that process was, but I guess we can write or call or e-mail him that question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm sure that the Mayor and Budget Director Yoshimura will be working through Budget Chairman Rawlins-Fernandez. Because I know Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez's staff has been kind enough to inquire about copies of the budget for working purposes. So I trust my Budget Chair to follow through for us. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll be sending out . . . well this is Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I'll be sending out a memo to everyone today to update everyone on the question that Member Kama just asked.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, great.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: As well as other info.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much. We look forward to that. Mr. Molina, any question or quick comment?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you very much, Chair. And first of all, apologies to you and my colleagues for being late. I was just texted by a friend that I have the

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dubious honor of being the first Councilmember to be late for a BlueJeans meeting. So I guess it's, you know, maybe good practice, yeah, I guess for the next 30 days when we go into the Budget Session in case we're late. But just maybe a question if you could forward it to the Mayor. With regard to his idea about the quarantine hotels, I'm just trying to fully understand it now. Will the hotels be doing this on a volunteer basis or will there be a cost to the County for these hotels to serve as quarantine. And these hotels will serve more returning residents to be quarantined or is it just visitors. So I just wanted more clarification on that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll be happy to forward those questions to the Mayor's Office for you, Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you. And, Mr. Chairman, I got one more thing. I got word yesterday that there's one of our local distilleries is considering doing free hand sanitizer lotion for our first responders and professionals. So I'm hoping other distilleries would consider that. It seems to be the trend in other states as well. This will certainly help our, you know, medical professionals and first responders and, you know, protect them as well as reduce some costs. Because, you know, if this thing really escalates, it's, you know, God knows where we're going to get all the financial resources to supply our first responders and health professionals. So just wanted to share that with you and my colleagues. But that's all I have and, again, my apologies to you, Mr. Chairman, for being late. But I think this is a great session you're having this morning.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Well, thank you, Mr. Molina. We'll forward that information you shared to the Mayor's Office as well regarding the ability of local distilleries participating in sanitizing options, so we appreciate that. Ms. King, anything at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yes, Chair. Thank you so much. Can I just give you three questions that I'm hoping you'll forward to the Mayor?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. The first one is on how, if we're going to be enforcing against gatherings on private property. Because I did get an e-mail from a constituent who had reported a church gathering Upcountry that was well over ten people and the police said they couldn't do anything about them because it was on private property. So if I could get an answer on that. The second is, what kind of business support we have for contractors. I know that there's unemployment for people who are employed. But for people who are independent contractors, what do we have for them? And the third one is on the quarantine area for people who test positive. Because I've been seeing all over the news that medical experts are saying that once people do test positive they should be sent to a quarantine place not be sent home to infect their entire family; so that's one of the issues that's happening nationwide, is it was in areas where people are being sent home once they find out . . . *(clears throat)* . . . excuse me, that they have it that now their entire family gets exposed to it. So that's my . . . those

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are my three questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. We'll be happy to forward those questions on your behalf, Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you so much, Chair, appreciate it.

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

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. One of the questions like I think is a really important one that I've been hearing from the community is what's the Administration's plan for those without houses. I know that there have been more, a lot more, like hundreds more families that have recently been displaced. And so there hasn't been much being said about that, from the Administration. So if there is a plan, I would really appreciate being able to share that with the community members who are expressing that concern. And I wanted to thank the Mayor for the update on Molokai and Lanai. We're the two islands that still have zero cases of positive cases for the COVID-19 and we're working really hard to keep it that way. So I appreciate all the community members who are on the frontlines helping those that need the help right now. And that's everything. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez. We will forward that question and concern we all share with you regarding those that have no home or dwelling to get some sort of protection. Ms. Paltin, any question or comment at this time, please?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just, you know, echo Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez's concern. A lot of folks, I know that the State sheriffs have suspended evictions, but a lot of families or people with informal agreements, rental agreements, have been asked to leave because of the fear of the spread of the virus. And so these are not even your people who are used to to being homeless or unsheltered. It's a lot of newly homeless folks. And with the bathrooms closed, I also didn't understand how providing extra porta-potties at the beaches makes it safer or cleaner than our regular bathrooms, you know. It's an additional expense and there's going to be people cleaning those portable toilets twice a day, but then the inland toilets are not going to be open and so the unsheltered folks are, like, they're asking for five-gallon buckets. And so, you know, this is 2020 and we're collecting buckets for people to use the bathroom in and it just seems like a really odd situation. I know the CDC, one of their advisements is to provide access to bathrooms, you know. So people can wash their hands three times more. So I just was wondering about that. Like I don't grasp how providing porta-potties, but shutting our bathrooms makes things safer. And if we are shutting our bathrooms, are we then donating the toilet paper that we're not using regularly to the Police drive that's collecting toilet paper for the kupuna? Just some questions, and I appreciate the Mayor and his Administration. I feel like, you know, they're doing the best possible job that they're doing, that can be done under the situation with the preparation that we had ahead of time. The other question is, you know, the businesses that are flouting the nonessentials, you know, maybe Maui Tropics or these other kind of stores that don't need to be open, are they going to be then put on a list so that they're last on the help.

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Because they're going forward and they're making money when other people are shutting down for the protection and welfare of our community. So, you know, I think they should be kicked to the end of the list when it comes time for financial assistance or whatever else benefits that we can hand out, because they're putting our entire community at risk and they're making everyone that's staying at home have to stay at home longer because they're increasing the risk for the rest of the community. So those are my questions, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, thank you very much for sharing those concerns, Ms. Paltin. We will forward it to the Mayor under my signature shortly and we will dispense his responses as soon as he returns. So, Members, with no objection, I'd like to defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much. HFC-13(9) is deferred.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Have we had any requests from our district offices regarding testimony, Staff? Okay. So, Members, just so that you are aware, we have had no requests from East Maui, Molokai, or Lanai at this time for public testimony on our agenda, so we will continue. We have one more . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Were the district offices open to take testimony? I thought we closed them.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I have told Lanai . . . my instructions to Lanai was that to be in the office to assist whatever questions the community had. So if they said, is there a way to testify, the office would recommend one. Yes, you can phone in; two, you could send in written testimony; and again, I prefer not to at this time until we have little bit better handle on our crisis. But eventually, I hope with the social distancing that I believe we can provide at the Lanai Office at least to consider some sort of district teleconferencing in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that clarification, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. And again, as I shared with you earlier, it is my intent because of this new way of conducting our meetings, I will allow written testimony to be submitted and accepted by this Committee till 4:30 this afternoon on items we have posted for today just so to allow as best we can community participation. Any objection, Members?

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COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you.

**ITEM HFC-46: OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF PARKS AND RECREATION (CC 20-81)**

CHAIR HOKAMA: At this time, Members, I understand we have downloaded on Granicus Department of Parks and Recreation PowerPoint, so I would ask that we refer now to HFC-46, which is the Operational and Budgetary Review of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Any Member has difficulty pulling up the presentation? Okay. Hearing none. Mr. Buck, if you and Ms. Almeida will start us off with your Department's review.

(PowerPoint Presentation):

MR. BUCK: Thank you, Chair, for allowing us to do this presentation today with the technology we're going to be going through the share screen to do the presentation for our Department.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. BUCK: Please bear with us. Hold on a second, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. We'll work through this together.

MR. BUCK: Okay. Is it up on the screen?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Lesley, if you would assist, please?

MS. MILNER: Not yet.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Not yet, Deputy. Okay. I'm the guinea pig, so all the other Committee Chairs can observe what we're going through.

MS. MILNER: It should just . . . there should be, next to your microphone button, there should be a share screen button, right next to the hang-up button.

MR. BUCK: Go back to BlueJeans, go share. Is it . . . do we have the share screen now, Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, we just got it on.

MR. BUCK: Okay. This is the . . . I'm going to give you a review of our parks, Department of Parks and Recreation, our operations. And bear with me, hopefully we can go through

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this through technology. Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Buck.

MR. BUCK: Yeah. I'm trying. Wait, hold on a sec. Okay. I'm still working on it, sorry. Okay. I think we found the solution.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, David, maybe we can assist . . .

MR. BUCK: Okay. Department of Parks and Recreation, this is our overview.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. BUCK: We have 2,500 acres of developed land, 130 playing fields, 22 community centers, 10 gymnasiums, 16 playgrounds, 3 campsites, 24 beach parks, 31 outdoor courts, 53 tennis courts, and 5 skate parks throughout the county. Our Department of Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year Budget Summary. The General Fund Administration Program had \$2,745,129; Parks Program, \$7 million; Recreation and Support Services, a little . . . around \$24 million for a total operating budget of \$33 million, almost \$34 million. Right now, we have total E/Ps for the Department, 427 positions. We currently have 56 vacant positions. We have 44 in recruitment, which means it's been posted pending a list. Interviews in process. And then we have 12 right now that are going through the preemployment process, which includes physicals and drug testing and background check. Department of Parks and Recreation Administrative Program, this includes the Director's Office, Administrative Staff, Safety and Training Section, and Parks Permit Enforcement Section. For the Fiscal Year 2020, expansion positions, parks permit clerk for the South District Permit Office, it was filled back in November 1, 2019. And a parks security officer for Kalama Park is in the recruitment process right now, and we should be hiring soon. Fiscal Year . . . the equipment, the security system at Kalama Park, we've been working with the staff, Maui Police Department on a revised design, which has been completed and we're negotiating as far as finalizing the procurement of the system. I'll turn it over to Lisa in regards to parks and enforcement for the Fiscal Year 2020 operational updates.

MS. ALMEIDA: Okay. Just highlighting the same bulleted points that you see on the screen . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Almeida, please talk more directly into the microphone. Thank you.

MR. BUCK: We're practicing, we're practicing social distancing here.

MS. ALMEIDA: Sorry, I apologize, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, no problem. No, we'll work through this together.

MS. ALMEIDA: Good morning, Committee. This is Lisa Almeida with Parks and Recreation. So, for permits, we processed approximately 110 tri-annual permits in both October

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and then again in January; that's the countywide use of all of our recreational facilities. So it results in thousands of dates and times in entries that people want to use our facilities. We are in the process, or were, in the process of trying to conduct training three to four times a year on permit policies and software. What we're working on right now instead is trying to convert that to something that we can either do on BlueJeans . . . it's a little more challenging because it's usually hands-on with the computers, but we are working on that. We're in the middle of our request for proposal for the new permit software. We're trying to get that finalized. We've had some setbacks with all that's going on, but we're in the final steps of that process before posting. We've been facilitating meetings with various partnership groups and what we call our mega users, which are our largest users of our facilities, to try to identify how we can really streamline our permit processes. We did go ahead and procure the new date and time stamps that were allocated for the budget to assist with processing of applications and incoming documents. We use that all day, every day. We'll continue to use it even though we're working through e-mail, we'll print out and timestamp things. We're working to process tri-annual and event permits while keeping the community centers open instead of traditionally closing during that process to handle . . . sorry, the office is open for community centers, camping permits, and first-come-first-serve. So we've modified some of our current operations in line with the Public Health Emergency Rules, so some of this has been altered since it was written. For enforcement, we have been proceeding forward. We spent a lot of time really trying to educate the public. We always take education first. And then we have moved forward with citation issuance as part of further enforcement efforts for those that we feel are aware of what the proper policies, rules, or regulations are. We worked on recruitment efforts for five PSO positions and currently in the hiring process actually for two of them. We are working on ongoing training for all of our park security officers. We're also in the hiring process for our park security and enforcement supervisor position. We procured the towing contract to ensure . . . this is not for abandoned vehicles, these are for the vehicles that are actively blocking access in the parks, which unfortunately we have more than we would like; so that's been very helpful. We worked with MPD, Corp. Counsel, and Prosecutor's Office on the Trespass process for the Department to make sure that it's in line with people's rights while adhering to the rules necessary for public safety. And then we've been working on truck decal replacement project to align with our official organizational labeling for our park enforcement vehicles.

MR. BUCK: Now from the Administration we have the Safety and Training Section. We implemented a departmentwide safety committee which would discuss items from Countywide Risk Management steering committee. The committee will review incidents and discuss preventive measures to prevent those incidents from happening again. And the goal is to change from a reactive to a proactive concept in regards to addressing safety conditions at facilities and work sites. Some of the training that's been provided this past year is evacuation drills, first aid, AED training, driver safety (this was for the carts and utility equipment), we had fire extinguisher training, power tool safety training, forklift and scissor lift training. We went over to Molokai to do ladder and fall protection training for all the staff in Molokai. Mower safety training. We're always doing PPE training. This constant reminder on a yearly basis, even with

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the new employees. And then we have talked about . . . and then we give general office safety training for all the office staff and the clerks. We're ongoing the monitoring of PPEs, base yards, and safety needs of all Department staff. The Parks Program includes Maintenance Division (Construction Maintenance Section, Beautification Section and Waiehu Golf Course) and Parks Planning and Development Division. Expansions for 2020 was a computer applications support technician I [sic], this was the one that we had really requested hard for this. This is to help us with some of our maintenance connections and some other things that we would like to do for preventive maintenance and be able to keep track of our expenses when we maintain facilities so that when there's a question is . . . was . . . what is costing us to repair a facility or if we're planning a new park, what would be some of the maintenance costs or do we intend to pay some of those costs? The equipment, all budgeted equipment has been procured and are awaiting delivery by contracted vendors. Figuring out why we're not working here. There we go. Maintenance, okay, the Maintenance Division, just to give you an update, they did the installation of new scoreboards at the Central Maui Regional Park. Lahaina Recreational Complex, all the dugouts were repaired. Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center, we did parking lot upgrades. Lanai Community Center, it was fumigated. Velma Santos Center is interior upgrades. War Memorial Football Stadium, we got turf improvements from our division. Over at Lihikai Park, we went from quick couplers to an automatic irrigation system. We've done improvements to Kalama Park, the field itself. And we have completion of the request for proposal for Kapueokahi Bay statue, plaque, and sign. Oops, went too far. Sorry for the . . . okay. This is just some pictures of some of the projects that were done regarding our Maintenance Division. So we'll go over the next slide. As most of you know that during this year we went through a green . . . renovations have been completed. We have a new reservations system to go live in July 2020. We're in the process of installing a new grease interceptor pending final permit approvals. We're doing in-house repair of the interior of the restaurant to begin in April, so that when we find the grease interceptor completed and installed then we'd be able to open up the restaurant again. Continuing on with the master plan for the new clubhouse. And we have a consultant team that's working on two different design concepts. Maintenance in the Waiehu Golf Course Fiscal Year 2020 Operational Update. I really don't want to go through item by item, but it's on your handout. We know that our revenues will be down because of the closure of the golf course for COVID-19, and during the renovations the rounds were down a little bit. On our CIP Budget Summary . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Hold on Deputy. Mr. Buck, hold on.

MR. BUCK: What's that? Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll stop at this point and take CIP separately. So --

MR. BUCK: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --we'll go back on your first half of the presentation, Department, which is basically operations.

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MR. BUCK: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, I will tell you that . . . *(clears throat)* . . . excuse me, I will appreciate questions from you. I know you don't have specific numbers that will get in the Mayor's formal presentation of the budget shortly; but I would ask, if you have questions, state your question directly. If you need one for clarification, to present it and then we'll go through the Committee Members as quickly as possible, but focus as possible as well. So we'll start off with Ms. Sugimura. Any questions from the operational side you would like to ask at this round, first round? What would be your first question?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So by looking at your current vacancies, the numbers that you gave, you're saying that all the vacancies, which were 56 positions, vacant positions, that they're all in process to be filled. So you have no vacant E/Ps, correct?

MR. BUCK: That's correct. We're in the process of . . . they've been posted, recruiting. Some of them, we're still waiting for a list to come down from DPS. And then we are currently been doing interviews. And last couple of interviews it's been doing . . . we've done it through BlueJeans.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good. And with the pending COVID-19 emergency, I just wondered, would your park officers position, are you feeling like you're fully staffed or you have greater needs that are being . . . need to be filled because of the emergency and may need help?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MS. ALMEIDA: I can speak to that.

MR. BUCK: I'll let Lisa speak to that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Almeida?

MS. ALMEIDA: Thank you, Chair. I think we're now . . . it depends how the operation changes. So yesterday, for example, we did have five officers working at the same time, park security officers; and that was a huge help given the situation, just trying to manage the different uses and the different locations. We are trying actively to fill our vacancies, and we're close. We hope to bring on three more by April 15th, so we do think that would help and we're trying to support law enforcement as best we can and keep in line with the health emergency rules.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'll change it up. Ms. Paltin, next, your question at this . . . for this first

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round.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: My question is, do we currently have an arborist in the Parks, under the Parks Department?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: No. Yes, Chair. Thank you, Councilmember. No, the Arborist, several years ago, was transferred over to the Public Works Department, because a lot of the issues that were going on had to deal with street trees. And, yeah, no, we don't have one, to answer your question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's a good recollection, that's a good recollection.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So it's not like a vacant position, it's just . . .

MR. BUCK: Yeah, we moved it over . . . we worked very closely with the Arborist, so when we do have street trees . . . I mean, I'm sorry, park trees that may be trimmed, we work closely with the County Arborist. The County Arborist works with our Department as far as setting up the contracts for the annual tree-trimming schedules and trimming of coconut trees.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Can I have a follow-up on that question?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, clarification, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So does the Public Works' Arborist do inspections of all the Parks' properties to, like, on an annual basis or whatnot for diseased trees and falling branches and whatnot or is it just, like, complaint driven?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: When identifying the trees on the annual tree-trimming contract, the Arborist does, you know, work with our staff in regards to identifying what trees to . . . that need to be trimmed. It's reliant to our staff being the eyes and ears of the . . . for the Arborist. I, personally, I think the . . . not only does he has to do the complaint driven on the street trees, but going through park by park, that might be quite difficult for him. I think a lot of it has to do with just what . . . doing inspections from our staff, making recommendations to the Arborist and the Arborist coming out and doing follow-up inspections. Or if there's something that doesn't look right, the staff will get in contact with the Arborist.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay, thank you. Just to let you know, the Lauhala tree at D.T. Flemings by the storage looks completely diseased and should be checked out because going to fall pretty soon.

MR. BUCK: Yeah, so noted.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Buck and Ms. Almeida. Mahalo for your presentation. So I wanted to follow up on the rate increase that the Committee recommended. So we increased the Waiehu Golf Course fees for non-residents on weekdays and weekends. Would you be able to talk about what the financial impact to that was?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: Thank you for the question, Councilmember. Could we have that in writing, 'cause I don't really have that information in front of me. Unfortunately Karla's up in another meeting so if you can get . . . if we can have that in writing, we can get back to you on it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. We'll be happy to.

MR. BUCK: It's kind of hard to say, because we were put . . . it's kind of hard to say, 'cause, you know, we were closed for awhile for renovations and . . . if we can have that in writing, I'd appreciate it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. We'll forward that question in writing, Mr. Buck, on behalf of Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

MR. BUCK: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, did you have a follow-up you'd like to ask?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I wanted to know if the online reservations system was up and going for the golf course?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: It's scheduled to go online July 1st of this year.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. King, question please.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Yes, yeah, I have a couple questions, but I'll just do the first one for this round. When you're talking about permits, Mr. Buck, and thank you for waiting through all of our earlier part the meeting, by the way. This is really important stuff that you're doing at Parks and Rec. But on the permits, what do you . . . what's happening with . . . if you're booking permits right now for the future, what happens if we get, like, a month down the road or two months down the road and we're still in this, you know, this sheltering . . . shelter-at-home mode and people have cancellations, are you automatically moving them to the front or are you just like totally cancel and they have to rebook? What's happening with those kinds of . . .

MR. BUCK: Chair, I'm going to let Lisa answer that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Almeida?

MS. ALMEIDA: Thank you, Chair. Councilmember King, so what we've been doing is we've been trying our hardest to be as accommodating as possible during such a difficult time. So once we hear that there's a period of closure such as the one that will start tonight, actually, that will extend the closure through April 30th, we are now already processing . . . we are giving the permitholder the choice so they can choose to reschedule or they can choose to cancel with no penalty. And then we are processing those cancellation requests into refunds as quickly as we can for the community.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And you're just . . . you're kind of proceeding with the idea that there might be this . . . there might be . . . I mean are you taking permits for like two weeks from now or are you holding off on . . .

MS. ALMEIDA: We're highly discouraging, yeah. So we're highly discouraging people from booking too close just because of the uncertainty ahead. At the same time, we don't want to discourage people from having that hope of the future so we are encouraging people to maybe, the summertime, maybe not anything in May but maybe looking a little more towards June or July. However, that is our peak season, so most of our facilities are heavily booked for graduation and weddings. So we're waiting to see how this fares.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, yeah, I think we're all on day by day and, you know, not seeing any immediate end to this. So thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. And good morning, Mr. Buck and Ms. Almeida. My question will be centered on the addition of the porta-potties that the Mayor had spoken of earlier. With the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, do you have . . . I assume the paying for those porta-potties, are those being donated or the County will be paying for those; and if we're paying for those, I assume that will come out of your

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Department's budget?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: Right now, Chair, Councilmember Molina, yes, we've actually had to up the . . . we did a revision to the contract for the porta-potties to provide the additional service and the additional porta-potties. Hopefully, we're looking at . . . we've been looking at our budget, and right now it looks like our budget may cover that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So there is a chance, I guess depending on how long the beach closures go, you may have to come back to the Council for a budget amendment to, I guess, take care of this expense?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: We hope we don't have to go that far, but you never know what the future's going to hold out. So, at this time, we're banking on that we're going to get out of this soon and that we'll be able to cover all the expenses.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you. And, Chair, one last follow-up question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mr. Buck, the contract with Ka Lima O Maui, and now with the closure of our Parks' bathrooms, how many bathrooms are being closed and any adjustments to that contract or do we just, we have to bite the bullet basically if we close the bathrooms, we pay Ka Lima O Maui no matter what, would that be correct?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: Chair, Councilmember Molina, thank you for that question. What we have done is working with Ka Lima, we know that some of the facilities, or basically all the facilities that they were maintaining have been closed. What we're doing now with it, we're reassigning them to different tasks, to go in and, you know, start doing pressure washing of pavilions, stripping/waxing floors, numerous projects that we're trying to finalize. 'Cause one of the things that Ka Lima was worried about was the layoff of their employees. They wanted to keep their employees busy, keep them working. We're going to be repurposing them along with our staff to just start doing, what we call, deferred maintenance. Some of the stuff that we want to do it, but we haven't been doing because the facilities were being used. So, no, we're not going to be eating their contract, they're going to be working for their contract.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, great. Well, thank you for that, Mr. Buck. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Kama, your question.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, Mr. Buck, on your Maintenance Division FY 2020 Operational Update, when you talk about the improvements that you've made to the scoreboards at the Central park and Mayor Tavares Community Center parking lot, et cetera, are all of those operational updates completed or are you still working on them?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: Thanks, Councilmember Kama. A lot of them are either in the process of being completed or some have been completed. I don't have the exact, but most of them are completed. And if they're not, we're in the process of finishing them up. You know, even though it's . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. So . . .

MR. BUCK: Go ahead.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Kama, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Specifically the War Memorial . . . the Velma Santos Community Center interior upgrades. When do you anticipate that, if it's not completed, to be completed?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: The Velma Santos . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Correct.

MR. BUCK: It was completed. We enclosed it, we did painting, and some other things. We didn't do the initial . . . we did a lot of upgrades: upgrade the lighting, did a lot of repairs, repainting. And then we're planning on, in an upcoming fiscal year, is to do the air conditioning of the facility; that will be one of our requests.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So when would you anticipate the air conditioning to be installed and completed?

MR. BUCK: Well we have . . . that's going to be our request for the '21 Budget. So, by the time we go . . . we want to anticipate to get completed in one year, but we're putting it in this year's budget and then we're going to go . . . yeah, of course, you got to go through design and felt we plan to have it hopefully operational by the end of next year.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Very good. So, Ms. Kama, that was sneaky –

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: --you got one operational and CIP question all at once; that was very good. So I'm going to ask a follow-up question with the golf course, because you brought it up under the maintenance component, Mr. Buck.

MR. BUCK: Yes?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Regarding inhouse repair of the restaurant, you talked about the grease trap and whatnot. How much money is the Department planning to spend, because again, knowing where we are with the crisis, knowing that we are open to a master plan with new facilities, I just want to know how much we currently spending for this type of upgrades, which is the grease trap.

MR. BUCK: Well, if we're going to have a restaurant, we need to do the grease trap anyway. So even if we go ahead with the new building, we'll still need to have the grease trap installed.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So . . .

MR. BUCK: As far as . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, Mr. Buck, you telling the Committee this morning that irregardless of the options we plan for a new facility, the grease trap you asking us or you telling us, you will be installing shortly will be part of the new project?

MR. BUCK: I'd hate to say that. No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: 'Cause then I can understand some of your preplanning and then we would say then, this should be under CIP instead of operations.

MR. BUCK: Well our intent was to . . . we know it's going to take a while for the new clubhouse. Our plan was to get the restaurant back in operations. As far as what the cost is going to be, I would have to provide you . . . do written, 'cause I don't have that information in front of me as far as the cost right now.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we'll forward the question to the Director's office and maybe the Superintendent can assist you folks in responding, but we'd like some information regarding the course, the impact of your operational maintenance project as it regards to your CIP, so that we can make a better --

MR. BUCK: Okay, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --decision down the road. And then, under your . . . I appreciate your movement in enforcement and your efforts to fill positions. So once again, under the issuance of citation portions, currently no Parks' employee is certified to write out citations, is that correct, Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: I'm going to leave it up to . . . I'll turn that over to Lisa.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Lisa Almeida?

MS. ALMEIDA: Hi, Chair. So currently we are authorized to issue citations as they're specifically laid out in Chapter 13.04; so this is out for us, specifically, our scope of authorization.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And your officers are certified to issue?

MS. ALMEIDA: Yes --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, very good.

MS. ALMEIDA: --with a limited extent, yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, within the parameters as allowed by law, that is correct. Okay. Thank you for that. Ms. Sugimura, round two, do you have a question for the Department under operations?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, kind of related to all of this is, how does all of this . . . I see we're also including COVID-19 implications, but graduation and what's going to happen to those organizations that have, you know, have permitted with us. And I think graduation's kind of a biggie.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Buck, can you respond for the Department?

MR. BUCK: Right now, one of the, as we know, one of the challenges that we are having with graduation, and we've been working closely with the schools. For both Baldwin and Maui High Schools is the logistics of the use of the stadium as far as parking and getting people in and out and emergency access for those graduations. I'm not sure what's going to happen on the DOE side. We haven't heard. We do know, like for example, UH Maui has canceled their commitment. I don't know where the DOE is at, at this time, in regards to graduations. Because remember, that's going to be a large gathering; and unless we're out of the public health emergency, I don't have an answer for you on that.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. I guess you're . . . yeah, thank you for meeting with the schools early on when this all came up. And I guess we have to wait to see what the COVID-19 and how we'll progress with it. But, so you're waiting on DOE on that then?

MR. BUCK: Yeah, that's correct. It's going to be their call as far as if they're going to go ahead with the COVID . . . I mean with graduation during this COVID-19 situation. If they go ahead with the graduation and we're out of the alarm period or we're out of that whole . . . this whole situation, then we'll continue working with the schools. You know, as I said earlier, one of the challenges is the use of the stadium for Baldwin and Maui High, but we've been working mostly with them and how to accommodate them

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so we can continue with that project.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. CIP, I guess I'll wait. I want to know that status of all the CIPs and how we're progressing through COVID.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we'll hit that --

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --after we get done with operations.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And again yeah, Director Buck, we know you need to work with State and County proclamations and directives regarding public health and safety, so I appreciate Ms. Sugimura's questions. I don't know how any school's going to do it, since there's more than ten graduates per class. How're you going to get . . . not the numbers within workable health standards. So I think it speaks for itself that we're all going to need to adjust this year. Let's see. Ms. Paltin, next, any question for this round?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My question, I don't know if the rest of the Members were getting a lot of e-mails and phone calls from the swimming-pool users about, I guess, the permits. And I just was wondering if you can provide us an update on the situation and if the things have been worked out to everybody's satisfaction with, you know, I guess the water polo, the diving teams, the swim teams, the masters programs, and whatnot. I really have been getting a lot of calls.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: Chair, I'm going to turn that over to Lisa. She was in the heart of all of that and she was . . . her staff worked diligently with the various organizations, trying to address some of the concerns and still be compliant to the various ordinances and the Budget Ordinance . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Almeida?

MS. ALMEIDA: Thank you, Chair. As Deputy Director Buck just stated, I think what we found with the swimming pools was a situation that there were a number of users that were being processed under one umbrella organization, which normally is not a problem except in this case, with the way that the rates and fees are set forth, it's designed very specifically to allow youth leagues, senior organizations, and ADA organizations to pay no fees other than deposits. And what we found was that unfortunately some of the uses included adult recreation. And so we've worked really hard to split that up. It's not meant to be any type of penalty or anything like that. It just wasn't something that we were aware was occurring as we researched into it. We've since rectified the situation. We are now processing the permits correctly but it

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is requiring quite an adjustment on our part as well as the community's part as there are fees that are set forth in the budget for the use of our facilities, such as swimming pool rental, court rental, gym rental, and all of our other users are paying these fees; so we went inline with the budget ordinance.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. So moving forward, right now all of those permits are not going on because of the COVID-19. But I guess one of the issues that folks were bringing up to me is the masters swimming program. They said was primarily senior based although not exclusively senior based. And is there any way to address that sort of situation where a majority of the users are seniors, or would they then have to pay the adult fee for use? I just am wondering if there's any kind of happy medium for those folks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MS. ALMEIDA: Thank you, Chair. So we actually spent probably over 100 man hours working on this with the users, diligently trying to break apart any organization that could fit into a category that would allow the use in the way that they were most accustomed to it while being fully in line with the Budget Ordinance. And so if it's the Council's will to amend the Budget Ordinance to allow for mixtures such as that, then that's something that we can work with. But, at this time, we are adhering to the ordinance as it's written, as we've applied to the rest of the community. But, yes, we've worked really hard. And one example of that is initially the applications were for mornings on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as an example; and evenings on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. But when we audited it and we worked together with them, we found that if they would do mornings and evenings on the same day, we charge our rental rate as a daily charge; so that cuts more than \$2,600 off of the total value of that permit. And so we've done everything we can to try to analyze the use and consolidate the use based on the groups that are using the facility and the way that the Budget Ordinance is currently crafted.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

MS. ALMEIDA: Thank you for your support.

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

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I wanted to quickly follow up on the online reservations system. For July 1st, as the date to go live, does that include the permitting system, Parks' permits and stuff?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: No. Online, it would be for the golf course. We're currently working on an RFP and we're about ready to send it out for the software system, so we do not have a

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go-live date for the Parks' reservations system yet. We're finalizing the RFP that's going to be going out soon. And hopefully we're going to encumber the funds before the end of the fiscal year and then we'll be working with the vendors as far as doing the, what they call, integration process . . . there's an integration period and everything else, but we do not have a set, go-live date yet for the Parks' . . . the permits reservations. But the golf course is scheduled for July 1st.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that update, Mister . . . and then, quickly, for the equipment maintenance tracking software, how is that working for the Department?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: We're in the process of recruiting the position. I don't want to throw any department under the bus, but we did have . . . worked very hard with DPS and we finally were able now to recruit for it and we are in the process of recruiting for that and we should be hiring somebody soon for that position. But it's . . . 'cause that was basically a new position, well at least for our Department so it was a little bit challenging for us to get the position okayed and to move forward. So we've been moving forward and we should have somebody onboard. Once we get that person onboard, get 'em situated, and we may be able to answer that question the same time next year.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, question for clarification on that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Proceed.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. So in order to get the tracking, the maintenance tracking software going, the Department needs someone to operate this system?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: We have the maintenance . . . the maintenance connection software is in place and it's being used as far as tracking work orders and the cost for each work orders and projects. What this new person is going to be able to . . . there's a lot of other functionalities that will make the Department more efficient that we actually need somebody fulltime dedicated to do that. That same person will be, also will be, working with some other software applications to increase efficiency of the maintenance side and do a better tracking of our assets, the costs of our assets. So and we're using it, but we're not using it to . . . we're using it as a basic tool now for maintenance tracking, but there's some functionality that we want to start using.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that clarification, Mr. Joiner [sic], and I love that the Parks Department is embracing technology.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. King?

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I certainly have a . . . I think this is going to be probably something you're going to have to send a question in maybe to the Department. But I have a question about like the balance of Carryover/Savings from vacant positions, positions that were funded for this year that haven't yet been procured. 'Cause I know we usually put in there for half or three-quarter position, and it sounds like there's some positions that are still in procurement so they only have a quarter of this year left. But there's also I'm hearing there's going to be a shift in where people are working because our beach parks are closed and so maybe we don't need the park rangers as much, or maybe we need them more. But is there going to be like a report coming or can we get a report of where the Carryover/Savings are and where the monies being spent that are extra . . . where there's extra labor needed because of the lockdown and because of the balance of services like the porta-potties versus the beach park restrooms. But I just . . . I'm hearing a lot of, we're doing this instead of that and then we have open positions, and you have positions that were funded for the year, but are still in procurement and we're already almost in April. So there seems like there's a lot of movement in the . . . and I'm sure it's like this for every department, but I'm just wondering if we can get, without too much burden on the Department, if we can get some kind of report so that we know where the money is being shifted to and if there's new money needed or if there's Carryover/Savings where there's not any money needed. Is that clear, Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: As clear as I can understand it, yes, Ms. King. We will forward that question, 'cause I believe the Department needs some time in crafting the response properly for you and the Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So we will forward . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I didn't . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: I will forward that question. We will work with your office to ensure that we've stated the question appropriately for response.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Great.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And any questions, Mr. Raatz, Lesley, for the Member? Yeah, we'll work with you and craft a question or questions appropriately, Ms. King, for a response –

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Great.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and we'll make sure that . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And then I just have one . . . thank you so much. And I just have one quick follow-up question –

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --from an ongoing issue in South Maui on what's happening with the skateboard park, because we had some issues with the previous contractor and then the contract got extended and I think there were some questions that the community had on how . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: You got a CIP question, Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: What's that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is that a CIP question or operational?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, it's a repair, so I guess maybe it would be a CIP.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Yeah, no. Repair, it'll be operational. Mr. Buck, if you can respond to Ms. King.

MR. BUCK: The issue with the skateboard park right now is that we had a vert ramp that's over there. It's a wooden vert ramp. It's very unsafe. We've had structural . . . we've had a structural engineer take a look at it. The plan was before we open it we wanted to remove that vert ramp because of the safety issues that it's causing. So that would include . . . if we did take the vert ramp out, then we would have to be putting some fencing and barricade between the new . . . basically a new portion of the skateboard park and the old vert ramp, 'cause the vert ramp right now is basically it's unrepairable . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. Mr. Buck, what I . . . I understand a lot of those details, but I was just hoping that you guys were able to move forward because we're now in a situation where we don't have to block off part of it for use because nobody should be down there using it. So, you know, is that going to make it easier for you to finish the repair because you don't have to worry about keeping part of it usable while you repair another part of it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: I would have to get back to you on the status of . . . I know we've been working through that. I don't have a definite answer. So can I have that in writing please, Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes. We will forward that on behalf of Ms. King to your Department.

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

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Molina? Did we lose Mr. Molina? Okay. We'll return to Mr. Molina. Ms. Kama, any question for the Department?

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I just had a park-ranger question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I wanted to know what do they do and where are they located?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I mean what parks do they go to?

MS. ALMEIDA: Chair, if it's okay I'll answer that question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Almeida?

MS. ALMEIDA: Thank you. Councilmember Kama, so thank you for the question. We cover all of the parks within each district with the exception, currently, of Hana and Lanai. We are looking to add the possibility of including Hana in the rotation at least once a week. And we assign the park security officers to a district. Right now our . . . I'll just, real briefly, I'll just say that our current operational schedule prior to the COVID-19 modified response was that we had one to two park security officers during the day and then we had four park security officers at night to help with securing the facilities. It was actually part of the funding of the additional park security officer positions and that's why it's structured that way. Currently, with the COVID-19 response modified, we have the park security officers patrolling primarily the beach-park areas mostly just to educate and to just work with the public to ensure that if they are utilizing facilities such as the State beaches that they are complying with the CDC recommendations for community safety and health.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, if you have additional operational questions, forward it to the Chair. We will send it in a letter as requested by the Administration for response. I'd like to have Mr. Buck and Ms. Almeida go through the Capital Improvement Projects component of the presentation at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, Member Molina, is back on.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina is back on.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. That was a new alarm system. Mr. Molina, I'll allow you your question for this final round at this time, if you have one.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes. Hi, Chairman. Yeah, sorry about the disconnection at home here. We had a little problem with our . . . anyway. My question for the Department is, you know, we . . . it was mentioned earlier about the use of the ballfields with the Department of Education and State. And the State is talking about possibly reopening our schools on April 7th. And with this emergency declaration, I'm wondering if they still do open our schools, and as we know, the schools use our ballfields. This may be a conflict or has there been some protocols discussed with the Department by the State or the DOE for the usage of our fields?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck? Great question.

MR. BUCK: Well we have to figure out what's . . . I mean I know that DOE is saying that December . . . I'm sorry, April 7th is when they'll be going back to school; that's something we'll need to discuss with the DOE and I think that's going to be further discussions how we're going to handle it. Right now, as I said, they're just saying December [sic] 7th, but then there's even talk about them extending the . . . this, you know, the period.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much for the update, Mr. Buck. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll ask Mr. Kushi if he has any comment at this time. So, Mr. Kushi, regarding County-owned facilities that the State utilizes for let's say educational programs, does the Mayor and his proclamation have jurisdiction over the County-owned facilities irregardless of its relationship to the State Department of Education? If you're able to give us some guidance or comment.

MR. KUSHI: Member Hokama, I'm not sure if . . . as I read this order, it says, all County beaches, all County parks shall be closed. Now, whether that affects a preexisting agreement by and between the County and the State DOE, I'm not sure.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. We appreciate that comment, Mr. Kushi. Okay. Well that is a great question, Mr. Molina. It's something that the Mayor is going to need to work in consultation with the State Department, because I can see our facilities and their facilities being used to address the crisis in a different type of manner. So I'm with you that we need some clarification. Is there a follow-up you need, Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, Chairman, not at this time, but thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So if you haven't . . . may not have heard, Mr. Molina, but if you have additional operational questions, please forward it to the Chair. We'll send out a written correspondence to the Department for appropriate response.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Will do. Thank you.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Mr. Buck, if you and Ms. Almeida can take us through the capital improvements portion of your presentation?

MR. BUCK: Yes, Chair. Let's try to figure out this technology and then get back to you, Chair, so we can move on with the PowerPoint. I'll go through the narrative part, and then we have Mr. Halvorson present in the room to do . . . be the resource person for any questions that are CIP specific.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. BUCK: Okay. So up on the screen, our CIP Improvement Project appropriations. There's 10 million in the General Fund. Park assessments, little over a million; and GO Bonds at \$9 million for a total of 20.9 million in CIP. Some of our capital improvement projects for this year is the Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center improvements. Construction start up on the extensive rehabilitation and improvements to the center, October 2019, and is scheduled for completion in October 2020. We're in the process of . . . one of the other projects is down in South is the Kamaole Point Pavilion. A new pavilion restroom building is being planned for Kamaole Point. The SMA major permit application and the EA are scheduled to be submitted in April of this year; that might be delayed because of the COVID-19, but we'll further discuss that. The one for Councilmember Sugimura was her project up in her area is the Kula Park Playground. We had the groundbreaking for the construction, the new playground. The main challenge on this project was to do the accessible path at Kula ballpark. This groundbreaking was done in January 29, 2020 and construction is underway and it's anticipated to be completed in early summer of this year. Lanai Community Field House, a construction contract for the multipurpose field house on Lanai is in process and on-site work is anticipated to commence in mid-summer 2020. And Mr. Halvorson, when it comes to answer/question period can be able to provide a better update. We're working on the Lanai Youth Center and Skatepark. Youth Center is currently in the design and permitting phase. Construction will commence after all permits are in place and a construction contract has been executed. Okay. We're going to do some improvements to Lihikai School Park. You have that hillside that's actually have been irrigated but we're going to redesign that area to allow a better control of the parking that's taking place and along that area. We continue, one of the projects, it was in Kepaniwai Heritage Gardens improvements. A lot of it was ADA. Construction has been completed for the second phase in the park. The big one, as everybody knows, probably got the most calls is our War Memorial Complex paving improvements. We started the project in March and is scheduled to be completed in end of August 2020. Right now, even with the COVID-19, as far as we know, the contractor's still working. Our intent was a lot of our CIP projects is to continue moving forward to keep the construction industry, or those who are working on our projects, keep them working, keep their employees employed. Alfred "Flako" Boteilho, Sr. Gymnasium (Paia Gym) roofing replacement, building permit has been approved for the replacement of the existing roof and related improvements of the gymnasium. It's anticipated that a construction contract will be fully executed in June 2020 with construction to

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commence thereafter. Lahaina Recreation I softball field lights, the sports fielding lights is being replaced for the softball field. The use of LED technology will reduce the electric cost at the facilities. Bids for the project are scheduled to be open in May 2020. And then we're working on an in-house design for a new dog park at Lahaina Rec Center II. And we're also working on the Napili Park Playground shade structure. And then the next set of slides will be with the master planning and we have David Yamashita when we're ready to go through the master planning phase on the line. So we'll open up the questions for CIP and Mr. Halvorson as the resource person. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes?

MR. BUCK: We'll leave it at . . . we'll do the CIP first, if you don't mind.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah, continue.

MR. BUCK: Oh. You wanted us to continue with the master planning, too?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, go through it. Go through all your remaining presentation.

MR. BUCK: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So next is Baldwin Beach Park.

MR. BUCK: Well the first one is the South Maui Community Park update.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. BUCK: I'll let David Yamashita. He's supposed to have phoned in to provide the updates for this, if he's still on.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yeah, can you hear me?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes we can, thank you.

MR. BUCK: Yeah.

MS. ALMEIDA: Yes.

MR. YAMASHITA: Okay. The master plan was completed last year, and we're now in the process of working with the consultant to prepare the report for the master plan, which summarizes the work that was done. And the other part that's happened with the project is that it's transitioned into the design phase. And Robert Halvorson's group is managing that part of the project. Sam Marvel is a CIP Coordinator and he's working with the same consultant on translating the master plan into detailed design. So that's the summary for the South Maui Community Park project.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Next.

MR. YAMASHITA: Baldwin Beach Park master plan was also completed at the end of last year, and we're also now in the process of working with a consultant on preparing the master plan report. We also have a request for additional funds to do more technical studies with . . . for the Baldwin Beach Park master plan, because the original appropriation was enough to do a concept, but there was some technical issues that need to be addressed, such as infrastructure, traffic, looking more at the whole flooding situation; and I'm also looking at just doing more detailed, cultural studies if it's appropriate. And so we hope to be finished with the master plan report in a couple of months and we can move on to the next one. Next project is the vulnerability study. I think we're a few slides behind.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: Okay. So the vulnerability study was funded last year and this is a project, it's an important project for us because what we're doing is looking at about . . . right now the initial estimate is about maybe 50 beach parks. So look at vulnerability from a range of coastal hazards. And where we are now is we're in the process of selecting a consultant. We went through the QVS list and we should be making a decision next week. We have about four firms that are on the short list, and we had some additional questions, but the deliverable for this is going to be number one, a list of parks, beach parks that are vulnerable and a range of just different hazards. And then number two, a description of what . . . how vulnerable they are, the specific hazards. And this will inform the capital improvement program because if the analysis indicates that we . . . there's a park that is extremely vulnerable that may limit the kinds of capital improvements that we make to these sites. But we anticipate starting maybe in a couple of months. Once we get the contract secured and then it'll take ten months to about a year for the project to be complete. The next project is the Hamakualoa Open Space Cultural Assessment, and this was funded also last year. It's for the 267 acres that are in the Haiku area. And we also, now, are in the process of securing a consultant. We have a few proposals we're looking at, and we're going to be meeting through a video or conference call to do our scoring and selection for a consultant this week and we'll probably start the project in maybe June or July. But this is another kind of project that's different for us because it represents, I think, a change in maybe the way we were doing some of our master planning. This was based on the idea this project that we first need to understand where the cultural resources are, what they are, before we do any kind of land-use planning, and so that's what this project is about. So we're hopeful that this would be very helpful for really not just the Parks Department but also Public Works and anybody else who is going to be working on planning or management of the site. And that's . . . so those are the four plans that we focused on for this part of the presentation.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much for your thoughts and your comments regarding those master plans. I would say, for the Department, I would really hope you would expedite the contract for the vulnerability analysis. Impacts not only Maui but Molokai big time. Some areas on Lanai, but not as impactful as I would say Maui

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and Molokai. So I would say, you need to get this done sooner than later, because I could care less about the other master plans unless you do this first.

MR. YAMASHITA: Okay. Yeah, we are . . . we have to encumber the funds by the end of June, so we are on track to do that; that's the intent. And then we'll start as soon as we can.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So under the CIP, I'm going to start with Ms. Sugimura. Ms. Sugimura, you have a question you would like to ask Department regarding any of the CIP projects . . .

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. Thank you, Chair. One of the questions I had which I think they answered, is that the CIP projects will move forward. Because of the COVID-19 and shelter in place and the impacts of the community and I know that, you know, by doing the CIP projects, we're, you know, we are keeping people working, which is another priority. But how is the Department handling the mandate to shelter in place with these projects?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: Thank you, Councilmember. We're still in operations with the . . . regarding to the operations of the capital improvement and development division. The only thing we're doing is not having person-to-person contact. We're encouraging . . . they're working through either e-mail or having meetings teleconference, or we even have protocols that if they got to do a site inspection as these projects continue, there's a whole protocol. They, you know, they don't share cars, they try to maintain the six-foot distancing, and then they're required when they . . . when they're required to come back, they're supposed to kind of wash off, you know, their hands and everything else before they return to the office. So we do have a procedure. If they got to drop off plans, we have . . . if they cannot e-mail it for whatever reason, we have drop-off box for those documents to be dropped off.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, and I . . . yeah, so I, too, share with the Chair's opinion about the beach vulnerability analysis because, as you know, while the Paia Mantokuji, the graves are falling into the ocean and those are family friends of ours for years, or generations. So and I know that I got a call from the church and that they're concerned about that impact. And I hope that the study you are doing can help them.

MR. BUCK: That's what our intent is. Because we know a lot of our beach parks are affected by the erosion. I was at a meeting with the Burial Council. I've been working with SHPD about some of the graves in couple of our beach parks that we're under the responsibility of what we're going to be doing in the future, so this study will help us with it, at least identify, especially for our beach parks.

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VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. And again, Members, if you have recommendations of the Department, you may want to approach this important document. Your Chair is open. Because if they do it by districts or areas, then the sooner they complete their portion, they should be submitting it already for review instead of waiting till the whole total project is completed. It may assist us better in making some timely adjustments. Next I'll ask Ms. Paltin, if you have a question you'd like to ask at this time regarding a CIP component.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I was wondering, for the Lahaina CIP projects, is the dog park in Lahaina the only one that you're working on? I had thought that there one in Napili side as well. And for the Napili Park, I just wondering, with all the new surfacing of the flooring and the shade structure, were the monkey bars ever going to be reinstated?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: I'll leave that up to Mr. Halvorson to answer that question. He will provide a better update.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Halvorson?

MR. HALVORSON: Good morning, Chair. This is Robert Halvorson, Chief of Planning and Development. There are other projects in West, those are just some of the highlights. We are going to work at the Napili Park tennis courts. And as far as the monkey bars, I think that would be under maintenance. I'm not aware what's going on with that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, thank you. And was there ever intentions to make a dog park on the upper West Side in Napili? I thought at one time that was the plan.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. HALVORSON: We're working on the one at Lahaina Rec Center. If there's funding left, we can work on another one. But I think it's going to be exhausted from FY '20 Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, so . . .

MR. BUCK: So to answer your . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The Napili one or the upper West Side one is off the table completely then?

MR. HALVORSON: No, since there are funds, we don't know how much funds we have

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available until projects been put out to bid and contracted. We had a . . . I believe that was in the Parks systems which we no longer do. There was multiple projects in one pot of money, and we're working on some of those projects.

MR. BUCK: Councilmember Paltin, our original intent with dog parks was to at least to try to get one in each district. And then once we get those going that we would identify other areas in Napili area around that park there has been identified probably for another second location for a dog park.

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

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Paltin. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, any question?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Okay. Excuse me. For the . . . so I'm . . . mahalo for that presentation. I'm really happy that Department is considering sea level rise when assessing which CIPs to do. I saw for . . . okay, for the Hamakualoa cultural assessment, is the Department planning to include, I think that's lot 6 that we just approved the acquisition of.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For the assessment.

MR. BUCK: For the assessment, original plan wasn't because that wasn't really on the table, but we'll take a look at it. Dave, are you still on the line?

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes. No, it does include –

MR. BUCK: Oh.

MR. YAMASHITA: --I believe lot 6 –

MR. BUCK: Okay.

MR. YAMASHITA: --because, yeah, we used the map that was in the TIG report. And, as I recall, it includes lot 6. The only parcel that's not included is, of course, the inholding that's owned by Courtlandt Gates, but I'm pretty sure it does include lot 6.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. We will verify that for you, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We will verify the information.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. And then I have follow-up or

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question regarding the Kanaha Beach Park master plan implementation, if there's an update on that. And when doing master planning, is like the Aha Moku groups contacted or is that part of the County's protocol or the Department's protocol?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: I'll leave that to Mr. Yamashita.

MR. YAMASHITA: I'm not sure what was done on Kanaha 'cause I got involved in that towards the end, so I can't really speak definitively to that one. It's something that we're starting to do more of. When we did the South Maui community park master plan, we started talking to the Aha Moku representative. Actually, kind of closer to the end of the project and so that was I think a lesson for us that we needed to revise our protocol and so that's what we've been doing and so for the . . . not the . . . the other master plan projects that we are going to be doing, that is going to be part of their protocol.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm really happy to hear that. Mahalo.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I believe that is a requirement of public law, consultation with the indigenous groups. So we need to just . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It sure is. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, thank you for that, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I just have a question. Good report on all the CIP projects and the master planning. My question is about when you do these master plans as we go forward in the immediate future, possibly even longer, that what are the plans to continue with community input if we can't gather in big groups? Are you guys putting together a interactive mode of communication with these various communities?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: That would be . . . we would probably look for something like what we're doing now, some sort of teleconferencing or we would have to . . . we will continue with public input, the method that we use. So we still would have to work on; but, yes, we will continue public input, because input from the public is very important.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. If you could share that with . . . Chair, if you do, you know, I mean and everything I know depends on what happens tomorrow and then the next week, but I think I'm getting, you know, I'm going to . . . I know I'm going to get more calls, too, but I'm getting inquiries as to how the public's going to be able to input into what's happening in the community, so if you can keep that on your radar

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that'd be great. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, thank you for that reminder. And, yes, we will keep that foremost in our mind how to maximize community input during these trying times, so I appreciate that very much. Thank you. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, thank you, Chair. I just wanted to thank Mr. Buck and Mr. Yamashita for updating the community with regards to the master planning for the Hamakualoa project, as well as Baldwin Beach Park, two very big projects. And like the other Members have said, please continue to be inclusive of all us, especially the Aha Moku Council folks. Recently, the Haiku Community Association just did a mapping project which was very interesting. And so they're very engaged so I'm, you know, looking forward to some exciting results down the road. Speaking of Haiku, just wanted to get an update on the Haiku Community Center. My understanding was there was, with regards to the painting of the center, there was a cost-sharing proposal with the State. I was wondering if I could get an update on that and any timetable for the painting and when it will be done.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: You know, I'm going to be honest, I really can't provide that information right now, so can I get it in writing and we'll get back to you?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, that would be . . . yeah, that would be fine. I think Director Peters was involved with this, and I think State Representative DeCoite also had offered the State's help to cost share for the painting. I don't know if it's for labor or materials, but it's a nice little proposal for us to save a few dollars. So if I could get an update on that in writing, that'd be much appreciated. Thank you.

MR. BUCK: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we'd be happy to follow up, Mr. Molina. Do you have a follow-up question you'd like to pose?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Not at this time, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. One thing I had for the Department was, under the CIP portion, we know that when the State is busy, we tend to get a lot of project overruns. Now that the pendulum has kind of swunged in a different manner, and not that I'm trying to overcapitalize on a bad situation, but do you feel that our budgetary projections is now more in line with the type of bids that the construction companies will provide the County to do work, Department?

MR. HALVORSON: We're hoping so, I guess, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, we would hope so, too, and that is why, you know, we ask these questions during this portion of the budget process, so we can make appropriate

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adjustments and recommendations to the Budget Committee. One of the things that I will say that I look forward to and that I'm supportive of the Administration moving forward is a division of land management which would take into account all of these areas such as the cultural park for North Shore, whether it'd be things on Molokai, East Maui, or Lanai. I'm looking in the future that a division of land management hopefully within Department of Finance would be able to provide the County with the appropriate direction, support, and management of County land assets that currently, Director of Finance is responsible for according to the Charter of this County. And I think that is something that might make sense for us. Honolulu is a beneficiary of focusing certain operational components within land management and taking it away from always dumping it on Parks and Recreation to be the manager of all County lands that doesn't be assigned to a specific program such as Water or Public Works. So I am looking at that option and whether or not there should be some component in this upcoming budget to move this option forward. Any comments, Department?

MR. BUCK: Chair, in regards to what you just said –

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. BUCK: --as far as . . . we firmly believe that a division of open land management is the way to go, because open land and, you know, developed parks is kind of two different animals that takes two different types of maintenance and concerns, open land is more open. Lot of it is culturally sensitive, historic value. So it's kind of two different types and we'll be supportive if it goes on, that division goes under to another department. We fully support that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: One question, Mr. Buck. On the CIP, for me, because this is part of the confusion, yeah. When you stated, Lihikai School Park improvements, and this is the question I get from people in Kahului, are we doing improvements to Lihikai School, which is a State facility? Okay. And that's why part of the maybe what we need to do is name our projects very clearly that it's a County project, 'cause this is something that I couldn't answer, so could you tell us about this Lihikai School project, please? And if it's just a County . . .

MR. BUCK: The Lihikai School project, yeah, Lihikai School project is the County park that's adjacent to Lihikai School and Lihikai School does use it for, similar to Kahului School, use it for a lot of their activities. But it is the County portion of the project. It's not the school itself.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Does it need to be called, Lihikai School Park?

MR. BUCK: That's what's been on the inventory. I've been with the County over thirty years, Chair, and it's always been called the Lihikai School Park, so maybe that's something we can propose to the community if there's a need to change, you know, there is a method to change the name of a park. But right now it's been . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, for me, yeah, it's part of helping the community understand who has

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jurisdiction and responsibility of certain programs and operations and this is part of the area that continues to give community confusion on who is the responsible entity for activity within these areas. Because if I read the sign right, I would bitch to the school first about inappropriate activity in that park, not the County. This is the school park. So that, for me, is an issue, yeah, again, of designation of who is the appropriate governmental agency responsible for these type of things. So I just ask that you take that into account. Ms. Sugimura, we have time for round two of CIP. I would ask, if you have a question you would like to pose to the Department?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: I have no questions, and appreciate the Department for working hard for our people. And in light of COVID-19, it's going to take a lot of everybody to make this go away. Thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. And again, the Mayor has not submitted his Proposed Budget yet, but if you have a project you want to consider under CIP, I don't have a problem you mention it now, in general terms, because we have no clue of the financial direction we're going to go yet. So if you have a project you want for consideration, I don't have a problem you throwing it out now for your district. None, Ms. Sugimura, at this time?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Let me think about that. I wasn't really thinking about Fiscal Year 2021, but . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Or you know again, for the Members, if you have nothing at this time, if you have something you want to propose, present it to the Committee Chair and we'll forward it –

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Alrighty.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --appropriately to Budget Committee. Okay. Ms. Paltin, anything at this time, CIP second round?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just was wondering, with that vulnerability shoreline assessment, how far away are we from using that to determine the future, the viability of future CIP projects? Is it something like for 2021 or are we kind of far away from that yet?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'll let Mr. Buck, but my understanding is, they have not procured the analysis yet. Is that correct, Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: That's correct. Mr. Yamashita is working on finalizing and then going up to procure that service.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. In that case, I was wondering, at one point, D.T. Fleming's parking lot was a CIP project, and I just was wondering if that's no longer a CIP project and if it's because of the shoreline rise or just maybe an update.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Halvorson, can you respond at this time?

MR. HALVORSON: Yes, Chair. The D.T. Fleming parking lot still is a project, it's just in the permitting phase.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much.

MR. YAMASHITA: Okay. Can I add—I'm sorry—just add one thing, one comment to her question?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Yamashita, go ahead.

MR. YAMASHITA: Yes. I'm sorry. I just wanted to let you know that the consultants have proposed . . . I mean all of them, generally, have proposed about a ten- to twelve-month process. So if we get started in say June or July then that'll give you an idea of when this would be completed. And there will be a public presentation as well on the findings.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you for that, Mr. Yamashita. Ms. Paltin, a follow-up?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. You're welcome. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I guess, no follow-up. Well, okay, maybe one. For the countywide light ordinance compliance that's under litigation, so there's no update for that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Parks, do you have any comment?

MR. HALVORSON: It's not under litigation. We have projects that are in design. One at the park there in Kaunakakai is in design and Kualapuu.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, any follow-up for clarification? Any . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So you said Kaunakakai and Kualapuu, so that's . . . both are on Molokai but not on Maui island or Lanai?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. HALVORSON: There's others on . . . at Lahaina Rec Center, I believe it's the softball field. I don't think there are any on Lanai that are out of compliance.

MR. BUCK: We're moving . . . to answer your question, on all the islands, we're moving forward in regards to being sure that we're compliant to the light ordinance.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Rawlins . . .

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And then an update on the ADA compliance improvements.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: Mr. Halvorson?

MR. HALVORSON: Yeah, we're . . . the transition plan is due, I think, next month. The final report on ADA Transition Plan.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Anything else, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's it. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Just a couple of CIP projects I'll just mention.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: And I think the Mayor has these on his radar, but one of them is a joint base yard for South Maui between the Department of Public Works and Parks and Rec. And the other one is the Kulanihakoi Greenway. And I just wanted to mention that I thought that the figure that the Mayor had proposed was a little high and I think it was a figure that I proposed last budget session that the Council didn't agree with or thought was too high. So I'm hoping that there would be a little bit of negotiation there, but it's going to be . . . that project is going to be, I think, an important open-space purchase for the area, because the development . . . any development in that area would be horrible. It's a really bad flooding area, so just wanted to put that on the radar.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. BUCK: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chair, no. No further questions for the 2020 Budget, but look forward to the Department and the Mayor's proposal. Thank you.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Kama, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, just one simple one. Is the park adjacent to Lihikai School ADA compliant?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. HALVORSON: Not at this time, Chair. Part of this project is to bring it more into compliance.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So does that include all the other parks that may be owned by County that are not ADA compliant, is that part of the plan, too?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. HALVORSON: That will be determined in the ADA Transition Plan. We'll have a report of what parks are in compliance and what elements of what parks are not in compliance.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And when is that plan due?

MR. HALVORSON: I believe next month.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair, will we be able to get that as part of our budget?

CHAIR HOKAMA: We can request the status of the compliance requirements and then we can –

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --make appropriate adjustments for the budget.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So one last question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Is the park adjacent to Lihikai School used during school hours?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. BUCK: Yes. For some of their activities, outdoor activities.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Kama. Okay, Members, one, I thought we did very good work trying this new system of remote participation. I wish we had more details, specifically the numbers that we will receive upon the Mayor's submittal of his official budget presentation. And so, at this time, I would just request, if you have additional questions for CIP or operations, please forward it. Your Chair is happy to send it to the Department for timely response and distribution back to the Members. Any questions for the Chair at this time? Okay. If not, with no objection, we'll defer this item, HFC-46, Members.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. This item is deferred.

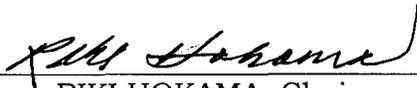
COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Staff, we have any communications for the Members? Okay, nothing? Okay, Members, thank you very much for your participation today. We are adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 11:56 a.m.

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