

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 6:00 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 the island of Maui please come to order. It is approximately 6:01.

Mr. Clerk, 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, VICE-CHAIR KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, AND CHAIR ALICE L. LEE.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBER NATALIE A. KAMA.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK JAMES G.M. KRUEGER: Chair there are eight Members present, one Member excused. A quorum is present to conduct the business of the Council.

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

And a representative from the Department of the Corporation Counsel is available upon request.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. 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 would amend the 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 Maui.

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

Mr. Clerk, please proceed with testimony.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Chair, proceeding with the 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.

Testimony is limited to the proposed bill posted on today's hearing notice. 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.

Chair, there are currently no testifiers signed up.

CHAIR LEE: We should have this kind of unanimous support on everything we do. Of course, we'd be dreaming, but that's okay.

We'll wait a few minutes, Mr. Clerk. Just a couple minutes. And you may want to ask again if anybody wants to testify.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Yes, Chair. If there is anyone in the meeting who wishes to testify, please identify yourself now. We still have no one signed up to testify.

Chair, I will also note that we have received written testimony for this public hearing.

CHAIR LEE: Members, any objections to receiving the written testimony into the record?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, WRITTEN TESTIMONY RECEIVED FROM JIM NIESS WAS MADE A PART OF THE RECORD OF THIS MEETING.

CHAIR LEE: So, ordered.

Members, any objections to adjourning the public hearing?

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Chair. Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Yes.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Apologies. So, just to confirm, is the body closing public testimony?

CHAIR LEE: Oh, yes, and closing. Any objections to closing public testimony?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Any objections to adjourning the public hearing?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR LEE: Anything else, Mr. Clerk?

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: No, Chair. That is everything before the body.

CHAIR LEE: Therefore, this meeting is adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing of *AUGUST 10, 2021*, was adjourned by the Chair at 6:05 p.m.



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

County Clerk

From: jim@mauiarch.com
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It seems a bit disingenuous to add hollow words to the already overburdened Code. After all, actions speak louder than words. This is the County that pollutes the nearshore waters with our sewage, sets unenforceable goals to limit the hordes of ill-mannered visitors, speaks of resilience when our prime agricultural land again goes to marketable crops that have little to do with food resilience for our residents, and, recently, constructed perhaps the largest heat island in the state by repaving the nearly 400 stall War Memorial parking lot with black asphalt while completely ignoring any consideration of its contribution to climate change as well as its own rules requiring one shade tree for every 5 stalls. Time to lead by example. Time for true action, not feel good wordsmithing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Niess

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