

MINUTES

of the

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON

AUGUST 10, 2021

THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII, CONVENED A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M., VIA BLUEJEANS, WITH CHAIR ALICE L. LEE PRESIDING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING TESTIMONY ON THE PROPOSED BILL ENTITLED "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.80B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD 'MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARD RESILIENCE' AS A GOAL OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN".

CHAIR LEE: Will the Maui County Council public hearing for Lanai please come to order. It is approximately 5:01 p.m. on August 10.

Ms. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK KATHY L. KAOHU: Chair, proceeding with roll call.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS GABRIEL JOHNSON, KELLY T. KING, MICHAEL J. MOLINA, TAMARA A.M. PALTIN, SHANE M. SINENCI, YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, AND CHAIR ALICE L. LEE.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER NATALIE A. KAMA AND VICE-CHAIR KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ.

(Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez was not present when the roll was called; however, she arrived at 5:03 p.m.)

CHAIR LEE: Szia, everyone. And welcome to our first public hearing on Lanai.

Ms. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK: Chair there's seven Members present, and two excused, and no absents. A quorum is present to conduct the business of the Council.

For the record, I am County Clerk Kathy Kaohu. And also present from the Office of the County Clerk are Deputy County Clerk James Krueger and Legislative Division staff Joyce Murashige, Lauren Saldana, and Dell Yoshida.

Joining the meeting from the Department of the Corporation Counsel is Corporation Counsel Moana Lutey and First Deputy Corporation Counsel Richelle Thomson.

(Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez arrived at the public hearing at 5:03 p.m.)

CHAIR LEE: Members, the purpose of this public hearing is to receive testimony on the proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.80B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD 'MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARD RESILIENCE' AS A GOAL OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN".

As a reminder, this bill will amend the County Policy Plan, Countywide Policy Plan, so we are required by Section 2.80B.060C., of the Maui County Code, to hold public hearings on this bill before we can consider approving it. This public hearing serves as the public hearing for Lanai.

Before we proceed with testimony, I ask that everyone please keep their microphones muted, unless it's your turn to speak. Decorum shall be maintained at all times.

Ms. Clerk, please proceed with testimony.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, szia.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha ahi ahi, Chair. E kala mai for my tardiness and szia kakou.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you.

Madam Clerk, make, make sure you mark our Vice-Chair as present.

COUNTY CLERK: Correct. Thank you.

Chair, proceeding with presentation of testimony. Members of the public may testify by connecting to the Council's online meeting by phone or video conference through the information posted on today's public hearing notice.

Individuals connected by phone are currently on mute and will be unmuted when it is their time to testify. Individuals connected by video conference should keep both their videos and microphones off and should turn them on when it is their turn to testify.

Testimony is limited to the proposed bill posted on today's hearing notice. And individuals may testify for three minutes. When testifying, please state your name, and the name of any organization you represent. Please also identify to the Council if you are a paid lobbyist.

After your testimony has concluded, please disconnect from BlueJeans. The remainder of the public hearing can be viewed on Akaku Channel 53 or on mauicounty.legistar.com. Individuals may also be disconnected from the meeting at any time for breaking decorum.

Chair, at this point, we don't have anybody testified on Lanai to provide testimony.

CHAIR LEE: Well, let's give it a minute or so and let people join, join in. Although, I'm not surprised.

Member Johnson, do you know if anyone from Lanai who was planning to testify this evening?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. No, I have not received any written or verbal testimony or anything of that sort.

CHAIR LEE: I knew I should have brought cards so we could play. Let's see.

Oh, Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, yea, I just was wondering, do, are we required to just keep the whole meeting open for the half hour, or?

CHAIR LEE: No. No.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. It's been a long time since we've had one of these.

CHAIR LEE: We'll give it another minute and then we'll close testimony and start the next one in 20 minutes or so. You know, I was really tempted to make it 10 minutes apart, but you never know. Not sure who would oppose to this.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Jim Niess.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Madam Clerk, I think that's enough time.

COUNTY CLERK: The--

CHAIR LEE: So, just call, just call for testifiers once more.

COUNTY CLERK: This is the last call for testifying. And Chair, we do not have any other testifiers noted. If an individual connected to the meeting has not testified, but would like to do so, please identify yourself now. This is the last call. Chair, no one else has indicated that they wish to testify.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Do we have any written testimony?

COUNTY CLERK: We do not have any written testimony for Lanai.

CHAIR LEE: Members, any objections to closing public, public testimony?


MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR LEE: No objections? So, ordered.

As a result of nobody here to testify, I will adjourn the meeting at this time, and then get ready for the next one. Meeting adjourned for Lanai.

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing of *AUGUST 10, 2021*, was adjourned by the Chair at 5:09 p.m.



KATHY KAOHU, COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII