

COUNCIL CHAIR'S MEETING
Council of the County of Maui

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CONVENE: 12:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Council Chair
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Council Vice-Chair, and
Chair, Economic Development and Budget Committee
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Presiding Officer Pro Tempore, and Chair,
Affordable Housing Committee
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Chair, Planning and Sustainable Land
Use Committee
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Chair, Environmental, Agricultural,
and Cultural Preservation Committee
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair, Multimodal Transportation
Committee

EXCUSED: Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair, Healthy Families and Communities
Committee
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Chair, Climate Action and Resilience
Committee
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Chair, Government, Ethics, and
Transparency Committee

STAFF: Traci N. T. Fujita, Director, Office of Council Services
David M. Raatz, Supervising Legislative Attorney
Tammy M. Frias, Supervising Committee Secretary
Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst
Bruce Hashimoto, Council Services Technician
Kathy Kaohu, County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk
James Krueger, Deputy Clerk, Office of the County Clerk
Dianne Shimizu, Executive Assistant to Council Chair Alice L. Lee
Zhanell K. Lindo, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office

CHAIR LEE: . . .(gavel). . . Good morning, everybody. Ohayō gozaimasu,
Ms. Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Konnichiwa. Good afternoon, it's past 12:00.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, konnichiwa. Correct, yes. Okay, okay. Buenos dias then. Okay,
Ms. Paltin, good morning...good afternoon.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: ʻIa orana, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. And we have Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha awakea, Chair, and Buenos dias and Konnichiwa kākou.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, very good. Buenos dias, Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Good afternoon, Chair. And it's still a beautiful day in the neighborhood of Kahului.

CHAIR LEE: Wonderful. Buenos dias, Mr. Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Buenos dias, Chair, and awakea no kākou.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. And then good afternoon, Traci and David, and I see Bruce as well, on the beach at Waikiki or someplace.

MS. FUJITA: Hello.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. We should have a contest one day of who could have...who would have the funniest, funniest background. Let's do that. Okay. Let's get started.

1. **2021 COUNCIL INAUGURATION** (Director of Council Services)

CHAIR LEE: And the first item on the agenda is the 2021 Council Inauguration. Director of Council Services, Traci.

MS. FUJITA: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: You would like to take this item?

MS. FUJITA: Yeah. So Staff has been working very hard on planning our...the very first virtual inauguration. So as you can imagine, there are some challenges, some, you know, things that we have to do differently. I've asked Shelly and Bruce to join the meeting. They are the leaders for planning the virtual inauguration, so I will turn it over to them.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Hi, Shelly.

MS. ESPELETA: Hi, good afternoon, Members. In honor of Member Molina not being here today, I'm under the virtual bridge on his behalf.

CHAIR LEE: Holding up that bridge.

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MS. ESPELETA: Okay. So here are some updates. As Traci had mentioned, you know, the Inauguration Committee is working hard, moving ahead with planning for a virtual ceremony on Saturday, January 2nd, 2021. And so with that, we have some updates. The invitations for inauguration will be emailed to Councilmembers and VIPs on Tuesday the 1st, December 1st, with an RSVP deadline of Friday, December 18th. In lieu of escorts, because of the virtual setting, Councilmembers will also be asked to submit the name of an individual who will be presenting their certificates of election to them by December 18th as well. We have a list of VIPs, of 15, to include the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the nine Maui State Legislators, Senate President, Speaker of the House, Mayor Victorino, and Councilmember Hokama. Depending on the number of VIPs attending, we may be sending them the BlueJeans participant link and pin them at the ceremony to be recognized. Otherwise, we may be just asking them to send us a photo, we don't want to take up too much time on the ceremony itself. Only Councilmembers and program participants, which includes the keynote speaker, entertainment, et cetera, will be provided the BlueJeans link, which will be emailed on December 30th. All others will be able to view the ceremony on either *Akakū*, Facebook Live, or maucounty.us. A digital copy of the program will be emailed on December 30th to Councilmembers and VIPs who RSVP'd, and a copy of the program will also be posted on the Council's website and the Facebook page. Chair Lee has requested a memento copy of the invitation be sent to Members, so we are taking care of that, as well as wondering whether or not Councilmembers would want a hard copy of the program as a memento as well?

CHAIR LEE: Yes, everybody?

MS. ESPELETA: Yes, okay.

CHAIR LEE: Well, no, no, no, I'm asking.

MS. ESPELETA: Oh.

CHAIR LEE: Everybody okay? You want something...you want the program? Yeah, sure.

MS. ESPELETA: Okay. All right, we'll plan for that as well. All right. For the program itself, we have confirmed the number of individuals. The Mistress of Ceremonies is Kathy Collins, oli and pule by Kumu Kaponō'ai Molitau. National Anthem and Hawai'i Pono'i by Ikaika Blackburn and Jerry Pito Javier from Fire, and Retired Chief Louis Romero. The Oath of Office by our own OCS Alumni Judge Kirstin Hamman. National Anthem, Hawai'i Pono'i, and possibly the oli and pule will more than likely be pre-recorded, and we are in the process of sending out those confirmation letters. Now pending, and these are biggies, are the keynote speaker and the pre-entertainment. We are working with Chair Lee to secure someone ASAP, and this may be live on BlueJeans or pre-recording. At this time we are waiting to hear back from Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, and we're still crossing our fingers, but we do have a list of other individuals, and like I said, we're working on securing that

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ASAP. We are planning for a dress rehearsal on BlueJeans, and that's being looked at the week of December 21st or the 28th for Councilmembers and anyone joining us on the call, like the emcee especially, the Judge, et cetera. Regarding Members' Certificates of Election, OCC did send out emails yesterday afternoon, so be on the lookout to your mauicounty.us email address asking how Councilmember-elects and want their legal names printed on their certificates. And their response is needed by this Friday at 10:00, so they wanted me to send out that reminder. We are planning for the certificates to be ready tentatively on the 28th of December; however, that date needs to be confirmed. And OCC has offered and is planning to hand-deliver certificates for Councilmembers located on Moloka'i and Lāna'i. Okay. Moving onto to lei, we are in the process of ordering lei for all Councilmembers...oh, Member Paltin has a question.

CHAIR LEE: Yes, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering the procedure for Councilmembers located on Maui. Do we come in to pick up...

MS. ESPELETA: Yes, I will get to that in, like, four paragraphs.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. Sorry, I didn't mean to jump the gun.

MS. ESPELETA: No, good question. Good question. Okay, lei, maile with white dendrobium orchid will be ordered for all Councilmembers and their individuals presenting them with their certificates, except for those participating via pre-recording. So those individuals will not receive lei if they are just joining us via a video and not on the call live. Okay. Lei for on-island Councilmembers and their certificate presenter will be available on December 31st at noon for pick up at OCS. OCC has offered to hand-deliver the lei to Councilmembers on Moloka'i and Lāna'i, and this will happen as close to January 2nd as possible to keep the lei fresh. I lied, there's more than four paragraphs until I get to that. Sorry, Councilmember Paltin. Photography group, Councilmembers' official photos will be handled by Nagamine Photo as in the past. Councilmembers who would like to retake their photos will need to have an in-studio photo taken as soon as possible to allow time for printing and framing by December 28th. So I believe Nagamine Photo Studio is open, and I don't know the hours, James, I think it was Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 4:00-ish? If a Councilmember would like a retake, but are unable to go in person to Nagamine, we will be using your current photo for the inauguration program, any publicity, and the second floor lobby wall in the meantime. And once the retakes are set up, which will probably be for a designated time next year, you can go in in-person to Nagamine and have those retakes done. Communications group, we'll have a press release for a save the date to be sent out the week of December 7th, and then other press releases will follow with more specific details as we get closer to the January 2nd ceremony. The communications team is also going to set up a BlueJeans link for the ceremony itself, and share it with the Councilmembers and any program participants expected to be, you know, on the call to participate. They will also be setting up any social media post

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on Facebook, Twitter, and working with *Akakū* to broadcast the event and Facebook Livestream. We are setting up, as Chair Lee had requested, a virtual background to be used for all Councilmembers and program participants on the call for Inauguration Day for visual appeal and consistency, and we are looking and toying right now with photos of the Chamber decorated from past inaugurations to be used. So more details to come on that. Did I answer your question, Councilmember Paltin, and do you have any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You know I do. I just was wondering, if we like our pictures the way they are or we don't want to humbug, we don't need to do nothing?

MS. ESPELETA: Yeah, we can continue to use your same photo.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Let's do it.

MS. ESPELETA: Are there any other questions? Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Shelly. So you said that the certificates would be hand-delivered. Do you mean that it would be escorted by a warm body on the plane to the Moloka'i Airport, or just that it will be hand-delivered to the plane, and then it would be shipped over on the plane, and then we would pick it up from the airport?

MS. ESPELETA: My understanding, based on yesterday's meeting, is hand-delivered in person, jump on a plane, present the certificate in person because of its fragile nature and the perishability of the lei itself as well, for Moloka'i and Lāna'i Councilmembers.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't think nobody needs to fly over, yeah?

MS. ESPELETA: James, are you on the call?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We've sent leis before, you just got to box them and, you know, make sure to get plenty padding. I have lots of reusable padded envelopes, and you could just stuff them with that and it'll keep it safe. We don't need spend taxpayer's money for flights.

CHAIR LEE: Yes, Vice-Chair. And if by chance your lei is smashed, please don't complain to us, okay? If somebody sits on it by mistake or whatever. It's...you know, it's really up...where did Shelly go?

MS. ESPELETA: I'm frozen.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, no.

MS. ESPELETA: I'm frozen.

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MR. KRUEGER: Uh-oh.

MS. ESPELETA: I'm frozen. Can you hear me?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll talk story with James after the meeting then.

MR. KRUEGER: Oh...oh, okay.

CHAIR LEE: Restart yourself, Shelly.

MS. ESPELETA: Okay, will do.

CHAIR LEE: Apparently this is what the Staff decided yesterday, but if you feel it's not necessary, Vice-Chair, then they'll gladly, I'm sure, ship it over. Because it's kind of out of the way, you know, flying to Moloka'i.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I feel very special.

CHAIR LEE: If you're okay with it, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: Well, if you're okay with it, I'm sure Gabe would be okay with it as well. Because, you know, guys, they're not as picky, yeah? Right, Vice-Chair Rawlins?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I can work with them.

CHAIR LEE: Right, Shane? You're the only guy over here, our Member. Yeah...but yeah, okay. So save the expense and stress of a Staff member going...taking that flight or boat ride, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: But that's nice of you. That's nice of you to make that gesture because...

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Mahalo, Staff. Mahalo for...I feel very special that you would do that. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, yes, Kathy.

MS. KAOHU: Aloha. The expense is minimal compared to...I'm sorry, can you hear me?--

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CHAIR LEE: Yeah, we can.

MS. KAOHU: --oh, okay, as compared to the slim possibility that something could happen to the glass on the frame or the box of flowers. So it'll be followed up with conversation with each of the individual Councilmembers in the remote districts to see what their comfort zone is for that, and just avoiding any possibility of unusual things happening.

CHAIR LEE: Vice-Chair, you had your hand up? Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Real quick. So if someone is going to hand-deliver the fragile certificate and lei, can that...can OCS Staff, or Clerks Staff come and pick up our not-working equipment and send it back to Maui and take it back with them? Can we do that? And then that way we'll maximize the, you know, the trip over. Okay, awesome. All right. Let's do the deal.

MS. KAOHU: I love multi-tasking.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR LEE: So Kathy, who is volunteering to go, to do all this? You're volunteering somebody else?

MS. KAOHU: No, I don't usually come up with plans that I'm not prepared to execute myself, so I'm prepared to fly over, and I've talked with the Deputy and he's open. And it's not like we're doing all nine Members, it's just for...I'm not even sure if Councilmember Johnson will be on Maui or will be on Lānaʻi. And then we're also talking with Councilmember Sinenci on his preferences as well. So...

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. Thank you for being so thoughtful. Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, do you have any idea if Gabe is going to be on Maui? You know, is he on Maui or is he on Lānaʻi?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think he's currently on Maui.

CHAIR LEE: But he's going back. Is he going back?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I can follow up with him. I think he was trying to be safe and not, like, fly back too much to Lānaʻi right now.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah, I don't blame him, you know.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. No one wants to be the one that brings the virus to the island, you know.

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CHAIR LEE: Yeah. So Kathy, are you saying that you haven't been able to reach him?

MS. KAOHU: I just gone through his...his Staff-elect, I guess what they're called. But yeah, I need to follow up with each of the Councilmembers in an email.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Yeah, so we'll just leave it to you and James to work it out, yeah. The logistics, whatever. All right. Now, did Shelly come back on?

MS. ESPELETA: I am back on. And that concludes my update. Oh, I just wanted to state that Deputy Clerk James mentioned in chat Nagamine's hours are amended, Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 to 2:00, their in-studio hours.

CHAIR LEE: Well, I...you know what, I wouldn't be surprised if most of the Members decided not to take a new photo because we all gained about ten pounds, yeah, with COVID-19. So...and there's only so much touch-up you can do to a picture. Okay. But remember, Members...

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You don't know the capacity of Photoshop.

CHAIR LEE: Yes, Mr. Sinenci. Mr. Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, so just clarification, we are going ahead with Saturday, January 2nd for the Inauguration 2021, yeah? Because I just thought that there was some thought about moving it to Monday, but that according to the Charter, it's for the 2nd.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah, it's for the 2nd, you know, unless there's some kind of a holiday, et cetera. And then too, when you think about it, we will have no leadership technically until Monday, yeah, for those couple days.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: All right. Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering, what time on Saturday? I might get a surf session in before or something, I don't know.

CHAIR LEE: Shelly, did you hear that?

MS. ESPELETA: 10:00 a.m.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then do we still have to do that other meeting after the

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inauguration, even though it's a Saturday?

CHAIR LEE: I'm afraid so.

MS. ESPELETA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then do we know what time that one starts at?

CHAIR LEE: We haven't set that up really, Traci, yeah? We haven't really talked about it. But because it's...everything is virtual, perhaps we should have it soon after the program. Because in the past, one of the reasons why it was at 2:00, is because many of the Members had little luncheons for their families and friends, and so...but now, you know, we don't have that opportunity, so we can go right into a meeting. So how long, Shelly, do you think the program is going to last?

MS. ESPELETA: No more than an hour based on...

CHAIR LEE: So from 10:00 to 11:00?

MS. ESPELETA: 10:30. So 10:00 to 11:00.

CHAIR LEE: So what time do you folks want to have the organization meeting?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, is that what it's called, organization meeting?

CHAIR LEE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So there's the inauguration, and then the organization meeting.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah. Well, think about it. Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So I was just thinking that, you know, maybe after the inauguration, take a lunch break, and then come back at 1:00? That's my thoughts. I mean, it's just like having a meeting in the morning, taking a break for lunch, and then a meeting in the afternoon.

CHAIR LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So it kind of falls along with our schedule.

CHAIR LEE: Is that okay with everyone?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Makes sense. Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: All right. Sounds like a deal. So...

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VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can we have it at 2:00?

CHAIR LEE: Oh, you want it at 2:00? Okay. That's when we would normally have it at.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, we have a 1:00 and we have a 2:00.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I thought Councilmember Kama said, I thought she said 1:30 or 1:00.

CHAIR LEE: She said 1:00.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: 1:00. But we can do 1:30, and then we can all be happy.

CHAIR LEE: Compromise. 1:30? Can we do 1:30?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, how long do we think the inauguration is going to be?

CHAIR LEE: One hour.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Only one hour. The inauguration is only an hour. It's the organization meeting after that, all the Committees, the maintenance, the election of the Chair, all of that takes a while to organize, right.

CHAIR LEE: Rules, rules.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hiring the Staff.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 10:00, 11:00, okay. The last time the lunch wasn't long enough, that's why.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Well, that's because we had our families, remember. We had everybody in our little offices and stuff like that, but...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Go to the place.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah, we had to...yeah, some of us went outside of the building too, so...now we're all having lunch in our offices.

MS. FUJITA: Chair, another option if you wanted to--I don't know if you still want to plan to have the meeting right after, but you could have the inauguration earlier at 9:00, and then that way we'd finish earlier.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: We'd still be recuperating from the 31st.

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MS. FUJITA: Okay, just a thought.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, everybody try again. We have a 1:00, 1:30 and a 2:00. Any other comments from other people. What do you mean, no...you've got to pick one. Pick one.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, 1:30. 1:30.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I'm with 1:30.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We're all used to meeting at 1:30.

CHAIR LEE: 1:30? Okay, 1:30.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are we going to take that group picture? How do we do that?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Virtually.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The one that's in the back of the Council.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah, Shelly and them are figuring that out.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: We should have a BlueJeans looking. Right, all the boxes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The squares.

MS. ESPELETA: That was actually one of the ideas, to have like a Brady Bunch type photo just to memorialize this.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Pandemic.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I agree. I agree.

MS. FUJITA: Like a class picture. Like a class picture, school, you know...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then we all have the same background.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: We're going to have the same background? Or the funniest background?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Don't tell me that.

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CHAIR LEE: No, no, no, that's for another time. That's for another time. So Shelly, what did you folks talk about in terms of...is that when you said everybody would have the same background, is that what you meant for the group picture, the official picture that's going on the back wall in the Chamber?

MS. ESPELETA: Yes. Can you hear me?

CHAIR LEE: Yeah.

MS. ESPELETA: Okay. Yes. If we were to follow where the photos would take place right after the ceremony, then we are planning to use the same virtual background for all the Members for the ceremony. I would imagine that we would continue using that same background for the group picture.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Any other...

MS. FUJITA: Or we could...yeah, or the other thought was to use, you know, your official Council pictures, your headshots from Nagamine, and make it into like a collage, you know, like a class picture looking...you know, how you have all the people's pictures separately, but it would look professional because they would be, you know, professional photos taken by Nagamine. So that's another option.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. But today is the time to make decisions, yeah. So anybody else have any other thoughts before Staff finalizes all of these plans? Yes, Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I mean, it's easy to just replace the photo, we can just have like a temporary photo until we can all come together, right? Yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Or stay with the old one until we all come together.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, because no more Riki.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, we've got to Photoshop Gabe over Riki.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, that's right. That's right.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So we could have...like, everyone could have green screen, and then we could Photoshop a big County...you know, the Chamber seal in the background of us if everyone has a green screen. I know someone that can do that. Yeah, and then that way we have the Chamber background if everyone has a green screen behind them. It makes it easier.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I have a green screen.

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VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, you do. Anyway, that was an idea. Either way it can be...we don't, we don't...it doesn't have to be the permanent idea, we can...you know, we can change our mind later. It's a photo in a frame that can be replaced.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If we do the green screen, is it possible to take a picture of a green paper and then put that as our virtual background, and then that's the green screen? Is that a thing, or no?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can, but you know how around you it's fuzzy, and sometimes like part of your head gets cut off? Then you'll run the risk of that happening, but you can.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Then I can do it.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah, sometimes your backgrounds look good, and then other times they look weird because there's this shadow around your head.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you know, Chair --

CHAIR LEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- because this is important, do you think that we could ask...I don't know Nagamine, we can ask Daryl, he does graphics from my office, or somebody who does this to basically come up with something and use that as a photo temporarily?

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Yeah, you folks decide.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Unless if there is somebody in OCS Staff who is great with graphics and can put this together, I don't know everybody's capability or place of comfort.

CHAIR LEE: Shelly...Shelly, do you folks think you can handle this challenge?

MS. ESPELETA: We can shoot that out and see if we have any skilled individuals in OCS.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm sure. Yeah, okay.

MS. FUJITA: I'm sure Nagamine can give us some suggestions too, so...

CHAIR LEE: And take into consideration the suggestions made by the Councilmembers, Shelly. Yes, Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I think any iPhone can just take a

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picture of a screen. I don't think it has to be, you know, professional, and it doesn't have to be a green screen, it can also be white. So if you have like a sheet or a sheet of paper and do the virtual background, or if you have a white wall, then it'll make it easier to, you know, like Photoshop background, or not. Either way, it's a temporary photo, and I vote to memorialize us Brady Bunch, Hollywood Squares, I like that. I vote for that.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Any objections to the Brady Bunch look? Okay. So that's set. We're just not 100 percent on the background, but you guys know how to make it consistent too, so...right? Okay. I just got a text that...Traci, by Charter, isn't the meeting supposed to be held at 2:00?

MS. FUJITA: Yeah, I was just trying to make that statement.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Sorry, everybody, it's back to 2:00 by Charter.

MS. FUJITA: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Anything else you need an answer from us, Shelly?

MS. ESPELETA: No, nothing right now. I think just the big thing is working with you to finalize the keynote --

CHAIR LEE: Okay. All right.

MS. ESPELETA: -- and entertainment. Thank you, Members.

CHAIR LEE: Now, okay. No, wait, wait, wait. I need...don't go, Shelly, I need help. Maybe some of the other Members--you see, in the beginning, all we needed was...for entertainment was only like background music kind of entertainment not, you know, hula dancers and stuff like that. And so I had this guy at Kaunoa used to do all of that for us for all of our programs, but turns out, he can't do it. So does anybody know of someone who could provide that kind of background music, you know, like for free or close to free. Yes, Mr. Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I can check with Chris Helekahi or...

CHAIR LEE: I'm muted too. You're muted.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I can get back to you in a few days. I'll check with Kaiolohia Smith or Chris Helekahi.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Okay, so can you get back to Shelly, not me...because they're in charge of the program. And then...so Shelly, you're wanting the person doing the music to be on in view, right, in a box on BlueJeans.

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MS. ESPELETA: I think we're open to them sharing a pre-recording as well. It need not be on the call itself...the background music.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Well, maybe you can talk to Member Sinenci about that. Okay.

MS. ESPELETA: Okay.

CHAIR LEE: Either that, or we're going to have send Member Tamara Paltin to music school and learn how to play the guitar and sing. So that's the only alternative.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I vote for that.

CHAIR LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So Chair, if your person is not available on January 2nd, if it's pre-recorded, maybe they can still do the music if it doesn't have to be present on day of the inauguration.

CHAIR LEE: We didn't think about that. But if Mr. Sinenci has somebody, it's okay too, you know. So...and if they don't want to be live, they can be pre-recorded. But I don't know about the quality of the, you know, the recording.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It'll be better than me singing.

CHAIR LEE: Yes, Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I vote for the pre-recording. I have been part of some attempted live entertainment that did not go well. Lots of technical issues and glitches and yeah, lots of potential downfalls of that, so...I think a pre-recording is great or, you know, or even...yeah, okay.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. So, you know, Shelly, when we talked about the person doing the little background music, what are people going to be seeing? Certainly, they're not going to look at that guy or person for like half an hour to 45 minutes, yeah? So did you have something in mind, like a simple slideshow or something like that? You know how on *Akakū* they have something on the screen, but of course, that's static...but something moving.

MS. ESPELETA: Yeah, we talked about an option of fillers for downtimes, technical issues, whether or not that would be background music or like a slideshow of pictures. So if we're preparing it for tech issues, that can be used as well for filler for the background music itself section.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. So if you guys are going to go in that direction, maybe you want to check with Mr. Sinenci so he doesn't have to ask his friend.

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MS. ESPELETA: Yeah, we can work with Member Sinenci and his contacts.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Thank you, both of you. Any other comments. Yes, Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So just for clarification, we're not going with live entertainment now. We're going to go with a slideshow of photos and have like background music, so we could just have like a CD or an MP3 with slideshows of stuff. Okay. That's good. Everyone's nodding their heads. Makes it easier.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. So that means, Mr. Sinenci, you don't have to ask your friends. I guess they're going with something pre-recorded. Okay. Thank you. Right, Shelly? Yes, Vice-Chair. Don't change your mind.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And if you...Chair, if Staff...I don't know what kind of photos you're thinking about, but maybe each of the Members could give photos of their district.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. I was thinking of us in bikinis. How's that?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm going to have to ask Gabe to send some of him in a bikini too, then.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, Ms. Sugimura, did you have your hand up?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, I just was going to say we should send photos of our district, and Keani said that or, you know, some of our great photos that we've been displaying on our BlueJeans. Like, look at Tamara's one it just changed to something. But anyway, let us know how many pictures you want, we have tons of pictures. Shelly, I have thousands. So frame it for us so we don't send you, you know, things that are not within your theme. Thanks.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah, please let us know because Ms. Sugimura has thousands, and I might have about five or six, so let me know. I might have to steal some from Kula. Okay, anything else? Shelly, you have anything else for us?

MS. ESPELETA: No. Thank you, Members.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Shelly and Bruce, thank you...and Traci. I guess David Raatz must be into this too, so thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Well, actually, Shelly, I was going to ask her exactly who is on that Committee. Oh, you're back there. Okay.

MS. ESPELETA: You want to know who's on.

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CHAIR LEE: Yeah, who's on your Committee.

MS. ESPELETA: All of us. Every single person in OCS is on the Inauguration Committee.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, okay.

MS. ESPELETA: Yeah, it's a collaborative big group effort.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Thank you very much.

MS. FUJITA: And also OCC too.

CHAIR LEE: And OCC.

MS. FUJITA: Yeah.

CHAIR LEE: Wonderful, wonderful. Thank you.

2. USE OF 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM BY COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT GABE JOHNSON FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER (Director of Council Services)

CHAIR LEE: All right, moving on to number 2, Use of 8th Floor Conference Room by Councilmember-Elect Gabe Johnson for the Month of December. Now we have some opinions that don't agree with this, so I would like to hear everybody's opinion about letting Gabe use the conference room. Yes, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm okay with that. I also just wanted to be transparent that I called up Gabe when I saw this item on the agenda, and I said that if he wants to come here...because I know, you know, he catches the ferry over, it's perfectly fine with me and Angela as well, we have a computer and printer and Wi-Fi. So I wasn't sure the reason if it was close to his going to be office that he wanted to set up or if he just needed a space or what, but I just wanted to let you know that we extended the invitation if he needs to work out of a place to...that he's welcome here with us.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you, that's a very good idea, it's more convenient. He actually has...his family is actually on the west side, so it'll be convenient for him. It might be a little less convenient for our Staff, but Traci...so you'll have to talk to him by computer, which is fine, right?

MS. FUJITA: Yeah, that's fine. It'll be fine. We would just have to maybe get him some equipment maybe, I don't know. We could talk to him about it.

CHAIR LEE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The computers that we have over here, only our laptops have

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the video thing, and those were issued to me and Angela. There's a computer here from OCS or something, but it doesn't have the camera thing. So yeah, there's that.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Just to let you know, there was one person who did mention that he was not supportive of this because Gabe hasn't been sworn in yet. So, you know, that is true, but considering this COVID situation, you know, the circumstances are different than normal, so that is the reason why I am not opposed to it. Yes, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I support your decision, and I personally don't have any issue with, you know, Councilmember-Elect Johnson using the conference room or the West Maui District Office.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, thank you. Anybody else have comments about any of this? Yes, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering, was it he that requested the County building? I mean, I don't want to...I'm okay with either way, and whichever is easier for him. So I didn't want to like cut his rope if he preferred the County building. Just as an option...

CHAIR LEE: I really don't know, but when he and I talked about it, he asked if there was any kind of office space available. And I thought yeah, we...I thought actually the 7th floor conference room would have been available, but I don't think it is. So it turns out that the only one...the only place available is that small conference room on the 8th floor.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Whichever one...I mean, whatever, I'm okay.

CHAIR LEE: No, but honestly, I didn't even think about your office in West Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I mean, if he needs both...because, you know, I don't know, whatever reason, it's all good. The computer is...I can show you a picture of...or I can give you a virtual tour of this place if you'd like, and how our other computer is set up. Bathroom. And then...

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You have such a big space.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I got a big space. We can be six feet apart.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Wow. I'm so jealous.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This is our computer set up is and then like, you know. There's Angela, and here's Michele's desk, and then this is like the waiting area.

CHAIR LEE: Remember last month when I went to go look at your office?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, yeah. How did you like it?

CHAIR LEE: I liked it. But I told Mona that it needs some plant life in there. So I asked Mona to order you some, a plant, and then you don't have a florist in Lahaina to call.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have plenty cuttings in my backyard, I can bring them in.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, okay. Bring them in then.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So I mean, he could, in theory, have this whole area right here. It's like a little...it would have been like the waiting area with...like for mothers and kids or something, and like...

CHAIR LEE: Yeah. Well, you don't want him to be too close to you or Angela, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, with that Lānaʻi COVID, nah.

CHAIR LEE: But you do have a very nice office, very nice. Oh, we have one more executive assistant looking at your place.

MS. LINDO: We got gypped.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I unmuted.

CHAIR LEE: Give her a bigger space. Here we go. Making demands on us already.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're jealous. We're jealous.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Zhan, you want to come work for me?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Hey, hey, no poaching. No poaching. She no like move over there. She love Molokaʻi.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We got a lot of housing coming up in West Maui, 30 to 60 percent, DHHL, 800 acres, Pulelehua.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Molokaʻi more bettah.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah, but you got to live in your house for 30 years. Okay. All right. So any other comments about the new Councilmember? Yes, Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So my sense is is that while I think Gabe would want to...is probably trying to figure out his space, and where he will be working from, if not today, tomorrow or six months down the road, is that he'd probably want to be able to...the transition, I mean, is going to take a while for him. So I'm not sure if...because he's going to have to move into his regular office at some point in time

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after he gets inaugurated or whatever. So he could have the opportunity to work out of Councilmember...the West Maui Office, or even maybe temporarily at the 8th floor until he's able to get into his own office, and he sets up his office the way he wants it to be set up. So I think that, you know, he needs the time to be able to transition, you know, from where he's at into the County building at some point in time. So having the office at...in West Maui helps him to bring things over from Lānaʻi to West Maui to Central Maui. So I think the idea of having him move in phases is probably a great idea for him. So I think we need to give him the time, you know, that he needs to do that. We all had time when we came in here. I moved into my office in middle of December, you know, so at least I had two weeks to kind of move in and get set and get settled and whatnot. And by the time Inauguration Day came, we're pretty much...you know, our office was set, we knew what we were going to do. So at least this gives Gabe an opportunity to be able to transition at his pace. Because I felt rushed when we moved in two years ago, that...so much to do, not enough time to do it in, and here we are. But I think this is probably a good thing for him. And since he is the only one, it'll probably make it easier for him to do that. So that's my comment.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. And yeah, it is...that's true. Mr. Hokama is accommodating Gabe. He's not leaving on the 31st, he's giving him a couple of weeks, I believe. So...but still, like you said, it's a...you know, it'll take him at least a year to get used to everything and know where to park, where Public Works is, and where Planning is, and so forth. So everybody help out the new guy because all of a sudden, you are a senior member. From rookie to senior you jumped. Okay, Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. So I think you answered one of my questions, I had two questions. One, when...so last term, I believe the Councilmembers moved out of their office on December 22nd or something, so it was like a little less than two weeks. So yeah, like Pro Temp Kama, I...it was definitely a rush thing, and a lot of work over the holidays too. So I think you said that Member Hokama was going to move out of his office in...

CHAIR LEE: I don't know the exact date.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Two weeks before. So in December...oh, okay.

CHAIR LEE: I don't know the exact date, but it's not at the end of December. Yes, Traci.

MS. FUJITA: I believe he is going to be moving out by Christmas Day.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, Christmas Day. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Christmas Day. Okay. Okay. So that was my first question. And then my second question...oh, okay, so less than a week. Okay. All right. And then my second question was for, I think, maybe Traci. So I know that like the State legislators the day after the election, you know, they're already in office like doing what they need to do as a legislator, but they have session. And so they are,

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you know, an interim when the elections happen. So I understand how it's different from, you know, State Legislature to Maui County Council. But is there any legal or ethical reasons that we cannot have a Councilmember-Elect start working on stuff before he's inaugurated, like the State legislators? Because they don't have inauguration until the third week of January.

CHAIR LEE: I'm not really sure what the legal issues are, and maybe Traci or David could go through them. But from a practical point of view, I agree. We need to assist with the transition. Even though they're not officially sworn in, it would be very helpful if we all pitched in one way or the other to help them, especially somebody from another island, yeah, it's harder, I would think.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely.

CHAIR LEE: So...but then you have to consider the outgoing Member too, has things to do, to finalize details with his Committee, all the paperwork, you know, Staff, dealing with Staff...a lot of things, moving out boxes and stuff like that. So, you know, everybody has a whole bunch of work to do, coming and going. So we have to...and besides, this person who is leaving has been here for ten years straight, and 20 years not quite straight. Ten, break two years, and another ten. So you tend to accumulate a lot of things over that period of time. And there's a lot of...I would imagine a lot of goodbyes to make, you know, to say to all the people that he's worked with for the last 20 years. So just to be fair to both sides, that's all I'm saying.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So to clarify, there isn't any legal or ethical concerns, but because this is definitely a different year, I'll call it different, that we're going to make extra accommodations, which I'm completely supportive of whichever, you know, Gabe is more comfortable with whether it's at the 8th floor Conference Room or the West Maui District Office. I'm fully supportive of helping him with the transition, particularly since I am a Councilmember not on Maui, I know what that feels like.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Yes, Traci.

MS. FUJITA: Yes, I just wanted to clarify that I'm not aware of any legal issues. In this case, it's a little bit different because Gabe is currently an employee of the Legislative Branch, so in that sense, there's already that there. But I will say that in the past, that we have had Councilmembers-Elect working in the offices before. I think in the past they used the Committee Room, you know, like Chair was mentioning. So this is not the first time, this has been done before.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, so there's precedent. Any other questions? Because now is the time to, you know, say what you think before we move on. Any other comments? Yes, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So I just reached out to him on my own on a phone call in

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between Committee meetings. Do I need to do anything formal, or just call him again and let him know where we're at and stuff, or was somebody else going to do that, or you want me to do that, or...

CHAIR LEE: I don't know, it's up to Traci. Traci, what did...

MS. FUJITA: I can reach out to him to let him know about the option of working out of the West Maui District Office, and then see what he says. I did...I was the one that contacted him about working...using the 8th floor Conference Room. So I can follow up.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then if he does want to, I can get you the code to get in here. We don't use keys.

MS. FUJITA: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I should have told you, Alice, the code so that you could have come inside.

CHAIR LEE: I know, I was like that looking through the window. But anyway...people thought I was a robber or something. Anyway, what was I going to say?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Main thing, you're not violent.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Let's see now, what I was going to say. Yeah. Even though Gabe does work, of course, he doesn't get paid until January, yeah. So I'm sure he knows that, he knows that. But this is more of a sort of an orientation, getting used to things, and getting to know you and, you know, it's nothing substantive, in terms of getting ready for a vote or something. Okay. Yes, Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Real quick. I know we talked about one or the other, but is an option also both?

CHAIR LEE: Yes, that's my understanding. Well, Traci was going to mention that to him. If he's on this side he can, you know, go to use the conference room. If he's on the West side, he can go the other way. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome.

CHAIR LEE: Very good. Taking care of the new guy.

3. VIRTUAL DECORUM STANDARDS (Council Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez)

CHAIR LEE: So moving on to the next one, Virtual Decorum Standards. Did everybody have a chance to read what was sent to you about the new decorum standards because due

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to, you know, our virtual meetings. Did you have any questions, concerns, thoughts? Yes, Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm glad you did this. I think I told you that when I had my Hawaiian Electric meeting, I got feedback from some of the participants that as we were chatting in between the meeting, that they could hear everything we're saying. And I think what you just did was put control over our meetings besides the decorum and having that kind of control. I noticed that during the last Council meeting that there was...on the top left-hand corner, that you locked the meeting participants, I guess, or something was going on which I think you already set in place as virtual decorum standards. So I appreciate that. I think it, you know, formalizes our meetings and puts more control into it for the reasons stated in your policy. So thanks for doing that.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. Before I continue, you had...you got two sheets of paper, the final document, and the draft that shows the changes that were added in red. Yeah, okay. Yes, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just found the one with the red changes. I didn't read it yet, but I guess my question was in the one that I read, it was for Council meeting, and I was wondering if this was also applying to Committee meeting, that was my first question. And then the second question is, I think that some of my Staff sometimes signs in as like just viewing or guest or something. So the intent is the Staff would be able to stay in, but then they would have to just use their real names kind of deal.

CHAIR LEE: Yes. You mean they haven't been using their real names? They haven't? Like somebody might come in as 007 or something like that?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No they come in as like just viewing or guest.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, I see. Okay. Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So and then this was for Committee and Council meetings as well, or just Council.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. This is...

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Yes. Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, Chair, did you want me to do a background of this item, my item?

CHAIR LEE: In a second. In a second.

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VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. So my thinking is that this definitely applies to all Council meetings, but in the rules, you do have latitude as a Committee Chair, yeah. If you want to let somebody talk for five minutes, that's up to you, you know. But I'm not going to let nobody talk for five minutes in a Council meeting unless it's absolutely necessary. Because we're no longer deliberating on items, it's just time to finalize and dispose of what happened in the Committee meetings, yeah, so it's a little different setting. So Vice-Chair is going to explain the background because actually, it was initiated by her and...but because of recent incidents, it's more important than ever to ensure that we have decorum in our meetings. And I don't know, lucky for you, you don't have some of the challenges I have, but if you do, you're going to want to have these kinds of rules because you just don't want people hanging out, you know, hanging out when they can easily watch...provide their testimony and easily watch the rest of the meeting. We're trying to deter any kind of, you know, disruptions or disturbances by people who are not familiar with our rules, or feel they need to continue to have presence in the meeting. So...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like, we had a similar situation with the Dr. Bhatia change in zoning, where like I kept muting her after we voted. And she wanted to continue to plead her case after the vote. And I kept trying to mute her, and she kept coming back on and kept talking. And so I guess the clarification would be after the issue that we're dealing with the person and...has been voted, then they would also be asked to leave, as well as...like how the testifiers have left. Because that was one of the issues, like we voted on Dr. Bhatia's change in zoning, and she didn't stop.

CHAIR LEE: Yeah. Okay. In my case...yeah, in my case, I'm just going to drop the call, period. So we're going to ask James or Kathy to let everybody know about, yeah, this is going to be part of our instructions for a Council meeting. And we're not going to fool around because they're just as akamai on how to manipulate the system too, you know. You mute them, they unmute themselves, and da, da, da, you know, and that's a total disruption of the proceedings, which is, you know, unacceptable. So Vice-Chair, I'm sorry if I took too much of your explanation time. Go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. It's cool. Okay. All right. So I have requested this item be on the agenda because there were some disruptive things happen at the previous Council meeting. Even at the GET meeting, there was some obnoxious comments made in the chat, which...all of which could be prevented. So the objective of this is to ensure virtual meeting decorum can be better managed and maintained during Committee and Council meetings. Justification is at several examples of disruptive participants as of late that's justified, pivoting toward virtual meeting standards that will assist Committee Staff, Committee Chairs, the Clerk's Office, and the Council Chair to restrict participant access to the virtual chamber floor inappropriately. And the proposed solution as a new standard protocol the beginning of each meeting, Committee Chairs and the Council Chair will direct any member of the public that does not intend to testify to log off of the BlueJeans and view the

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Akakū Channel 53 or are online on Granicus, both are on the agenda. And after a testifier is...testimony has concluded, they will be immediately dropped from the call unless they are requested to stay on as a resource. After testimony is concluded, the Chair would let everyone on BlueJeans know that unless they are Council or OCS Staff, Departmental Personnel or a resource, they will be dropped from the call and can view via one of the two meeting links. OCS would then drop any others that remain on the call, and can lock the meeting. This will allow OCS and the Clerk's Office to easier manage meetings from disruption, having less participating mics and videos to monitor, and reduce the probability of reaching mass BlueJeans capacity, which I believe is at 100. And, you know, to Member Paltin's concern, and Member Sinenci's question in the chat, those that we ask to serve as resource, Staff can get their contact information and we can just have them on when their item is up on the agenda and...because the meeting can be unlocked and locked again. So it's not like once it's locked, it's forever locked. So you can unlock it and allow people...allow requested resources in and then when we're pau with that item, then the resource would leave the BlueJeans call. And then when the next item comes up, Staff would be able to contact the resource person that we've, you know, we've asked to serve, and then they would come back on. And we would let them in, and then lock the meeting again. So that's kind of how the process would work. And it would be for Council and Committee meetings so that it is equal across the board. So that people aren't confused, there's that consistency so that everyone testifying would understand what the protocols are. So that it wouldn't be different for, you know, EACP from EDB, it would just be consistent across the board so that there's no guessing what the, you know, discretion of the Chair has decided that day. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So if you have a question for the testifier, do you wait until the Members ask a question, and then you bring them back? Or once they finish their testimony, their three minutes are up, they're gone.

CHAIR LEE: No, no, no. If the Members have questions for clarification--and that, by the way, I'm really going to start to enforce. There's not going to be any debating going on, okay, because I can tell you, at the next Council meeting, I suspect I'm going to get a hail of criticism, and I am going to take it like an adult, yeah. Thank you very much for your testimony. Any questions for clarification? If not, thank you. That's it. I noticed some of you tend to want to defend yourself or respond. That's not the time. It's their time, the testifier's time. They can be telling you lie after lie after lie, yeah, but that's called free speech now. So when they're finished, and you understood what they were saying, you don't need clarification, right. So you just let them go off into the sunset. That's how it's going to be, for Council meetings anyway. Because we cannot have debates going on. I'm just going to...you will have a time to respond when it's time to discuss the item, when there's a motion made and a second made. And when discussion begins, you can combine any response you want as long as it's related to the subject matter, okay. But not to...in fact, everybody is supposed to be speaking to the Chair, you're not talking to that person...you know, the testifier. And

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the testifier is supposed to be talking to the Chair, not to anybody else. That's Robert's Rules of Order. No, but they can...yeah, you can ask questions as long as it's related and it's a clarification, it's not a rebuttal of some kind to what the testifier is saying...regardless if they're wrong, you know. That's the way it is. That's part of the rules.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Anybody have any questions? So that's why all of you who are Committee Chairs, you've got to kind of put your foot down sometimes with people, yeah. They have to follow the rules. They can't go off the subject and all over the place, all over the map. You've got to rein them in. Yes, Vice-Chair.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, real quick. Mahalo, Chair. Okay. So I know there's some defending, but I think some of the things that kind of take longer during the Q&A session after the testifier goes is, you know, like asking as a resource. So would we be able to designate someone in resource during that time? Because I know, you know, Members will ask hypothetical situations. Or what if we amended this, would you support it then...or, you know, so like that kind of feedback. So it's not clarifying it's...it's, you know. Okay.

CHAIR LEE: That's Committee work. That's Committee work.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That's great. I like that. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Anybody else? Yeah. Because, you know, be prepared for some excitement on December 4th. Yes, Ms. Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What's going on on December 4th?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So I just wanted to let you know, Chair, that we will support you on December 4th.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Because I think that we all are in agreement, you know, and we're here to talk about the things that we can talk about that we are in agreement. And so I think that on the 4th, you know, we're with you, you'll see us all there, we'll be cheering you on.

CHAIR LEE: Well, thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I hope you don't have to, you know, I really hope you don't have to, but I appreciate the support because, you know, this is the part of the job that we don't like, you know, when you have to vote on something that's difficult and emotional, you know, and then you get this backlash and so forth. But that's part of our job, you know, not all of it is glamour, you know.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Nothing's glamour.

CHAIR LEE: That's true. I was just being facetious. Okay. Anything else on that? If not, thank you very much, Vice-Chair, and all the staff that worked on that PAF to make it what it is. Now that was the third item, Virtual Decorum Standards.

4. **AMENDMENT SUMMARY FORMS ("ASFs") AND NOTES TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES** (Council Chair Lee)

CHAIR LEE: Number 4, Amendment Summary Forms. Okay, I know a lot of times last minute things come up, but can you guys try to foresee or plan this a little bit better so there's not a mad dash to the finish line on Amendment Summary Forms. Also, also, we need to be consistent. So we need these forms to be reviewed and approved by OCS. Okay. Everybody agreed? All right. Thank you very much.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Does this...

CHAIR LEE: Yes...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair, does OCS have a deadline for us to follow or some kind of schedule because I know they go through...

CHAIR LEE: Traci, Traci.

MS. FUJITA: Well, I send the reminder out, you know, earlier in the week before posting...oh, sorry, we're talking about ASFs, right. There's not a deadline for it but, you know, as soon as you know that you might have an ASF, you know, please start working with Staff even if it's late or, you know, last minute, we still want to review it. So, you know, just as soon as we can get it, the better. But if, you know, things come up, cannot help, you know, if it's last minute, we will still review it, and we have been. You know, we've been getting ASFs, you know, the morning of Council meetings sometimes which, it's not ideal, but we would rather review it then, you know, rather than, you know, having issues come up during the meeting. So please get it to us as soon as you can, but at any time, just send it to us and we'll review it.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Yes, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks, Chair. I just wanted to clarify, an ASF is only what we use at the Council meeting...we don't use the ASF at the Committee?

CHAIR LEE: Traci.

MS. FUJITA: No, they can be used in Committees, Committee meetings too. Anytime you want to amend legislation on the floor.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And so the ASFs you're talking about isn't just for Council, it's for Council or Committee?

MS. FUJITA: Right. Right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then most times that I've requested an ASF, it's not me creating the ASF, it's somebody else creating it for me. Is that correct, how it's supposed to happen?

MS. FUJITA: Right, normally we get a PAF requesting, you know, an ASF be drafted, and then the Staff would draft it. Sometimes if Member's Offices want to take a crack at drafting the ASF, that's fine, but then, you know, please send it to us for review.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So I guess the part I'm not super clear on is if OCS is drafting it, do they not review it while they're drafting it? Or what is...at what point is the reviewing considered official reviewing?

MS. FUJITA: Yeah, if...there's not an issue if OCS drafts the ASF. I think sometimes...yeah, sometimes if a Councilmember's Office drafts the ASF, maybe sometimes it doesn't go to OCC [sic] for review. And so that's what Chair Lee is asking is that, you know, that all of the ASFs go through OCS review.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I think I got it now. Thanks. Sorry.

CHAIR LEE: All right, anything else? So that takes care of number 4.

5. **COVID-19 IMPACTS** (Council Chair Lee)

CHAIR LEE: Number 5, COVID-19 Impacts. Just a reminder, did everybody get the flyer about the free testing? Make sure that you and your Staff are aware of the dates because it's only a few dates, the 1st through the 4th, so...at the Planning Conference Room. Anything else? Anybody want to add anything to this? Yes, Vice-Chair, and then Ms. Kama.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For the item, Chair? Not for the item. I had a request after.

CHAIR LEE: I don't think anybody had questions on the flyer.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I did.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, you did. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

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CHAIR LEE: Ms. Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So my understanding is that the flyer is only to test you for COVID-19. And even if you have a test and it comes out negative, you wouldn't...that particular test does not allow you the opportunity to fly; is that correct?

CHAIR LEE: That's my understanding.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Just curious. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Any more questions on the flyer itself? Okay, then any questions? Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair, and it's my fault for not catching this earlier. I had requested for the item where *Akakū* is going to help with our live streaming to support Staff, and I guess it didn't make it to the agenda. So for the next meeting, can I get that on the agenda?

CHAIR LEE: Oh, of course. Traci, can you put that on?

MS. FUJITA: I thought...I thought we already discussed that, and I thought it was already happening.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, did we discuss that already? It's done?

MS. FUJITA: Yeah, I think so, for Committee.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. FUJITA: And I think OCC was going to check with *Akakū* for the Council meetings, though. So I'm not sure if it's being done for Council meetings, but I believe it's being done already for Committees, and that *Akakū* is doing it.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

CHAIR LEE: Are you saying we had this on a previous Council Chair meeting agenda?

MS. FUJITA: I don't know, but I thought that that was the consensus, that we were going to start doing...having *Akakū* do the Facebook Live streaming to help, yeah. I think...in fact, if I'm not mistaken, I think *Akakū* offered to do it.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, *Akakū* offered to do it.

MS. FUJITA: Yeah, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't know if we can talk too much more about it

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because it's not on the agenda.

MS. FUJITA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR LEE: No, we're just reminiscing.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. FUJITA: Oh, maybe it's the management meeting I'm thinking of.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, yeah, could have been that. A management meeting.

MS. FUJITA: Maybe, yeah. Maybe, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Are we on number 5?

CHAIR LEE: No, we're pau already. Let's see.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, what did we say about number 5?

CHAIR LEE: Well, we can go through it again. Okay, number 5.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What was number 5?

CHAIR LEE: Number 5 was the flyer.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, which flyer?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The testing.

CHAIR LEE: The testing. The free COVID testing.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, yeah, I posted that on my Facebook. You guys can share, Councilmembers, Facebook. Go ahead.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. So...okay. You had a question or comment on something?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No, you guys brought me up to speed. Sorry, I zoned out for a little bit and I couldn't figure where we were on the agenda.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. All right, anything else? If not, this is one of...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Happy Thanksgiving.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, wait, wait, wait, Member Sinenci.

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VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, Hau'oli Lā Ho'omaika'i. Happy Thanksgiving, everybody.

CHAIR LEE: You too, everybody. Have a safe one. Don't eat too much.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Hau'oli Lā Ho'omaika'i kākou.

CHAIR LEE: We come back when, come back...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Hau'oli Lā Ho'omaika'i.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, we don't have anything, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Committee week next week.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. So I just want to let you folks know this is not on the agenda, too, but the Chair's meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 1:26 p.m.

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